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J. Beresford Emack
Haverford, Penna.

April 29, 1947

Mr. Pauwells:

Assuming that you are an advocate of clear-cut thinking—
as anyone should be who is paid for thinking—I am taking the liberty of including a news clipping from the Evening Bulletin 4/29/47 Phila.

This will do some extent enlighten you—if you wish to be enlightened.

My truly yours

J. Beresford Emack
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says we need a little clearcut thinking. She asks if the vote on the Hartley Labor bill was genuinely representative of majority opinion in this country, and adds:

"If so, then the people have done a somersault in their thinking since 1944, when they elected as President a man who believed in the Wagner Act."

Clear-cut thinking might suggest, however, that the late Mr. Roosevelt was not re-elected in 1944 because of his views on the Wagner Act, but in spite of them. We were then in the midst of war. Mr. Roosevelt was re-elected. It is reasonable to believe, because there were so many people in the country who thought he was the man to lead the war to its successful conclusion.

Events in the labor field since 1944 could have led to such a somersault in public thinking as Mrs. Roosevelt seems to be skeptical about. But those who are doubtful of the state of opinion toward labor's excesses in 1944 might turn to a Fortune poll conducted in February, 1944. The outcome was as follows:

Which one of these four statements comes closest to expressing your feelings?

- Labor unions have done an excellent job for this country, and they should be given more power than they now have ......... 45%
- Labor unions have made a number of mistakes but on the whole they have done much more good than harm and the public should continue to support them ......... 26%
- Although labor unions have done some good in the past, they have gone too far and should be prevented by law from doing many of the things they now do ......... 13%
- Labor unions are a bad thing for the country and they should be done away with entirely ......... 7%
- Don't know .......... 8%

The country has done no somersault. It thought in 1944 and it thinks now that under the Wagner Act as interpreted by administrators and courts labor has exercised autocratic power, and that union members themselves require protection against abuses perpetrated in their name and at their expense by some unwise leaders.
October 24, 1947

My dear Miss Emrick:

You did not enclose the ballot so I do not know what you received.

I agree with you that the PTA organizations are extremely valuable but I am afraid you will find it hard to unite with women in the same type of organization in Russia. That just does not exist and if it did, you could not possibly get any communication to them.

I think you are unwise not to face the fact military training is not preparation to fight a war, but preparation to prevent war. In two wars we have been saved from being a primary target by the fact that others defended us. We can not always expect to be saved. I hope very much as the UN grows stronger that we may prevent war, but as long as there is force in the world we can only reduce our own as the other nations reduce theirs. We can not do it alone.

I wish you could come and spend six months watching the Russians work. I quite agree with you that the Russian people do not want war any more than we do, but they would have little or nothing to say about it since they only get the news which their government wishes them to have and they probably would believe that we were attacking them.

We all want a government in this country for the people and by the people but that is not the case all over the world and shutting your eyes to facts does not do one any good.

Very sincerely yours,
Burbank, California.
Oct. 10, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Today I received in the mail a ballot such as the enclosed. Being just a common housewife, I, like many millions of parents sitting "on the sidelines" am taking the opportunity to get off my chest what has heretofore been "taboo" for discussion. I, however, do not understand the reason why we common people cannot glorify peace by talking about it or in our common "horse-sense" manner try to suggest a system for instilling peaceful inclination into every heart in the world.

Yet I dared to send the original of the enclosed article to the address on the ballot.

I hope you will do me the kindness and read the enclosed and if you find that what I have said, is good, you may publish with my permission so that we parents must be encouraged to think and talk peace for the world and someday bring it about.

Who can say but that the "mind" is yet the "Strongest"

As we think, so shall it be.

Sincerely,

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2013 Monterey Avenue.
California Congress of Parent and Teachers, Inc.,
Room No. 606, Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Los Angeles 15, California.

We condemn warlike procedure - always have! Military training will only incite suspicion on us of other nations and will put us in the same category of the Germans who always had military training for youth! How can we be sure that future militarists in power, will not instill glorification of war and hatred for other nations? Perhaps, not in this era; but, what about the next? We have been lucky this far, with our thirty-some-odd presidents; but with easy seepage into our country's government and atom secrets molested, I should think we need at once, more investigators to bring to light the enemies within our boundaries. And, what I consider most important of all, greater - stronger Parent and Teachers Organizations all over the world, united into one tremendous body with one ideal in common - the safety from war of our children all over the world, each nation's!

Heredofore only men in power in each nation had the right to say what our procedure should be in case of trouble; or perhaps, only their personal disagreement in some countries of Europe. We have been too naive about this same thing. Medal pinning and degree presenting is only another form of backslapping for one who has done the "dirty" work.

What we need is ten billion organization of parents, teachers and children, so very strong with the incentive for peace that if anyone within their immediate surroundings - a radical brother or father - should dare speak of war as a necessary "Cure-all", then let the other peace-inclined, yank him back to sanity by the seat of his pants pinning a "medal" there with a stout stick. That, only, should be the extent of battle. "Nip it in the Bud." Every national meeting of the CONGRESSES OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, INC., of every nation in the world, should be for the purpose of advocating "PEACE" as well as tolerance.
Unfortunately, but it is not impossible

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