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Dear Mrs. Hill:

Thank you for your letter of June 28.

Of course we shall be glad to forward your letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, and are doing so today. In the meantime, we have lifted excerpts from it, and hope to publish them in the September issue or later.

We appreciate your offer of sending us your direction sheets; but since we have already drawn up a box, which you may have seen on page 111 in the July Journal, and other instructions for mailing parcels in later issues, we will not need these.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. Pearson Hill
EG:ms
cc. to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

THE WOMAN'S CLUB
NEW KENNINGTON, PA.



Copy Letter

New Kensington, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt, ←

Over the years I have watched your great interest in these less fortunate and your aid to them in whatever way was possible. Recently I have read of your advocating a closer tie between individuals of foreign countries and Americans. Of course the most tangible way to express this friendship is through sending boxes and bundles of food and clothing to individual families. This you have suggested.

Because your heart is so large we wondered if you might be interested in the work our Woman's Club has been doing along this line. In January we formed an "Information Service" to facilitate sending packages to Europe. We gave

names of ^{European} families and tried to fit them to ~~the~~ American families so that clothes and shoes passed on would be just right; also in order that ~~a~~ friendships could be fostered through the children.

I am enclosing some ~~shuts~~ ^{notes} for suggestions and information that we gave every one plus an article from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette which will explain what has gone on.

Now as to the results ~~to~~ ^{to} date we have given out the names of ninety seven families. I know many who ~~send~~ ^{send} boxes weekly. The letters received are most appreciative, and give us

a new set of values as the people express their gratitude and hopes.

However, ^{but} the greatest gain has come to us ~~as~~ ^{as} individuals, committees, or clubs who are participating. We feel ~~the~~ ^a renewed spirit of international cooperation through the reading of the letters from Norway, Holland, and Czechoslovakia. The ~~attitude~~ ^{attitude} is now of greater cooperation toward

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~~the United Nations and a greater
sympathy toward their problems.~~

~~We, as women, in small industrial
town (the Aluminum Company of America
started here
had its first plant over fifty four years
ago) do appreciate the tireless effort
you have made and are making
to create a better place in which we
can live. And only because of this
I tell you of only one small way we
have taken to help because it was
within our power and we could do
it, now, and at home.~~

Mrs. R
note:

Sincerely,

Isabel Atter Hill

June 5, 1946.

206 Pershing Drive (Mrs. Pearson Hill)

New Kensington, Jersey Avenue.

~~The Washington~~
~~Pennsylvania~~

~~Useful Hints~~
~~Little Tips~~

Here are some tips we have found helpful in packing and mailing:

Weigh your box or bundle, including all wrapping material, ~~labels, paper, etc.~~ before final sealing. Check total weight on household scales at home before going to P. O.

Address your package underneath as well as on outside wrapper. ~~If you wrap your package in cloth, address in India ink.~~

Keep list of contents for your own information.

Number your packages -- place number several times conspicuously on outside cover. Then you will know in what order packages are received and if any are missing.

Mark every package clearly GIFT in several places.

~~Tuck candles, toys and small items in pockets as surprises for the children.~~

~~When in doubt about any postal regulations, consult your post office.~~

~~You are permitted to send packages to the same family no oftener than once a week. Try and send as many as you can and as frequently for the next several months. Now is the most crucial time for lifting morale and supplementing their needs.~~

~~Do not send perishable foods or anything packed in glass. The accompanying list is merely a suggestion. You are not limited to this list. Send what you can give and what you would most need yourself if you lacked barest food and clothing necessities. Later you may learn specific needs of your adopted family if you wish to ask them.~~

~~After your first package is on its way, write immediately to your new friends and tell them it is sent. If you send your letter air mail (30¢ per ½ oz.) they will receive word in perhaps 5 or 6 days and can have the joy of looking forward to your kindness. All packages take many weeks for delivery and letters by regular mail are equally slow.~~

And finally --

Your first packing and mailing may seem hard, but once you've done one all the rest will be pure fun.

to sig.

The Woman's Club of New Kensington

Pennsylvania

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR EUROPEAN PACKAGES

FOOD

Chocolate -- Cocoa
 Chocolate Bars & Life Savers
 Carnation Milk
 Rice & Barley
 Tea & Coffee
 Onion Flakes, Sage, Salt
 Soup (Dried) with Noodles
 Spices
 (Cinamon & Nutmeg)
 Jello - Pudding Mix
 Boullion Cubes
 Dried Peas & Beans
 Macaroni - Spaghetti
 Noodles
 Canned Meat -- Fish
 Dried Fruits
 (Apricots - Prunes - Raisins)
 Cigarettes -- Tobacco

