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In ans to your letter  
of Dec 30,  
as far as I know  
the last Students  
Assoc is a good  
organization. However  
I am not familiar  
enough with the  
work of the assoc to  
ans your specific  
questions & feel that  
only the assoc itself  
can ans them

(note  
ans suggested by  
J. H. Ash)

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Administration Bldg.

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Women's Student Government Office  
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Syracuse University  
December 30, 1947  
Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

At present, there is a joint committee composed of representatives from the Men's and Women's Student Governments of Syracuse University, investigating the possibilities of Syracuse University joining the National Student's Association. This committee naturally, is interested in obtaining as much additional information as possible concerning this organization. As we have read the national and regional constitutions and studied the various panels, there have arisen certain questions in our minds. We would like to clear up these questions before presenting the NSA Constitution to our respective student councils for action.

I am studying the Panel on Student Government and Student Government Functions with Edward Riley. Some of the questions which we would like further information about are:

1. How would a university such as Syracuse benefit from the decisions of the Panel on Student Government? (Syracuse University has already established a fine Freshman Orientation Program under the Traditions' Commission; we have a Student Union; an active Independent's Organization (IMA and IWA Houses); a Chapel Program; a placement service for those wishing employment; a vocational information service; "The Daily Orange" a student publication; and strong Student Government. In other words what advantages would Syracuse obtain when the school already has put into operation so many of the proposed plans of this panel?
2. In what way does the NSA propose to strengthen existing student governments so that they will be "laboratories in democracy" for college youth?
3. Have the proposed reports on existing student government structures, student unions, wages and working conditions on different campuses, been made? If not, when will the reports be completed?
4. Who will be in charge of conducting these surveys on the various campuses? How often will they be made? How much will they cost and will the money be taken from the National Treasury of the NSA?
5. What has been accomplished thus far in regards to strengthening existing student governments?
6. What exactly is the Culturale? How will it benefit the students who cannot travel out to the National Congress in the summer? More information is desired about the program of the "Culturale".
7. It is stated that one of the big jobs of the NSA on the United States Commission for UNESCO is to eliminate the prejudices of our generation and replace existing prejudices of our time with attitudes of habit which will guide our generation to a peaceful world. Does the NSA have any definite plans for working on this great problem?

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Any further information on the Student Government Panel which you may care to give us would be greatly appreciated.

My co-chairman, Mr. Riley, and myself, fully realize the great potentialities of the National Student's Association both in regards to Domestic and International Student Affairs.

After attending the Regional Convention of the New York State Region of the NSA (as an observer) in Rochester a few weeks ago, we have become even more interested in learning more about this organization. We feel that in this way, we may present a clearer picture of the NSA and in particular the Student Government Panel to the rest of the investigating committee and they in turn to their respective Student Governing Bodies.

I would appreciate this information at your earliest possible convenience. Thank-you in advance for your trouble.

Very sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Daley

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P.S.

Although, I realize you probably do not have specific information on many of the specific questions, nevertheless we would appreciate knowing any ideas you may care to express concerning the NSA. We thought you might help us especially on question 7 concerning the NSA seat on UNESCO. Any personal opinions etc. Thank-you.

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In reply refer to  
PL

January 17, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have received your letter of January 7, 1947 enclosing a letter from Mr. Walter Toscanini regarding an interview with Dr. Giovanni Dalma of the Comitato Regionale Giuliano.

The Department, of course, can have no objection to your seeing Dr. Dalma in a private capacity, although it cannot endorse the interview as reflecting official policy of the Government. Thank you for your letter. If I can be of further assistance to you, please let me know. Mr. Toscanini's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter R. Reuther*

Enclosure:

Letter from Mr. Toscanini (returned).

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Apartment 15-A,  
29 Washington Square, West,  
New York 11, New York.

