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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your column, which I read in today's Detroit Free Press, was of very great interest to me. I shall probably be but one of many who will write you concerning its content, for I know that everyone is interested in world peace and I suppose each one has a pet peace plan.

During the time between the Dumbarton Oaks Conference and the San Francisco Conference I wrote up an essay showing my opinion as to how the "will to peace" could be generated more positively in the world. Originally, I wrote this essay for an essay contest but have used it many times for discussions in my International Relations classes here at Fordson High School.

It seems to me that two approaches are necessary in any plan for training the present generation in those understandings necessary for world peace. The ideas I have expressed in the essay (a copy of which I am enclosing) seem to me to hold the greatest possibilities in training the younger generation to think in terms of mutual understanding between peoples. After I wrote up the essay, I ran off a few mimeographed copies and have brought the ideas expressed therein to the attention of my State Senators as well as Representative Merrow of New Hampshire, Senator Pepper, Senator Fulbright, Representative Mundt of North Dakota, Drew Pearson and the United States State Department in connection with the establishment of UNESCO. From each of these I have received great encouragement; in fact Miss Brunauer, carried the plan with her when she went to Paris to represent our State Department in establishing UNESCO. I shall be very happy to get your frank reaction to it, realizing of course that not all of the ideas are new and that some are already being put into operation.

Regarding the second approach to the problem of world peace, I feel that we can not wait until this younger generation grows up with

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12:15 p.m. letter*

the proper attitudes and ideas. We must work with adults through forums, etc. Here in Dearborn last spring we conducted a "One World" film forum program, partially financed by our State government and partially financed by the local board of education. I am enclosing a copy of the program as well as a copy of the local Student Federalists Chapter paper which describes the philosophy behind our forum program.

This year the State government is not financing such programs to the extent they did last year. Therefore, we must raise more money locally for it. We plan to have a six-week series this fall and another in the spring with one of each series being a major effort to make for greater neighborhood participation and at the same time raise funds to finance adequately a complete program.

Regret
I am wondering if it might be possible to book you for our major effort some Thursday evening in November or December (other than November 20). In reply, would you please state your fee for such an appearance? If you could not fill such an engagement this fall, might it be possible that you would be in this area in March or April next year?

I shall appreciate your taking the time to peruse my essay and hope that you might find it possible to be in Dearborn this fall or in the spring. I regret having to write such a long letter to you but it seems that you sort of "asked for it" in your column which inspired this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Von E. Knisely

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Instructor - International Relations
Fordson High School

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"ONE WORLD"

Film Forum Program

Presented by

ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

DEARBORN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dearborn, Michigan

Von E. Knisely, Forum Series Leader

Assisted by the

Pan-Pax Union Chapter of Student Federalists

"It is good to rub and polish our brain against that of others."

—From Montaigne's Essays

For information call Adult Education Department Office

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PROGRAM

All of the forum series groups will meet in the Music Room, C-126, in the Fordson High School Building. All programs start *promptly* at 7:00 P. M.

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Pacific Canada
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- February 13... "Near Neighbors to the South"
Films: Native Arts of Old Mexico
Central America
Lecture: "Mexico" (with Slides and Films taken on recent geographical-cultural surveys of Mexico).—By Leo F. Callahan, Geography Department; Von E. Knisely, Social Science Department
Special Display: Arts and Crafts from Mexico
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- February 20... "The Good Neighbor Policy"
Films: Americans All (A Julien Bryan Film)
The Monroe Doctrine
Brazil (March of Time Film)
West Indies
The Amazon Awakens (In color)
Discussion Topic: "What is the difference between the Good Neighbor Policy and Dollar Diplomacy?"
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People of Western China
Here Is China
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—by Ralph H. Oyler,
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Special Display: Costumes, etc.—by Grace Joardar, recently returned from 16 years teaching in India

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Discussion Topic: "Will differences in economic and political systems prevent complete cooperation between Russia and America?"—by Philip Adler, Detroit News columnist

March 27-----"With MacArthur in the Orient"

Film: Japan
Discussion Topic: "Investigating Narcotics in the Orient"—by Ralph H. Oyler, District Supervisor, Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Treasury Department (Mr. Oyler recently returned from Counter-Intelligence Service under General MacArthur in Japan)

April 10-----"Modern Books for a Modern World"

Display: Recent books on up-to-date topics of international interest—Dearborn Public Schools Librarians
Discussion Topic: "Recent Books on the International Scene"—by Helen Bower, book reviewer, Detroit Free Press
Book Review: "An Outstanding Book"—by Mrs. Colon Draper

April 17-----"Changing Patterns in Modern America"

Films: The New South (March of Time Forum Film)
New Ways of Farming (March of Time Forum Film)
It Can Happen Here! (Detroit Board of Commerce Film)
The Grain That Built a Hemisphere
Pacific U. S. A.

