Dear Friends:

First of all, I want to make you feel, if I can, that I know what you feel on your sad anniversary when you were left alone to face the awful fate the world was in, that God is over, at least as far as having our boys in danger any day. If hurts me when you, your husband, and children are as sad and as alone as I am sure. I know what it is to lose my husband 16 years ago.

Thank you so much for your column in the Minneapolis Times. I love to read it. May this card express a little thankfulness.

Mrs. Marie E. Hansen
The price of true friendship?
A word - or a smile
Of warm understanding.
Then, once in a while,
Affectionate Greetings
To brighten the day.
A price it's so easy,
So pleasant, to pay.

Mrs. Marie E. Hansen
In answer to your questions:

1. You can make sure that there are no other discriminations because of religion. You can follow state or federal legislation that provides opportunities for colored people to thereby build up a good background for the future.

2. Yes, the U.S. gets better.

Countries definitely those where they can attack our democracy. This is especially true of the U.S.S.R.

I think some of the young men who are colored men during the war, changed their attitude to some extent.
1929 North 9th Street
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
January 13, 1948.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
 Hyde Park
 Dutchess County, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Last June, while attending the Inter-Collegiate Institute for the United Nations at Finch Junior College, I enjoyed hearing you speak on "Human Rights."

Now, as editor of our high school paper, I'm writing to you in connection with our observance of Brotherhood Week, February 22-29. On February 28 we plan to publish an edition with Brotherhood as its theme.

I know that this is a topic in which you are deeply interested, and I feel that the students in our high school would respect your views on it. Would you please give us your opinions on the following questions?
1. What can we as high school students, in a community where there are no colored people, do to promote better race relations?
2. Do you think that prejudices against other races and religions in our own country interfere
with the securing of peace in the world?

3. What influence did the war have on
American prejudices?

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Beatrice Hinder
December 29, 1947

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

I do not wonder you find it difficult to understand what is going on today. My son's book is an entirely honest book. He wrote what he knew and saw. I think perhaps he did not understand as much in some ways as he should have understood. For instance, he does not explain what I believe to be true, namely, that my husband was personally very fond of Mr. Churchill and had a real feeling of friendship for him, though he knew that the kind of post-war world which was coming, would be a difficult world for Mr. Churchill. As a war leader he was magnificent and my husband never ceased to be grateful to him for his valiant spirit and his great leadership.

Of course, no one believes in an atom war but your friends think it can be prevented in one way, whereas some of the rest of us think differently.

Favoring big business brought us a great depression. During that period we established the responsibility of the government to see to it that its people at no time starved to death. I think it would be very difficult now for anyone to say that government does not have responsibility for all its citizens.

As to your sister's young man, it is the fashion to call any liberal thinker a communist these days. I can remember when communism was not used in this way, but socialism was the same bugaboo and today some of the socialist theories which once filled us with horror, are being supported by the Republicans.

I cannot tell you that you are right in all you believe because I do not know you well enough to know what all your beliefs are, but I can tell you that it is well to
remember that from the very beginning we
founded a government here to take care
of people who believed strongly in the
rights and freedoms of the individual,
not so much on the economic level. In
fact some of our first settlers
survived through economic socialism.
Freedom of religion and political belief
were fought for from the very beginning.

We are living in a transitory period,
perhaps the most difficult period of
our history. When I was a child every-
thing seemed settled and easy but
people became rather complacent and now
after the greatest war that we have ever
known, we are trying to build a peace
and most of us are surprised that it
takes so long and is so difficult.

If you come to Hyde Park this summer,
let me know ahead of time and if I am
here I shall be glad to see you. The
grave at Hyde Park and the grounds are
free to anyone, there is a small fee
charged by the Park Service for visiting
the house and the library. The place
is open every day except Monday when it
is closed for cleaning.

Very sincerely yours,
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am writing a research paper on the friendship that existed between Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins for my English Composition Class at Indiana University. In connection with this research I have just read your son Elliot's book A Date With Death. The book was wonderful. It crystallized for me all my hazy ideas on the foreign situation, but it left me with a feeling of complete frustration. If what he says is true, and I believe it with all my heart, what in God's name can be the matter with the educated leaders of the foremost countries of the world? Is it possible that any sane person can desire an atomic war?