NOTIONS

Scissors
 Thimble -- Buttons
 Thread - Needles - Elastic
 Pencils (Lead & colored)
 Writing Paper - tablets
 Hair pins - Bobby pins
 Safety pins - Straight pins
 Combs - Hair clips - Ribbons
 Tooth Brushes - Paste
 Shoe Paste
 Adhesive Tape - First aid kits
 Shoe Laces - Garters
 Hankies -- Kleenex
 Tiny Toys for Children
 Tinned Baby Foods

CLOTHING

Warm coats	Gloves - Mittens	Blankets
Snow Suits	Sweaters	Old Sheeting
Shoes (all types)	Men's clothing	Golashes
Baby Clothes	Children's clothing	Dresses - skirts
Rain Coats	Underwear	Lengths of cretonne or ticking - (wash before sending)

Directions for Sending -

Customs Declaration Tags at International Parcel Post Window at Clothing Bundles & Food Packages must weigh no more than 11 pound. Cost - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. to Norway - Holland. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. to Poland - Czechoslovakia.

Kensington Women Sell Democracy

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By Constance Humphrey
For the Mage Staff

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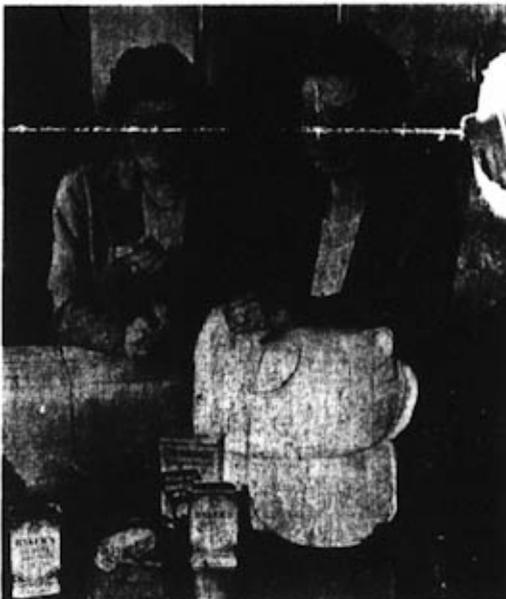
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A Dutch child enjoying the food from America.



These Dutch kids send grateful smiles to their American friends whose gifts kept them healthy.

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*Mrs Eleanor Rossett
Had Mr Rossett*

*"I enclosed find a resolution passed
at the Women's Intl Union Label League
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*Very truly yours
Ettie Wise
Sec. Mrs.*

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Local No. 322

ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

WHEREAS, There isn't a shadow of a doubt in our minds that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a casualty of world war 11, and that he was the greatest statesman and humanitarian this nation ever produced; that he was a brilliant military leader and strategist; that in his death the workers of the nation lost the best friend they ever had, we know that he will live forever in the minds of the workers of the nation, and in the hearts and memories of the liberty loving peoples of the entire world. Now Therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, that this 24 Biennial Convention of the Woman's International Union Label League in session in St. Joseph Mo. stand for one moment in grateful memory of the great President who lead the nation to Victory in the war for the liberation of humanity from the dictatorship of the Axis nation. Let us pause in our deliberation of immediate concerns to say a silent prayer for the cause of lasting world peace, for which he fought so valiently and effectively.

*Concurred in by
Committee and Convention* Mrs. Della Wright
Mrs. Catherine Bird

But besides all this, he had qualities which, in the perspective of history, will, I think, be seen to have been of an even higher order. He had a basic faith in ordinary people, which transcended politics and embraced the whole world. He had an inner vision of the achievement which would lie within the reach of ordinary people everywhere, if only they could be freed from the tyrannies of racial, economic and political circumstances. He gave expression to this in his conception of the 'our Freedoms. He wished to give the common man freedom from fear. 'Freedom' was a word that he often used, but his use of it was never meaningless. He had a passion for liberty, and it is, I think, as a fighter for freedom that he will be best remembered.

In commemorating him, then, we shall be setting up a memorial not only to our friend, but to a great practical idealist; to a man who saw clearly the nature of the drama of the age in which he lived, and whose great strength of purpose helped materially to shape the course of human affairs away from darkness towards the light.

I am certain that this appeal which I am inaugurating tonight will meet with a very generous response throughout the United Kingdom, for we want this to be our tribute as a nation, - as a whole people.

A suggestion of the Memorial Committee charged with the collection of funds is that as many people as possible should be enabled to contribute, and therefore the standard contribution should be five shillings. In a few minutes Lord Greenwood will tell you how contributions can be made. Their Majesties, the King and Queen, have already contributed to the fund. I think that this suggestion of a number of small contributions will appeal to you. They have also proposed that we shall not accept contributions from American sources. This is not meant in any way disrespectfully, or ungratefully to American friends who might desire to contribute, but is because we want the memorial to be in absolute fact our tribute, the British people's tribute, to a great American.