Discussion Topic: "What is the city dweller's stake in rural America?"—by L. D. Boomer, Secretary, Detroit Agricultural-Industrial Foundation, Detroit Board of Commerce

April 24-----"Our American Outposts"

Films: Hawaii
Alaska's Silver Millions (A Father Hubbard Film)
Territorial Possessions of the U. S.

Round-Table Topic: "What is wrong with Alaska? With Puerto Rico?"

May 1-----"The Parliament of Man"

Films: Airplane Changes the Map
Our Shrinking World
The Peace Builders
Man—One Family

Round-Table Topic: "Is world government desirable? Is it possible?"

Participants: Student Federalists and Americans United for World Government

PLEASE NOTE:

It is expected that the series will be changed and extended to include programs on History of Dearborn cultural groups, lectures on World Affairs by prominent outside speakers, etc.

This program is flexible. Where interest warrants or when the group desires, substitutions will be made. You make the final decisions! It's *your* program!

"Today we are faced with the preeminent fact that, if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships . . ."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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HELEN BALL SPEAKS

"One World Or None"

Helen Ball, 22 year-old director of the Student Division of the United World Federalist, speaks to Fordson High students. Her topic is "World Government as a practical necessity, not a utopian dream."

"We United World Federalists do not believe that federal world government is a cure-all for the world's ills," said Miss Ball, "but we do believe that only a system of world law can afford the framework of peace and order within which man can begin on problems now hopelessly entangled with policies directed by nationalistic fears. What good will any social progress be if another war is to destroy it?"

The group which Miss Ball represents is a nation-wide organization. "The Student Division is directed by a representative Student Council, five of whose members are also on the overall Executive Council of the United World Federalists. Miss Ball is the secretary of the



the Executive Council."

In 1946 Miss Ball Graduated from Wheaton College of Massachusetts. There after studying economics and English she graduated with magna cum laude. She was associate editor of the college newspaper and was the Wheaton International Relations Club in 1945."

THREE SCHOOL MEETS IN INTEREST OF PEACE

Fordson's Pan Pax will play host to Lincoln Park and Highland Park in the second tri-school meeting of these three schools. The success of the first meeting at Lincoln Park in late March warranted a second meeting, and Fordson extended the invitation to the two other schools.

Although no definite program has been set up, the main purpose of the meeting will be to present the purpose of the Pan Pax Union to the two clubs,

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For World Peace:

1. There is no place in the world "distant" or "far" (from where?)
2. No place, culture, custom or people is "strange", (to whom?) "exotic", "queer", or "bizarre".
3. People can be "illiterate" but never "ignorant"; they can be "simple" but never "backward".
4. Avoid any suggestion of the superiority or the inferiority of any race, color or religious group.
5. There are no "heathen", no pagan cultures", no "Christian ideals (except in direct discussion), and no "chosen people".
6. Avoid such meaningless clinches as "East is east and west is west, and never the two shall meet"; "the sun never sets on the British Empire"; "the white man's burden"; or "the yellow peril".
7. Treat every national or local custom with the respect it deserves.
8. Avoid the word "natives" as it has been shaped by imperial custom; use it only in the exact sense, for example: as a "native" of New York ---not "the natives of New Guinea".
9. Avoid "we", "ourselves", etc., when referring to citizens of the U.S. or to Westerners in general. "We" are all the people.
10. There can be no preaching (who is in a position to preach and to whom?)
11. Give the FACTS. Be objective. The people will make up their own minds.and probably they will be pretty close to right!
12. "Important persons" includes everybody of good will.

Says the Editorial Staff of the United Nations World Magazine.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE U.N.

By Jeanne McFadden

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We the people of this world cannot expect to live on this earth if every section of this earth is quarreling with another part. It will be impossible to live in a destitute and disunited world. The only answer to Peace is to unite all the small Nations and make one large union.

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FOURTEEN STATES ACCEPTS HUMBER'S RESOLUTION

By Mary Shaker

Robert Lee Humber is an attorney of Greenville, N. C. and he is the author of a resolution on world federation, which he would like the state legislatures to adapt. His resolution requests Congress to move toward setting up world government based on laws instead of treaties. The key words in the Humber resolution are: "There exists an international community, encompassing the entire world, which has no government and which is destined either to be ruthlessly dominated by totalitarianism or to be federated by democracy upon the principle of freedom for all nations and individuals. All human beings are citizens of this world community, which requires laws and not treaties for its government." By "federation" Humber means an organization within which each country would retain its domestic sovereignty, delegating to a world government only such powers as are needed to maintain law and order among nations.

