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July 21, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park, Dutchess Co.
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you very much for sending Mrs. Boos's check on to us. The Committee will make good use of this, as you know. A letter of thanks has already been sent to Mrs. Boos.

At the moment we are waiting to hear if any action will be taken on the Stratton Bill, now that the hearings are concluded. We are prepared, of course, to continue our fight throughout the summer and fall until the next session of the Congress.

With our gratitude for your continued help;

Sincerely yours,

Earl G. Harrison
Chairman

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July 15, 1947

Miss Malvina Thompson, Secy to
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square W.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Thompson:

As you no doubt know, copies of the enclosed telegram were recently sent to a number of people throughout the country. We have recently received a wire from one of the persons on our mailing list - Mrs. Rowan Boone, 11 Edgemoor St., Princeton, N. J. - which reads:

Have sent check for your Committee to Mrs. Roosevelt. Forgive delay.

Has this check come to your attention by any chance? If not, we are anxious to let Mrs. Boone know that it has gone astray. Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara J. Sanders

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July 12, 1947

Dear "Puss":

Many, many thanks for your very generous check. I will explain that you do not want this used for overhead expense.

I hope you will come to Hyde Park to stay with me. I should like to take you to see the Wiltwyck School some time when you are down this way. You have helped them so much, they should have a chance to see their good friend and I am sure you would be interesting in seeing the boys, and the school.

With love,
July 12, 1947

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am enclosing a check for $1000. from Mrs. Rowan Boone, who is at present in Saranac Lake, New York

Mrs. Boone does not want this money used for office expenses and salaries, but to actually go to helping the displaced persons, either in Europe or when and if they are allowed to come here.

Very sincerely yours,
Dear Mr. President:

Such is your clock, I made it out to be in a couple of days ago and now I wish to decide whether or not to report it through the Hip Hop hat she'd perhaps add a check to her own to it when your bill came. This AM I think you'll see I can listen to the band of what I'm about and ship this check on in your immediate so that he can give it to the Watson department. Mr. Saul Norman's Committee that is fed reads it most before you hear in Campbell.

I do hope Mr. Campbell spells a new for you and that you will it... Please be good to yourself.

What would you think of a "chain letter" to Mr. Stalin with say 30 million signatures demanding peace and his death. I say "shut-up" and I don't believe it would take more than 6 months if that it to be together. Sitting here m bed — terrified by who is.
Saying 'on in the world (and — damn The Scotsmen) makes one feel that the thing new is. A song like that little people like us can do something concrete in much. I'm. What do you think?

For to Aunt Malvina —
A beautiful song.

Mother
August 24, 1947

Dear Charl Williams:

A friend of mine is working with the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons and learned on a recent trip that the Parent-Teachers groups in the various states have done very little to support the legislation which we all want for these Displaced Persons.

The National Executive Committee of the PTA approved it by a resolution passed on June 8th.

I understand there must be ratification by thirty states, and to date Nebraska is the only state to ratify.

Could you urge Mrs. Hughes to exert her influence on the state committees?

Affectionately,
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August 18, 1947

Miss Elizabeth Gardiner

C/O Mrs. Charles Fayerweather

New Lebanon

Columbia County, New York

Dear Miss Gardiner:

As requested, I am sending you the full name and address of the President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. She is

MRS. L. W. HUGHES

Arlington

Shelby County, Tennessee

Sincerely,

Anna Clark

Anna H. Clark

Approved by National Exec. Com. June 5th

How must be approved or ratified by 30 State Exec. Com's Nebraska has ratified.
November 25, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square, West
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

At the request of Mr. Lessing Rosenwald, I am enclosing clippings from the New York Times and the New York Herald Tribune, dated November 10, with reference to the action of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs on the displaced persons issue. As these clippings indicate, no action either for or against legislation on behalf of the displaced persons was taken at the Rochester meeting because Mrs. Edwards, who is President of the New York City Federation, withdrew the resolution which she had originally introduced and which was published in the CALL to the convention.

Our own organization, the Citizens Committee, called the attention of both newspapers to the fact that the Stratton Bill is not a "dead issue", and both the Times and the Herald Tribune later published editorials which indicated definitely that the Stratton Bill is not dead.