Bloomington, Ind.
December 22, 1947
This clash of ideas brings me to the situation here. I am one of four men who operate a substation for the local power company. (It is a night job during which I study for my classes in the daytime). The other three men are Republicans. Despite the fact that they work for a living, they believe that the government should always favor big business. It seems that everyone I know, outside my immediate family, are either Republicans or Democrats who think like Republicans. Sometimes I feel like a square peg in a round hole.

Another distracting experience. My sister, who also attends Indiana U, has dates with a very intelligent, likable fellow who hates "New Dealers." He thinks I.U.'s Sociology Department is Communist. What worries me is this: How do I know that he is all wrong, and I am all right?
He would say that Elliott’s book was a lot of propaganda. In the end I wonder what will happen in a world so mixed up.

Perhaps I am taking the whole thing too seriously. I only wish I could be more articulate in expressing my ideas.

Each summer I take my wife, my parents, and my sister on a vacation tour. Next year we hope to visit Hyde Park. I understand it is open to the public.

Perhaps I should explain why I am writing this letter. I suppose it is partly just to get it off my chest, but mostly it is because somehow I feel I know you, and that you will understand. Thanks for “listening.”

Sincerely,

Frank Hawking
I will be glad to anticipate
in your household, if it
comes on a day when I
take free time. Where is
he done in Europe?
February 5, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please accept our sincere congratulations on your appointment as Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations.

Thankyou for your comments on our recent publication, "Come Right In".

I hope you will find of interest the enclosed PROSPECTUS of a series of monthly international trans-atlantic broadcasts. Through the medium of the broadcasts it is the hope and desire of the New York State Community Service Council to take an active part in furthering international understanding and good will.

We are grateful for your interest in the Community Service Council, and therefore we take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you to open this series of broadcasts as moderator on the first program. Although the British Broadcasting Corporation has not given its final approval to begin production on the series, Mr. J. Warren McAlpin, North American Service Director in London, has stated that the BBC would be much honored and pleased to have you initiate the series in the interest of international understanding.

The premier broadcast will take place sometime in April or May 1947. The topic for discussion during that broadcast is only tentatively set, and we shall be pleased to alter it to any topic you may wish to discuss.

We still remember your interest in speaking in Schenectady in 1942 at a program planned by the Schenectady Civic Youth Council and the NY303G.

At your convenience kindly let me know whether I may discuss this matter with you or your secretary.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

John B. Hawley, Supervisor
Youth Council Services

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In Cooperation With
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Through Its
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FIFTEEN MINUTE
INTERNATIONAL TRANSatlANTIC BROADCASTS
IS THE IDEA OF ONE WORLD
A MYTH - A SNAKE AND A
DELUSION?
WE DON'T THINK SO!

WE BELIEVE that if Bill Smith and Mary Jones, of the USA, meet George Williams and Sally Brown, of Great Britain, Russia, Peru, or any of the United Nations - and if they share each other's opinions and convictions - mutual confidence born of understanding will grow between them.

CONFIDENCE and faith among individuals and nations is the greatest single need today.

THE UNITED NATIONS AND UNESCO are excellent long range means for attaining this confidence among the nations of the world. But we young adults of New York State want to do something right NOW to develop this atmosphere of confidence between men and women of the United Nations - an atmosphere which, when cultivated among the individual citizens of the world, will grow into confidence among national governments. Understanding each other will create that faith which will enable the goal of permanent peace to be nearer than mere hope.
At the present time there is in existence no international, intercultural out-of-school young adult program. Little is being done to foster an understanding between the young people of Great Britain and the United States. The New York State Community Service Council offers an interchange of ideas on (1) current topics of importance (2) mutual youth problems by radio.

NYSCSC ACTION NOW:

WE PROPOSE a series of monthly fifteen minute international transatlantic broadcasts originating in Station WGY in conjunction with the British Broadcasting Corporation.

PROGRAM CONTENT will enable the young adults of New York State to exchange ideas, views, opinions and confidences with young people of Great Britain. These exchanges of views will be on the central theme of increasing the understanding of individuals for each other. Human interest will necessarily play an important part in these broadcasts. Young adult housewives, husbands, carpenters, lawyers, truck-drivers, teachers, students and the like will discuss and argue, as the case may be, about things of mutual interest.
Starting at points which all young adults have in common, the programs will then discuss items of current interest in the national and international scene. As confidence and faith in each other's motives grow, youth will be able to give its answers to important and crucial problems facing the world.

