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HABANA, 18 de Agosto de 1947.
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Sra. Eleonor Roosevelt
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Muy ilustre señora:

Entre cuantos laboran activamente, en la Redacción de AMERICA, al servicio de los grandes ideales que inició y propulsó genial y heroicamente vuestro inolvidable esposo el insigne estadista Mr. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, se mantienen las mejores devociones en homenaje a la memoria de tan excelsa personalidad americana e internacional. El número corriente de la Revista AMERICA, órgano continental de la Asociación de Escritores y Artistas Americanos, recoge en su artículo editorial y en una de sus páginas gráficas, nuevos testimonios de nuestra admiración por el apostolado pacifista y por la política de buena voluntad desarrolladas por Mr. Roosevelt.

Al tener el honor de enviar a usted esa copia, pongo las páginas de la Revista a la disposición de Ud., por si en ellas quisiera favorecernos con algún concepto o comentario suyo autorizadísimo, en torno a cualquier tema o asunto de interés americanista o en pro de la confraternidad internacional.

Saludo a usted respetuosamente y queda de usted,

Pastor del Río
Director

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In reply refer to
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April 11, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have received your letter dated March 25, 1947, with which you transmit a letter addressed to you by Mr. Nat. Einhorn, Executive Director of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Incorporated.

We recently communicated to the Yugoslav Ambassador the reasons we did not contemplate extending relief to Yugoslavia from funds which the Congress might appropriate for relief pursuant to the President's recent request for $350,000,000. For the information of Mr. Einhorn I am enclosing a copy of the statement released by the State Department explaining fully the position in this matter. We have completed extensive studies on relief needs based upon information obtained from many sources. On the basis of the studies we believe that Yugoslavia no longer has a need for free relief. Although it is possible that some small food import needs may arise they should not be beyond the ability of Yugoslaviaiitself to finance. It is clear that in any case our assistance must go where the needs are most urgent.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Acheson

Enclosure,

Press Release No. 221,
March 20, 1947.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Apartment Six A,
29 Washington Square West,
New York 11, N. Y.

March 25, 1947

Dear Mr. Acheson:

In this letter which I am enclosing, Mr. Minhorn says that Congress is being asked to assist five countries and that Yugoslavia.

Would you please tell me what the reason is?

With many thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

March 3, 1947

The Honorable George C. Marshall
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

According to newspaper accounts of the statement made before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs by Under-Secretary of State William L. Clayton, the overseas relief program of our Government does not include help for Yugoslavia.

You will recall, Mr. Secretary, that during discussions which concerned the post-UNRRA relief plans of the United States, the former director-general of UNRRA, Fiorello H. LaGuardia, expressed fears that adoption of a unilateral relief policy might result in discrimination against countries such as Yugoslavia . State Department representatives, however, repeatedly emphasized that our Government would take into account hunger and human needs and not politics.

In reply to a resolution adopted by a meeting held under the auspices of this Committee, Margaret R.T. Carter, acting chief of the division of public liaison writing for the then Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, recently wrote to us the following:

> "For the balance of the emergency relief problem after UNRRA shipments cease, as you know, it is this Government's conviction that direct and cooperative action of the countries concerned, using the United Nations Secretariat as a point for informal discussion and for the exchange of information among the interested governments, is preferable to the creation of a new international relief organization.....There is no intention to discriminate in making relief grants because of the political philosophy of any petitioning government. This has been repeatedly emphasized by spokesmen for the United States."

Such discussion has been held and information has been exchanged. Late last month a special United Nations Committee on Relief N eeds after the Termination of the UNRRA made a report listing the outside help required to meet minimum food and other basic needs by the six European countries hardest hit by the war. Five of those countries - Italy, Austria, Hungary, Greece and Poland - will share in the $350,000,000 for which the Congress has been asked by the State Department. One of the six, according to newspaper accounts, was not mentioned. As a committee created to provide relief for the Yugoslav people, we should like to know why Yugoslavia was excluded, despite the fact that the United Nations Committee mentioned above estimated that outside help to the

extent of $68,200,000 was necessary for the year 1947. We cannot understand the inconsistency between an announced policy against discrimination and Mr. Clayton's statement before the Congress. As Americans keenly concious of Yugoslav sacrifices during the war, we should deeply appreciate an explanation.