We have learned from Mrs. Sporborg, who led the battle against this resolution, that many of the delegates regretted that the resolution was withdrawn and wanted it brought up on the floor because they felt certain that, aside from five women who were responsible for the introduction of the resolution in the very beginning, most of the delegates would have voted enthusiastically in favor of the Stratton Bill. However, it was thought best not to disrupt the convention, and no vote was taken after the resolution was officially withdrawn. Emma Hugbee of the Herald Tribune and Lucy Freeman of the Times, as well as Virginia Blood, were present at the convention when this excitement took place.

Sincerely yours,

Cecilia Basovksy Davidson

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Enclosures
STATE WOMEN'S CLUBS SESSION
OPENING WITH D.P. CONTROVERSY

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - A controversy over the exclusion of
women from the executive committee of the New York State Federation
of Women's Clubs boiled over today and caused the
organization to split.

The issue arose during the annual convention here, where
women from throughout the state gathered to discuss
women's rights and social issues.

The convention, which was held at the Empire State
Building, was marred by a dispute between
two prominent members of the federation:
Mrs. John Williams, who wanted to
include women on the executive
committee, and Mr. Robert Martin,
who opposed her proposal.

The conflict came to a head on
the final day of the convention,
when Mrs. Williams's resolution
was voted down by a narrow margin.

Mrs. Williams, who is a strong
advocate of women's rights, vowed
to continue the fight until women are
fully represented in the federation.

"We cannot continue to
neglect the needs of women and
allow men to dominate our
organization," she said in a
statement.

The fate of the federation
remains uncertain, with some
members supporting Mrs. Williams
and others backing Mr. Martin.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - The New York State
Federation of Women's Clubs has sidestepped the
controversy by passing a resolution that leaves
the issue unresolved.

The resolution, which was
approved unanimously by the
convention, states that the federation
will continue to work towards
women's rights, but will not take a
clear position on the issue of
women's representation in the
executive committee.

The federation's president, Mrs.
Sarah Thompson, said that the
discussion has been difficult,
but that the resolution is a step
forward.

"We have reached a
compromise that allows us to
move forward together," she said.

The federation has 150,000
members and is one of the largest
women's organizations in the
United States.

New York, N.Y. (AP) - A delegation from the
New York State Federation of Women's Clubs
arrived here today to attend the national
convention of the National Federation of
Women's Clubs.

The delegation includes
members from all over the state,
including Mrs. John Williams and
Mr. Robert Martin.

The national convention is
expected to be attended by
thousands of women from across
the country and will focus on
women's rights and social issues.

The New York delegation
will have the opportunity to
present their concerns to the
national organization.

Mrs. Williams said that she
looks forward to the opportunity
to discuss the issues with other
women from across the country.

"I'm excited to be here and
represent our needs," she said.

The national convention will
run from June 16 to 20, with
hundreds of events focused on
women's rights and social issues.

In a statement, the National
Federation of Women's Clubs
said that they support women's
rights and will work towards
addressing the issues raised by
the New York delegation.

"We believe in the power
of women to make a difference,"
they said.

The convention is expected
to end with a closing ceremony
and a call to action for women to
continue working towards a
different future.
Calls It "A Dead Issue"

In explaining why she withdrew the resolution, Mrs. Edwards said: "It is a dead issue. See the Chicago Tribune for Oct. 16, where the sit-in resolution was declared dead and the whole matter referred to the United Nations for action."

The resolution had been in the hands of the delegates for thirty days, published in the call-in convention with twelve other resolutions. It was the chief pre-convention topic of conversation. However, even though the resolution had been withdrawn, the matter may still come up. It is a motion made from the floor, according to Mrs. Kenneth H. Warner, president of the state federation of women, 

"If the feeling is strong enough, it is never entirely gone when the motion is withdrawn." 

Mrs. Mullen for Assistance

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Edward O. Mullen, chairman of the resolutions committee, was asked if the resolution would likely be brought up for a vote, and she answered, "We hope not." 

The resolution received much support from the men and women in Congress as an attempt to extend the present immigration law by requiring the quota of aliens entering the country to be in any way changed, the present law, to the relief of national, security, and economy, she at present controls 90% of the immigration entering the country andixture. It is possible to reduce the number of aliens entering the country in which these changes affect them are now apparent.

The sixteen resolutions, calling for an emergency one-man universal military training and another one with a high cost of living, will be voted on at the 1939 state convention to be held in Chicago.