PROGRAM PRODUCTION and planning will be handled by the Radio Planning Group of the Schenectady Civic Youth Council under the guidance of Mr. Burrell Smith of Station WRGB and WGY. Scripts will be prepared with the aid of the New York State Departments of Commerce (Radio Division) and Education (Bureau of Adult Education).

Station WGY will furnish station facilities, announcers, technical staff, publicity, and will offer opportunities for rehearsal and conferences in its studio and offices. If the plan is at first successful, radio planning groups of other youth councils located in other cities and towns of the State will be invited to participate in the production of these programs. The British Broadcasting Corporation will handle all details of production relating to sending and receiving in Great Britain.
IN THE PAST the Radio Planning Group has planned and produced for a period of four years, including 1946, an average of one fifteen minute radio show a week. The latest series of programs over WGY was entitled "Youth Wants to Know", and was produced for a period of 18 weeks ending September, 1946. The New York State Community Service Council has produced two half-hour international transatlantic broadcasts. The first was aired during the Third Annual State Conference, at Cornell University, over Station WHCU on November 11, 1944. The second was aired over WGY on September 1, 1946, during the Fifth Annual State Conference at the Hotel Van Curler, in Schenectady.
PRESENTING participants of the fifth annual conference of young adults sponsored by the New York State Community Service Council, an international two-way broadcast originating in the studios of WGY, Schenectady, September 1, 1946.

Left to right:

Francis T. Spaulding, New York State Commissioner for Education

Joan Awald, Schenectady, student at the University of Kansas

Paul Wallach, member of the Schenectady Civic Youth Council

Ames Barber, member of the Glens Falls Young Adult League

Howard Reig, announcer for U.S. part of program
PRESENTING British participants of the international broadcast appearing in the London studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Left to Right:

Ruth Landa, producer of the London part of the program
Terence Busby, former chairman of a local youth council
Mrs. Sadie Cox, young housewife
L.V. Wall, Youth Adviser, Kent County Education Committee
Sub. Lieut. Bryan Andrews, former delegate from local youth council to Borough Youth Committee

H. Rooney Pelletier, BBC North American Service Director, who acted as announcer for the London part of the program
GENERAL PLAN FOR INITIAL 13 PROGRAMS

PERSONNEL: Applicable to Each Program and to BBC as well as WGY

1. The Announcer
2. A Moderator - a well-known individual in the field under discussion, alternately for USA and Great Britain.
3. Two young adults (under thirty years of age)

TECHNIQUES: The entire program will be discussion with no set speeches. However, questions will be planned several weeks in advance of each program. Each side will pick the questions it plans to ask the other side. Concrete examples of how young adults on each side of the Atlantic are actually answering these questions in practical experience is an important point. The adults may have a few minutes, not more than two minutes each in any case, to rehash historical or background material for the better understanding of the subject under discussion.

CONTENT: All subjects will be discussed with the following in mind:

1. The common interest in the groups to be emphasized.
2. Always on the young adult level and outlook.
3. Intercultural implications brought out when possible.
4. Controversial issues to be steered away from. (The idea is that if points in common are stressed, the points of difference will ultimately iron themselves out.)

Use of a themeshow such as Geoffrey O'Hara's ONE WORLD, for example, if permission can be granted.
Field of UNESCO

PROGRAM # 1:  What should be UNESCO's part in helping the young adults of the world get a better understanding of each other?

This subject will be discussed from the point of view of EDUCATION.

The adult moderator from the United States could be a member of UNESCO's education staff.

YOUNG ADULTS:  One high school student, a senior; and one college student, preferably a senior also. As near as possible, the British young adults should be in the same categories.

PROGRAM # 2:  ... (Same as above)

From the point of view of SCIENCE.

Adult Moderator ... from Great Britain, UNESCO's scientific staff.

Young adults: two young scientists, say from GE's staff or similar concern. A man and woman.

PROGRAM # 3:  ... (Same as above)

From the point of view of the CULTURAL.

Adult from the United States ... UNESCO's cultural staff.

Young adults: two young artists, a musician and a painter.

Field of Social Problems

PROGRAM # 4:  What can the young adult do in meeting the problem of juvenile delinquency?

Adult: An adult from Great Britain who has worked on specific practical problems and who can give some concrete ideas.

Young Adults: Two who have actually done work in this field.