We know that as chief of staff during the war, you are well aware of the devotion to the allied cause shown by the Yugoslav people and their army and of the enormous destruction to property estimated at more than $9,000,000,000 resulting from their uncompromising resistance to the enemy.

And regardless of that destruction and her own need for help, Yugoslavia today is ready to share some of her products to ease the situation in other devastated countries. It has offered the United Nations Secretariat between $500,000 and $1,000,000 in lumber, fruits and medical herbs, despite the fact that its lumber industry was badly damaged and 25 percent of its fruit trees destroyed. And although there are half a million Yugoslav war orphans to be provided for, it has offered the United Nations facilities on its sunny Adriatic Coast for the care of the weakened children of other European lands. This fine offer of cooperation was made without limitation as to race, religion, political belief or country — former enemy or ally.

Mr. Secretary, we should like to feel that our own nation will live up to the words of Mr. Clayton, speaking recently in behalf of the State Department:

> "If we fail to provide the relief now when it is needed much of the humanitarian work heretofore done by our Government and others would be undermined, much suffering and economic deterioration will undoubtedly occur, with political and economic consequences to the rest of the world, ourselves included, not pleasant to contemplate."

Because of drought, the Yugoslav harvest of corn and wheat was 634,000 tons less than originally estimated. The difficult winter this year menaces the future crop. There is no question as to the food needs of the Yugoslav people.

A measure of the generous sentiments expressed by Mr. Clayton will be the action of our Government regarding the needs of the people of Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Nisselson
Acting President
American Committee for
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NAT. EINHORN, *Executive Director*

May 6, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York City

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mr. Balokovic and I have discussed with Ambassador Kosanovich your note concerning CARE. I am writing you about it because of Mr. Balokovic's absence from the city.

Ambassador Kosanovich informed us that only a few minor details stand in the way of an agreement whereby CARE may add Yugoslavia to the list of countries it serves so well. It was the ambassador's understanding that a CARE representative is soon to discuss those details in Belgrade. I shall write CARE to that effect.

All of us here would be delighted to have CARE in Yugoslavia.

With this, we are sending you an album given to our Committee during the visit made by Mr. and Mrs. Balokovic to Yugoslavia last winter. The album was prepared and signed by the people of the village of Cetrt Jezica, which is near Ljubljana in Slovenia. The village is an ancient center for leather handicrafts. Mr. and Mrs. Balokovic thought you would enjoy having this beautiful example of craftsmanship along with the simple and lovely sentiments expressed by the album.

Sincerely,

Nat. Einhorn

Nat. Einhorn
Executive Director

"... it is our ardent desire to assist the people of Yugoslavia to recover from the ravages of war. ..."— PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

May 19, 1947

Dear Mr. President:

I know you are going to receive letters on the food situation in Yugoslavia, and the $15,000,000 in unmarked funds that will be available for distribution by you.

In spite of anything that may have occurred, I feel very strongly that it is important that the Yugoslav people should have relief in the way of food. They did hold the nazis at bay at a time which was crucial in the war.

Many thanks for your long letter in answer to mine. I do appreciate your taking the time to write me so fully.

Very cordially yours,

May 19, 1947

My dear Mr. Einhorn:

I am sorry I can not do as you suggest about signing a letter to the President. I never send this type of letter to him or to any of the government officials.

However, I shall write to him on the subject on my own.

Very sincerely yours,

Amer. Comm. for Yugo. Relief

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NAT. EINHORN, *Executive Director*

May, 12, 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York City

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In Mr. Balokovic's absence from the city, I am writing to ask if you would be good enough to help us once again in connection with the terrible food problem in Yugoslavia.

