

Honeyman, Nan
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October 10, 1947

Dear Nan:

All of the proceedings of the UN are published in five official languages and sent to all delegations. In addition there is a weekly news bulletin which is distributed very widely in all of the different countries. It is a summary of everything that has been done.

I think anything more would probably cost too much so that its value would not be considered sufficient to undertake it. I see your point but I also know the restrictions on the UN budget.

With every good wish to you and I hope to see you soon.

Affectionately,

on the spot on this information question. big meetings in Copenhagen and Switzerland, etc. Also, it might be possible to hold these great expense involved to finance a way of reaching all the people of these that as always you will know exactly what I mean. Of course, there would be sending this information.

I watch your work with love and admiration, as always.

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Nan Wood Honeyman

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October 3, 1947.

Dear Eleanor:

I am never unmindful of the hundreds of things you have to do but would like to present an idea to you in which I think, or at least hope, you will be interested.

It seems to me that when the Russian press says that any of the leaders of our government are like Hitler it indicates that they are getting a little bit scared and the only thing that would scare them would be fear of their own people in the event that they get to know too much. Great efforts have been made to get facts about this country to them, but we know that they aren't completely successful.

People of our own country are really dual citizens as they are citizens of the state and citizens of the Union. Now as the rest of the world gets closer and closer and through the United Nations we become triple citizens, the people of most other countries become at least dual citizens, that is, of their own country and the world. The people of all countries who participate in the United Nations are not only entitled to know what transpires there but it would be of the greatest benefit if they do know.

The idea of which I speak is to have reports of all proceedings printed as cheaply as possible in all the languages and distributed by the United Nations, through the various representatives of the countries concerned. It seems to me that much of the effect is lost if the United States, or any other country, should distribute such material in other countries, but great force would attend it if it came officially from the United Nations itself.

Although I am inclined to think that we talk a little too much about Russia and communism, I believe that if we make it clear that we know we have the best country and talk Democracy all the time, instead of communism, and sell ourselves on our merits instead of running down the other fellow's merchandise we would be a lot better off. When I hear some people expressing themselves, I think that they couldn't repudiate the United States any better than they unconsciously are doing.

Perhaps I have not made myself very clear about this proposition of sending this information over the world by the United Nations, but I am sure that as always you will know exactly what I mean. Of course, there would be great expense involved to finance a way of reaching all the people of these other countries but it might do more good than what it costs to hold those big meetings in Copenhagen and Switzerland, etc. Also, it might put Russia on the spot on this information question.

I watch your work with love and admiration, as always.

*Affectionately
Nan*

Honeyman

Dear Ken -

I doubt very much that any Amer will be taken on at WRL. The feeling is that there are too many among the personnel & there should be more from other countries.

However I will be glad to give Mr Gleason a letter of intro to Mr Lie or

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October 14, 1947.

Dear Eleanor:

I am sorry to be coming along with another communication, particularly as this one is to ask a favor of you, but I think you may be interested in the young person I want to help.

He is a young Oregonian named Walter Burrell Gleason, age 23. He is a graduate of Yale College and a Phi Beta Kappa. The enclosed copy of a letter from the Dean is evidence of his high standing. At present he is in the office of the Grace Line in New York in the mail division. He was offered by Prof. Schreider an opportunity to teach at the College while working for a Ph.D. but was ambitious to get out in the world. He took the position with the Grace Line with the understanding that he would be sent to foreign parts.

He is quite a linguist, speaking French, German, Spanish and Russian fluently. He can translate the Scandinavian languages as well as Dutch and Italian and has a slight knowledge of Chinese.

It is because of his ability as a linguist that I feel his talents are somewhat lost in the position in which he now is, and wonder if there might not be a place in the United Nations organization where he could be of real value.

Of course, I do not expect you to do anything about it yourself, but would appreciate it very much if you would let me know how to go about accomplishing something there in his behalf. I do feel sorry for this boy as I think he is well worthy of help and know you will do anything you can.

I had a letter from Hilda Van der Gucht the other day telling me her son is to be married in December. They are certainly having a tough time in England.

Please give my best to Miss Thompson.

Affectionately,

Nan.

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June 26, 1947

Mr. W. B. Gleason, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Gleason:

I am very happy to inform you that the Honors Committee of Yale College has recommended to the Corporation that you be graduated with honors with exceptional distinction in your major subject. This is a notable conclusion to your undergraduate career and I send you my congratulations, together with my best wishes.

Faithfully yours,

William C. DeVane
Dean of Yale College