In this program it would seem wise to be as specific as possible in answering this question, giving specific examples of what young people are doing today.

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PROGRAM # 5: What opportunity do the rural areas offer youth today?

Adult: A rural sociologist from the United States.

Young Adults: Two young farmers or the like who can give a practical answer to what the rural community has to offer.

Field of Economics

PROGRAM # 6: What has happened to the buying power of the dollar and the pound; and is there anything we can do to keep it from shrinking further?

Adult: An economist from Great Britain.

Young Adults: A housewife and a stenographer discussing the topic from the woman's point of view.

PROGRAM # 7: Same question as Program # 6.

Adult: Same economist from the United States.

Young Adults: Two young workers; a truck-driver and a carpenter or painter, for instance, discussing the topic from a man's point of view.

Field of Education

PROGRAM # 8: What is the desirable status of young women in higher education?

Adult: An educator from Great Britain.

Young Adults: A college student and a young white collar worker with a college education behind him or her. One woman and one man.

PROGRAM # 9: What can be done to help prevent post school social and economic maladjustments or misfits

Adult: A psychiatrist from the United States.

Young Adults: One man, a young policeman, and one woman, a young adult social worker.
PROGRAM # 10: How will denial of entrance to our overcrowded schools and colleges affect the young adults in Great Britain and New York State?

Adult: An educator from Great Britain.

Young Adults: Two who have been denied entrance because of overcrowded conditions. (General discussion of overcrowding of educational institutions in both countries.)

Field of Personal Problems

PROGRAM # 11: What kind of training should young people have for marriage and parenthood?

Adult: Prominent in the field of parent education; from the United States.

Young Adults: One recently married individual and one who contemplates marriage.

PROGRAM # 12: Can youth hostels make vacations of older youth worthwhile?

Adult: One prominent in youth hosteling. From Great Britain.

Young Adults: Two active hostlers.

PROGRAM # 13: How can vocational testing, training and guidance help young adults?

Adult: Guidance Director in Vocational field, from the United States.

Young Adults: Two who have found guidance and used it in getting their present occupations.
PROGRAM FINANCING will be carried on by the British Broadcasting Corporation for all costs which originate in its offices in New York City and in the British Isles.

Station WGY will cover costs of producing in its studios in Schenectady.

The New York State Community Service Council will cover costs of land lines between Schenectady and New York City. The charge for class "B" telephone lines for one hour (the minimum) both ways is one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00). If the program is of network caliber and can originate in other stations in New York State, cost of land lines will naturally be eliminated.

Each unit i.e. BBC, WGY and NYSCSC will cover its own clerical and stenographic costs. The BBC will ordinarily cover the costs for all cables to and from London and/or other points in Great Britain.
To: Community Leaders, School Administrators, Young Adult Councillors, Guidance Directors

Attached you will find the program for the Eastern New York Conference of young adults, sponsored by the New York State Community Service Council with the cooperation of the Department. Please discuss these plans for the meetings with young adults you know. They will be interested in knowing what the Council is doing and may want to join other young people at Poughkeepsie over Washington's Birthday weekend.

In the report of the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the NYSCSC, reference was made to some interesting jobs that are on foot. Plans are being made for a William E. Mosher Memorial Award which will be awarded to some young adult in the State. Will someone in your community get it? Also, we expect that some young adults sponsored by the State Council will make visits to foreign countries in the very near future. Will a young adult in your community measure up for selection? If you want to help put these plans across and keep up with developments, send some young adults to Poughkeepsie.

Commission District 1 is planning a worthwhile and interesting project in cooperation with its recently appointed full-time commission consultant, Miss Theodora Jay, State Education Department. Commission District II, the Council's publications department, met in Richfield Springs during the week of January 12th, and the young adults of District IV met in Ithaca on January 19th to plan their activities.

Several local young adult groups have done excellent jobs on community observances, especially National Brotherhood Week (February 16th-23rd) and I Am an American Day (May 16th). With the next communication regarding the Poughkeepsie conference, you will hear more of the former. Both topics will be discussed at the meeting.

Inclosed is an addressed registration and reservation postal card for some young adult in your community. Please return by February 16th. If you desire more please let me know at your earliest convenience. May we meet several young adults from your community at Poughkeepsie.

Sincerely yours,

Rita M. Cowan, Supervisor
Youth Council Services