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In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Pascaru, Elena

November 18, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I refer to your letter of October 31, 1947 with which you transmitted a communication from Mr. Fred Feibel, of 13539 Wisconsin, Detroit 4, Michigan, who is desirous of bringing his daughter, Mrs. Elena Pascaru, and his grandchild Georgeta Pascaru, to the United States from Rumania.

As you will note from the enclosed copy of a letter which the Department has written to Mr. Feibel, the prospects for visas for these people are not promising at this time. However, their cases will be accorded every appropriate consideration when their applications are reached on the waiting list.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. L'Heureux
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Chief, Visa Division

Enclosure:

To Mr. Feibel.

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

Mr. Fred Feibel,
13539 Wisconsin,
Detroit 4, Michigan.

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In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Pascaru, Elena

November 18, 1947

My dear Mr. Feibel:

Mrs. Roosevelt has brought to my attention your letter of October 27, 1947 concerning your desire to bring your daughter, Mrs. Elena Pascaru, and her sixteen year old child, Georgeta Pascaru, to the United States from Bucharest, Rumania.

The information contained in your letter would indicate that Mrs. Pascaru and her daughter do not qualify for any of the categories of aliens entitled to statutory nonquota or preference status (see subdivisions 4 and 5 of the attached leaflet) and therefore will require nonpreference quota immigration visas in order to enter the United States. The Legation at Bucharest recently commenced the registration of nonpreference quota immigrants and if your daughter and her child are not already registered as intending immigrants they should communicate with that office and request the proper forms for this purpose. Unfortunately the quota for Rumania, to which they must be charged if natives of that country, is so heavily oversubscribed that they will in all probability have to wait some years before their turns for quota numbers will be reached. It is not possible to make quota numbers available for them out of their turns as the regulations provide for the issuance of numbers to quota immigrants of the different nationalities on the basis of the priority status of the applicants which, in the cases of Mrs. Pascaru and her daughter will be determined as of the date of their registrations at the Legation. In this way the quotas are administered in fairness to all intending immigrants

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Mr. Fred Feibel,
13539 Wisconsin,
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who are awaiting the issuance of quota immigration visas to enter the United States.

The Department sympathizes with your anxiety for your daughter and her child and it is regretted that their prospects for visas are not more encouraging. However, their cases will be accorded every appropriate consideration by the Legation at Bucharest when the status of the quota permits.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. L'Heureux
Chief, Visa Division

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PETER M. FEKULA

P. M. Fekula

August 18, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment 15A
29 Washington Square West
New York II, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: (For Her Personal Attention)

Following up letters of July 28th and August 11th,
enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the New York
World-Telegram about the coming Convention of the
Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs.

You may find a thought or two in the attached
that may wish to elaborate on in your "My Day" column.

Thanking you in advance for your interest and
support, I am

Sincerely yours,

Peter M. Fekula

33 Eighth Avenue
Sea Cliff, Long Island
N. Y.

By Peter N. Yekula

New Yorkers will have an opportunity to see an unusual group in action when the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs meet for their Twenty-First Annual Convention at the Hotel New Yorker over the Labor Day week end. Organized around the 300 Russian Orthodox churches in this country, the Clubs have grown and prospered without aid from czar or commissar until now they form a national unit with chapters from coast to coast.

Descended from sturdy Eastern European peasant stock, the membership constitutes the first American generation of Russian origin. The organization came into being shortly after the great Russian upheaval, at the time the Russian Church in this country was left fully to its own resources. The young people took hold and demonstrated that it is possible to preserve the traditions of the Eastern Orthodox Church without it being joined to the State.

The Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs enjoy the confidence of circles who are familiar with their activity. The group has been addressed at former Convention Banquets by Governors and U.S. Senators. The majority of the members are former war veterans with excellent war records. Those who served at home are representative of those sturdy American Slavs who carried such a substantial burden in our heavy industry and in the coal mines.

While the organization is primarily religious, cultural and social in character, it has individual members that are well suited to serve as intermediaries between Americans and Slavonic peoples abroad. They could play a part in an important phase of our foreign relations. In addition to a knowledge of language and history, there are Americans of Russian lineage who possess a sympathetic understanding and respect for the culture of their parents and basically are of the same racial and religious background as their antecedents in Russia. Since they were not involved in the Russian Revolution, they have maintained an objective and impartial point of view.

The Convention represents an effort to blend the best that is American with the cultural traditions of the Russian Church and the Russian people. If Russia is East and America is West, then within this organization East has met West. The convention sessions are a model of democracy in action. At the same time we have here what is reputed to be the finest singing convention body in the country. The delegates and visitors more often than not participate in their local church choir, and the Convention offers an opportunity for self-expression on a mass scale. Their rendition at the Banquet of the Lord's Prayer by a thousand voices in four-part harmony is a soul-stirring experience.

It is anticipated that New York's welcome will be as warm as it was in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and other cities that were hosts to previous conventions.

See Cliff, Long Island

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SEVENTY - FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs



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JACK SHEDKO, CHAIRMAN

HOTEL NEW YORKER, NEW YORK
AUGUST 29. - SEPTEMBER 1, 1947

August II, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment I5A
29 Washington Square West
New York II, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: (For Her Personal Attention)

We have your reply of July 31st, signed by your Acting Secretary, to our invitation of July 28th. We greatly regret your inability to be the principle speaker at our Convention.

You may, however, consider that the occasion warrants a message from you, which would be read at the Convention Banquet and released to the press. You may also want to express a few thoughts in this connection in your "My Day" column.

The religious aspect of our relations with Russia is of paramount importance to all Americans. Here is an organization that has grown without the influence of czar or commissar. It has prospered and has the potentialities of becoming an intermediary between Americans and Russians.

Your message will be read against a fitting background. The audience will be composed of young Americans of Russian origin, mostly war veterans, of the Eastern Orthodox faith, assembled from all walks of life and all parts of the country.

Sincerely yours,
FOR THE F.R.O.C. CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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JACK SHEDKO, CHAIRMAN

HOTEL NEW YORKER, NEW YORK
AUGUST 29. - SEPTEMBER 1, 1947

July 28, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: (For Her Personal Attention)

Our organization is in the process of selecting a principal speaker to address its Convention at the Banquet on Sunday evening, August 31st. Before extending a formal invitation we would like to know beforehand who of our choice is able and willing to do us this honor.

It is a pleasure to inform you of the high esteem in which you are held by the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs. Because of your interest in religion and your friendship for the Russian people, you are one of the several persons of national and international prominence who we would be privileged to have address us. We will greatly appreciate your advising us if you are in a position to do so.

The speaker at our Convention will have a suitable background against which to lend moral support to the cause of religious freedom throughout the world. Our Clubs have been built around the 300 Eastern Orthodox churches in this country, and are composed of Americans whose loyalty to their country is unquestioned. The great majority of our members served in the armed forces and our war record can be called excellent.

Speakers at previous conventions of the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs include a Governor of Pennsylvania, Governor of Connecticut, U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, Mayor of Detroit, and of Cleveland (later Governor of Ohio) and prominent Russian Americans.

Due to the crowded hotel situation in New York, no more than 1,000 people can be accommodated at the banquet, and reservations for this amount are already in. It is customary for Metropolitan Theophilos, Head of the Russian Church in America, to attend.

Trusting we will hear from you at your very earliest convenience, and thanking you in advance for your interest, we remain

Very sincerely yours,
FOR THE F.R.O.C. CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Peter M. Fekula
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