Mr. Humber is a very ordinary middle-aged man, undistinguished in dress, speech, or features. During World War I he fought with an artillery company in France. It was here that he made up his mind that if future wars were to be prevented, he would take a hand in preventing them. After attending Harvard and Oxford, he read history and government in England and France, analyzing every plan and international cooperation ever proposed. He lived in Paris as an attorney for an oil company and traveled all over Europe studying social and political problems. He closely followed the work of the League of Nations and watched its decline. When Hitler's legions swept over France, he returned to his home town, Greenville, N. C. He felt he was ready to begin his crusade

now, and he felt public opinion was ready to respond to it.

In the first two years, 1941 and 1942, he was able to win the support of only two states--N. C. and N. J. Therefore he decided to make a tour of the U. S. financed out of his own pocket--traveling about 300,000 miles, appearing before 40 of the 48 state legislatures, explaining his resolution to them. To date 14 states have adopted his resolution: North Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Alabama, Virginia, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, New Hampshire, Florida, and Georgia. In 19 others it has been adopted by one house or is being considered.

At the time of the UN conferences at San Francisco he spent 8 weeks interviewing 40 of the 45 delegates of the nations represented. Most of these said that they preferred a stronger form of world organization to that set up by the UN. They supported Mr. Humber's resolution for world federation.

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Tri-School Meets

which were primarily organized to study the atomic energy problem. A movie designed to promote the principle of world government will be featured together with a general discussion among the members.

Virginia Lewis, Betty Ann Fede, Rosemary Ferrantino, and Irene Bubel will serve as a planning committee for the delegation which will meet Thursday evening, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Fordson. Refreshments will be served. All members of the club are planning to attend.

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April 7, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The enclosed editorial was written by a man who had been invited to have tea with you at the White House on Friday afternoon April 13, 1945.

I was stationed, at that time, in Washington, as correspondent for several Maryland dailies.

I had written you in connection with your interest in the campaign on behalf of Cancer sufferers and wanted to give you a living proof of what modern science can do for them.

The death of your illustrious husband robbed me of the pleasure of meeting you and I, therefore, feel his loss twice as intensely as anyone else.

Very sincerely yours

Stephen L. Debalta

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253 West 93 Street
New York, 25.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

(January 30, 1882 - April 12, 1945)

Saturday April 12 marks the second anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death.

Though in terms of eternity two years is but an infinite particle in the shifting sands of time, the swift tide of national and world events has carried our ship of State far out of the course charted by its former skipper.

The Truman administration, buffeted by a new recalcitrant majority in Congress, has gradually been forced into making concessions which would have seemed inconceivable during the Roosevelt regime.

Labor, definitely, feels the loss of the late President more keenly than any other group in the nation. During the previous administration the hostility to unions was confined to the loud backing of anti-labor foes. As matters look now wage earners' enemies threaten to do some real biting.

In the halls of Congress the "New Deal" label has taken on a crimson hue. Franklin D. Roosevelt's embittered foes, who were kept at bay while he was in the White House, have come out from the underground, secure in the thought that dead men cannot talk back.

We, of the present generation, are unable to hold at such close range a true perspective of Roosevelt's monumental achievements for no just verdict of a man's deeds can ever be rendered by his contemporaries.

Unscrupulous opponents, on the other hand, are not deterred by the sight of a freshly opened grave in their savage lust for desecrating hallowed memories. But no Samson has been born yet who will be able to shatter the columns of the temple that Franklin D. Roosevelt has built for himself.

History knows no narrow partisanship. The achievements of the father of the New Deal will live despite its detractors and also to the possible disappointment of some of his false friends.

The week of mourning which John L. Lewis has proclaimed to honor the memory of the miners might as well be prolonged another week to include a well deserved homage to Roosevelt from every member of American organized labor.

Can the American Federation of Labor overlook the fact that its three and a half million membership at the end of the Hoover regime has grown to its present record seven and a half million size during the administration of his successor?

Can any American wage earner forget that the Wagner Act, the Wage Hour Law and all the Social Security measures, have revolutionized the condition of every man, woman and child working for a salary, while Franklin Delano Roosevelt was directing the destinies of the nation?

These are no mere words. They are needs that no amount of political bickering can erase from the annals of this country's history.

Emile Zola's immortal words properly sum up this modest tribute to the memory of one of our greatest Presidents: "TRUTH IS ON THE MARCH AND NOTHING CAN STOP IT."