I think there will be general agreement that Grosvenor Square is the appropriate, almost the obvious site, for such a memorial. The American Embassy is there, and during the war it was the heart of America in London. It is also one of our finest squares. The Duke of Westminster has generously given it to the nation for ever. The square will be laid out with fountains and trees and flowers, and will at all times be open to the people. It will be a source of pride and pleasure, not only to Londoners, but to the whole country.

When Lord Derby first suggested to the Pilgrims that they should take on the task of commemorating the late President Roosevelt with a monument, he said he hoped that when the time came Mrs. Roosevelt might be invited to unveil it. I believe that this idea too will meet with general agreement. Mrs. Roosevelt was a very welcome guest here when the bombs were falling; she will certainly be none the less welcome when we can show her what we are doing to repair the havoc of those years, and ask her to take part in doing honour to her husband.

I therefore urge all of you now to give your shillings to a memorial to that great man and our good friend, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

ANNOUNCER: Now here is the Right Honourable Viscount Greenwood, Chairman of the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial Committee.

LORD GREENWOOD: I am sorry that our President, Lord Derby, is not well enough to be here to tell you about this fund. We want it to be a people's fund to remember a man who loved the people. Hence, we do not ask for more than five shillings from any one person. We have arranged at the principal railway bookstalls of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, to have available a beautiful memorial booklet of twenty-four pages which, while supplies last, will be given by way of acknowledgment to those who contribute five shillings. This is a gift, and we cannot undertake to provide it for every five-shilling donor, for the supply may be exhausted, or it may not be possible to have it available in remote places; but we have felt it to be a happy way to remember the President by letting you have such a souvenir to keep for ever, which will tell you a great deal about Mr. Roosevelt and the proposed memorial in Grosvenor Square.

The booklet has been printed and supplied to the fund free of cost. It is being distributed without cost by news-agents to the railway bookstalls, in co-operation with the railway companies. In London there will be three booths where these booklets can be obtained - in Trafalgar Square, outside the Mansion House, and at Selfridges in Oxford Street. Tomorrow a film will appear in many cinemas in which Lord Halifax will speak of the President he knew so well. All these invaluable facilities have been given to the fund by the parties concerned, and I take this opportunity of thanking them most gratefully for their generosity and public spirit.

I should like to make clear that at the railway bookstalls only five-shilling contributions will be accepted, and then only for as long as booklets are available to give in return.

Some of you may prefer to send your five shillings direct to the fund. Some of you may want to send more than five shillings. Some of you may want to send less. In all these cases please send your contributions direct to the Treasurer, Sir Campbell Stuart, Savoy Hotel, London. As we felt it only right to keep the expenses of the fund as low as possible, contributions will not be acknowledged. I should like, therefore, to thank you now for the support which I know you will give.

We have reserved ten-thousand booklets at our office at the Savoy Hotel, as we realise that everyone may not be able to go to the station bookstalls or the three centres in London. We would like to distribute the booklets as widely as possible. These ten-thousand will be sent to five-shilling contributors by post for as long as the supply lasts, but if you want one, you should send your five shillings promptly.

Franklin Roosevelt's statue will stand in Grosvenor Square, which has been made available by the Duke of Westminster. It will now become a public square, beautified and maintained by the Ministry of Works, and for ever at the service of the people. The sculptor is Sir William Reid Dick. The architect is Mr. S.W.L. Gollanough.

When the sum required has been received, we will close the appeal. Any amount that may be left over after making provision for all the liabilities will be sent by the Treasurer

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Franklin D. Roosevelt
Memorial Fund.

in due course to the fund that is being raised to remember the American dead in St. Paul's Cathedral, of which immortal company President Roosevelt is certainly one. Likewise we will then ask all those who still desire to contribute to the memory of Mr. Roosevelt, to send their contributions direct to the Memorial Chapel Fund. Just where to send this money will be explained by the Treasurer in closing the appeal. What I am particularly anxious to make clear now, is the disposition of the surplus funds and our view in regard to future contributions.

We hope, as I have said, that this fund will be raised quickly, and by our action in this way we can honour in our capital city, not only now, but beyond your day and mine, the memory of the man who, as the Prime Minister and Mr. Churchill have testified, was the most valued friend our nation has known in the hour of its greatest peril.

ANNOUNCER: The Prime Minister and Lord Greenwood were speaking about the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial Fund, for which contributions should be addressed to: The Treasurer, Sir Campbell Stuart, Savoy Hotel, London.

Now tomorrow night, at 9.15, Mr. Winston Churchill will be speaking about this fund.