Reports from Yugoslavia indicate that the new crops will be good, but the first harvest will not be in until late July and transportation to deficiency areas is still quite slow. Therefore these next few months are most critical.

It appears from the House of Representatives version of the relief appropriation bill that $15,000,000 of unearmarked funds will be available for distribution by the President. We hope that some part of this will be used by Mr. Truman to alleviate the emergency in Yugoslavia.

We should like to have a thousand representative Americans from all parts of the country join in a letter to President Truman appealing for his help in this most difficult period.

All of us know how gracious and helpful you have been in behalf of the people of Yugoslavia.

May we call upon you once more in this crisis to sign a letter such as the enclosed suggested draft which asks others to join in a statement to President Truman? We know of no one whose appeal will get so quick and warm-hearted a response as yourself. We hope you will find it possible to help us assist the people of Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

Nat. Einhorn

Nat. Einhorn
Executive Director

"... it is our ardent desire to assist the people of Yugoslavia to recover from the ravages of war. . . ."— PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

(SUGGESTED LETTER FROM MRS ROOSEVELT)

Dear

I am sending to 1,000 representative Americans the enclosed statement in the hope that they will agree with its sentiments and permit the use of their names in support of its simple appeal for President Truman's help.

Won't you join me in this effort in behalf of hunger-stricken people? If you can agree, I do hope you will sign the enclosed card and return it as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Roosevelt

(SUGGESTED RETURN POSTCARD)

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am happy to join in the appeal to President Truman for food for the people of Yugoslavia.

Name _____

Address _____

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(SUGGESTED STATEMENT TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN)

Dear Mr. President:

As Americans concerned with the terrible disease of hunger in all the war-devastated areas of the world, we hope you will make food available to the people of Yugoslavia in these next few critical months before their harvest.

We believe that no other matters affecting relations between our country and Yugoslavia should be permitted to stand in the way of keeping innocent men, women and children from starvation.

Recent press reports indicate that in Bosnia people are limited to 800 calories a day while in parts of Serbia the famine level is now 400 calories a day. These conditions exist in a country where 2,400000 persons have tuberculosis.

Mr. President, we hope that you will consider this problem in terms of human beings - in terms of hunger and illness.

We are deeply certain that your decision to alleviate the suffering of the Yugoslav people will be representative of the spirit of the people of the United States.

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NAT. EINHORN, *Executive Director*

May 26, 1947.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment Six A
29 Washington Square W.
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for your letters of May 12th and May 19th addressed to Mr. Balokovic and enclosing communications from the Department of State and the Department of Agriculture. I have notified Mr. Balokovic, who is at present out of town, of their content.

I am returning to you the letter from Mr. N. E. Dodd, Under-Secretary of the Department of Agriculture which you sent us on May 19th.

I took the liberty of sending to Mr. Sava N. Kosanovich the reference made in Mr. Dean Acheson's letter of May 6th to the existence of central grain stocks in Yugoslavia. In that letter, Mr. Acheson informed you that according to Embassy information the situation in Yugoslavia might be eased if food were shipped by the Yugoslav Government from such central stocks to deficient areas. A copy of Mr. Kosanovich's reply received today is enclosed for your information.

Most sincerely yours,

Nat. Einhorn

Nat. Einhorn
Executive Director

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"... it is our ardent desire to assist the people of Yugoslavia to recover from the ravages of war. ..."— PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 6, 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment 6A
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This is in reply to your letter of April 16, in which you raise questions concerning shipments of wheat to Yugoslavia.

The International Emergency Food Council, of which the United States is a member, makes recommendations on allocations of the world's scarce food supplies, in order to get equitable distribution among importing countries. The world's import requirements for wheat and other grains to meet minimum needs for human food are estimated to total about 38 million tons during 1946-47. The IEFC recommended grain allocations, based upon estimated world export availabilities, total about 27.5 million tons. This leaves a world deficit of about 10.5 million tons during the present fiscal year.

