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March 8, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I wish to thank you for calling to our attention the interest of Miss Belle Gaugh in making an effort by press and radio to make people more generally aware of international affairs. Her idea of the Democratic National Committee sponsoring a radio program to educate the public on liberal legislation is excellent but might be prohibited by the high cost of radio time. I have often thought that Molly Dewson's idea of each political party being allotted an equal amount of free time for educational purposes on policy and program had much to be said in favor of it.

We are writing Miss Gaugh and will continue to stay in touch with her by letter and through the Democratic Digest. I am also asking one of our liberal leaders, who is a close friend of Helen Gahagan, to look up Miss Gaugh and see if she would be interested in participating in the work which is being done by the Democratic women in Northern California. Under the leadership of James Roosevelt, the women of Northern and Southern California are undertaking at this time a militant program of action and are holding about four conferences this year.

May I tell you how deeply impressed I was with James when I was in California last fall. I heard him speak before large audiences, and I was moved by his ability to talk simply and in a way that everyone in the audience could understand about the complicated affairs of government. He seemed to have to a great degree the rare gift your husband had and which, of course, you have of making people of all classes and conditions feel that the problems of government are their problems and can be understood by them. I recall especially one meeting in Long Beach where there were several thousand people, and as James spoke I could see so many of the older people wiping tears from their eyes. It was a very moving sight.

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It is wonderful to have your Column, and we follow it and the work you are doing day by day.

Thanks again for writing us about Miss Gaugh.

Sincerely,

Gladys Tillett

January 28, 1947

Dear Mrs. Tillett:

I am enclosing a letter which I received. I should like to have the opinions of you and Mr. Donnegan on this.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Very sincerely,

letter from
Miss Belle Gaugh
250 Upper Terrace
San Fran. Cal.

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February 14th 1947.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

Here I am writing to you and I trust that you are in the best of health. For a long time I have wanted to write to you. In my respect for the marvelous heroic devotion you are giving the citizens of the United States and the United Nations. Our late beloved President with you, did more to protect these United States and our possessions, than any two people could have done for so long a period of time. My sympathy was deep at that sad time in our lives when we lose someone we love. In my mind and heart I'll never forget you both. I hope that I will be able to help people to have Congress set aside a day as a tribute forever to his ideals. A Holiday would not be enough to my way of thinking. However for loyal, loving memory it is little time to dedicate our love and respectful memory. You are working very hard to continue your most worthy devotion to the future democratic pursuit of happiness for all peoples in the United Nations. I intend to write my feeling in this respect to a widely circulated newspaper. If it is put into print in the Daily News, I will feel grateful. According to the press, you will be in Florida soon. May I wish you every

Good wish for continued health and happiness and success. May God bless you always.

Remaining,
Respectfully,
Mr. Harold Ley.
202-12th Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Feb. 9, 1947
[Gehret]

Dear Mrs Roosevelt.

Please don't think I am a crack-pot for writing you this letter as I have a friend who saw you when you visited Muhlenberg College + he said you were so much like one of us, not high hat + so human that I am not afraid you would laugh.

I almost lost my sister this week + was awake all of 3 nights I just couldn't shut my eyes no matter how hard I tried; then I got to thinking of that wonderful quotation of your dear husband "The only thing to fear is fear itself" so the nisth day I walked to my family doctor (also hers) + he told me she was out of all danger, I know faith in his words gave me courage

I would also like to tell you we saved over $1000 in War Bonds when we could never save a nickle before, my husband has a good steady job but not high wages for having 3 growing boys for which we are very proud, but when Pres. Roosevelt asked us to buy bond for the war effort I skimp + saved on every thing I could, the Children bought stamps in school + now we feel wealthier than we ever dreamed of. I am now saving his dimes + have $20 + intend when + if I have to turn them in, it will be for something lasting as he has giving us Faith, Hope, + Yes Charity

The day Pres. Roosevelt died we were just having dinner + my.

P.S. (Some day I am going to visit his grave when tires permit, with my Children.

Mrs. Mervin Gehret
413 Cleveland ave.
Riverside N.J.

PS. I wanted to tell you when I first started to saved the dimes I was to a P.T.A. meeting + there was a small group both men + women discussing F.D.R. + I said I know he was good + still is as I had a dime bank supposed to hold $10 so I saved Roosevelt dimes + when I opened it, it had $11.40