*Explain that I. that  
I can do nothing now  
I do feel they should  
be someone connected  
with the Gov.*

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December 27, 1946

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
New York

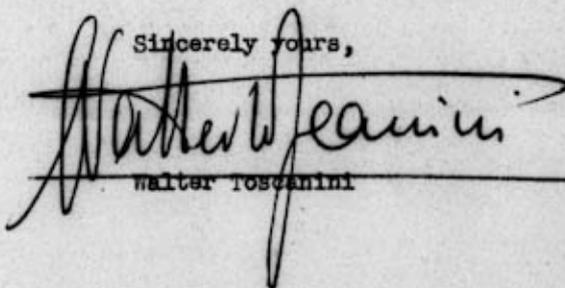
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Dr. Giovanni Dalma of the Comitato Regionale Giuliano has recently come to the United States with a tragic documentation of what is happening to the population of Venezia Giulia which is in the Yugoslav occupied territory. In my opinion, this tragic documentation is no longer a subject of political debate, but just a case of suffering people and of basic human rights being brutally violated.

I beg your assistance in behalf of Dr. Dalma's cause, and I ask you to be kind enough to allow me to introduce him to you. He can be reached at the Hotel New Yorker, Room #1621. Any help you might be able to give him will benefit civilization.

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
WALTER TOSCANINI

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April 11, 1947

My dear Miss Dalman:

I am sorry to hear that ADA has attracted the worst element of the Democratic party in Minnesota. I thought Mayor Humphrey was a fine young man.

I am sorry too, that you do not think we have a right to ask whether a person is a communist or not. I do not think, however, if we asked them, we would know whether they were or not, but I can not quite understand how you can believe in Democracy and at the same time, think that you can encourage communism in this country. The two aren't compatible.

Naturally anyone who believes in communism has a right to hold their beliefs and admit they are communists in spite of the hardships which that will entail. That is why I belong to ADA instead of PCA. PCA knows that they have communists in their leadership and they are not willing to get rid of them. If they were, we would have no trouble in amalgamating the liberals in the two organizations.

Mr. Wallace is not a member of PCA. He is a very fine person and never wants to be against anyone. I happen to think that one has to be against the communists because I found them untruthful. The religion you belong to has nothing to do with the question of political beliefs. Elliott is not a communist. He is a Democrat, as I am. He does not belong to either the ADA or the PCA, but he would speak for either one, and feels that PCA still has enough good in it not to want to be completely on the outside. I would only be willing to see the two groups amalgamated if it were sure that PCA would be willing to take the communist element out of its leadership.

Very sincerely yours,

955 Western Ave. N.  
St. Paul 3, Minnesota  
April 2, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park, New York

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This is written because I earnestly seek an answer to some of the confusing questions that confront the world and its individuals. And I have just been reading your son's book, "As He Saw It", and become more and more appalled at the present trend away from President Roosevelt's plans and hopes for the post-war world.

The writer has never written a fan letter, if she had it would have been addressed to you or to the late President, for I think that both of you inspired love and admiration from the great portion of the American people. It is for this reason that I have been so troubled that the only way out seemed to be to write and ask you "why". For I cannot understand your failure to stand beside Wallace when he is fighting to perpetuate the ideals President Roosevelt stood for during his life.

Here in Minnesota the ADA has attracted the bad elements of the Democratic Party and has concerned itself chiefly with Red-baiting. I am not a Communist, but I work in the office of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, and it is my firm conviction that all of us have a right to our own beliefs, that all those who are interested in labor must stick together and not be divided by such tactics. We should not ask a person whether he is Catholic, Republican or Communist, but judge them by their actions and their accomplishments. Surely we have good and bad in every walk of life.

Would you be kind enough to take the time and enlighten me in regard to your reasons for being a member of the ADA instead of PCA. My faith in you is such that I feel you must be justified and perhaps my own activity in the PCA is wrong. Perhaps Wallace does not stand for a just peace and the right for everyone to live in that kind of a world and worship and believe as he chooses. Can both of you want the same things and be in different camps--and why can't those camps get together and let us have real unity and real strength?

Thank you for all the wonderful things you have done and for the time I hope you have taken to read this letter.

Yours very truly

(Miss)

*Nedra Dalmann*  
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