Reliable information available to the United States as well as to the IEFC indicates Yugoslavian requests for imports of grain are higher than justified, in the light of the world's short supplies, and the critical needs of many countries. Our information is that grain production was larger than reported by the Yugoslavian Government, collections were inadequate, and distribution has been faulty. UNRRA delivered 12,500 tons of bread grain to Yugoslavia earlier in the year. The IEFC has recommended that the country be limited to an import quota of only 17,500 tons during the April-June quarter, none of which should come from the United States or Canada. If any additional grain were to be shipped from North America to Yugoslavia between now and July, it would mean that an equivalent amount would have to be diverted from other countries where, in our opinion, the need is more critical.

We have made every effort to ship abroad maximum amounts of United States grains, and to see that all shipments go to the countries in greatest need. Our exports of grains and grain products have averaged over a million long tons per month since the war ended. During January-June 1947 we have exported, or programmed for export, 9 million tons of grain and grain products which is an average of 1.5 million tons per month--a rate exceeding any in our history.

We anticipate no burdensome stocks of wheat or other grains in the United States this year. Our year-end stocks of wheat on July 1, 1947,

probably will be reduced to about the same level as last year, when the carry-over was only 100 million bushels, compared with the last 10-year average of 310 million bushels. A reduction of wheat stocks to this low level will be safe if our 1947 crop materializes in line with present crop estimates. We look forward to a wheat crop of over a billion bushels this year, comparable to the bumper crop last year, if the weather remains favorable.

Despite our low carry-over stocks, no doubt we shall continue to have some storage troubles in this country, particularly at harvesttime. There are bound to be temporary storage problems at some interior elevators and warehouses, when a wheat crop of over a billion bushels is harvested. The shortage of railway cars is the principal contributing factor.

There is no way in which we could relieve our grain storage problems at harvesttime by accelerating wheat exports between now and harvest. Our stocks of wheat are already low, and emphasis now is on exports of corn and other coarse grains. As soon as the new wheat crop is available, emphasis again will be switched to wheat exports.

Sincerely yours,

N. E. Dodd

Under Secretary

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EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL PEOPLES
REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
WASHINGTON

A. br. 1144

May 24, 1947

Dear Mr. Einhorn,

Thank you for your letter of May 19th. Naturally the richer parts of Yugoslavia are supplying the deficient areas. It was always so. Today the distribution is more equitable than ever. We have no central stocks. No one in Yugoslavia is dying of hunger because distribution is equal and without any discrimination. But the efficiency of the workers and their power of resistance is decreasing.

It is known that in Yugoslavia we now have 2,400,000 cases of tuberculosis and the mortality rate is increasing, especially in children, where tuberculosis, rickets, etc., is increasing, which of course will have serious consequences for the population.

I might add that the food situation in Yugoslavia is much worse than in the American zone in Germany.

Very sincerely yours,

Sava N. Kosanovic
Ambassador of Yugoslavia

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Nov. 20,1947

Mrs.Franklin D.Roosevelt
29 Washington Square
New York,N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My wife and I want to thank you personally and also express the deep appreciation of the entire American Committee For Yugoslav Relief for that part of your column of November 18th referring to the unfortunate "radio-radar incident"in particular and to the question of relief for the people of Yugoslavia in general.

The New York Times and Herald Tribune handled the "incident"very fairly,but because of false and libelous charges made in some of the irresponsible Yugoslav language news papers we are planning to publish the Yugoslav Government's receipted bills for the purchase of the much publicized equipment.

The whole affair was caused by most regrettable carelessness on the part of our warehouse staff in failing to notice,during the final rush of assembling hundreds of shipping documents,that this particular one was made out incorrectly.Needless to say steps have been taken to prevent the repitition of any similar mistake in the future.

My wife joins me in kindest remembrances.

Very sincerely yours

Zlatko Baloković