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593 W. Main St. Wabash, Indiana. [Hunter, H.]

— Frank — appreciate Nov 8th 1947 —

Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Hyde Park.
New York.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt.

Please pardon me for taking a few minutes of your precious time, but I must let you know how very much I enjoyed reading in Life Oct 6th — Magazine, about your famous husband's boy-hood days.

He wrote wonderful letters at a very early age — and I am passing the number on to some friends of mine.

You may be interested to know we have a "Jefferson Club" in our town, and we celebrated our 50th anniversary last Nov 12th and I am enclosing a program so you

see the kind of work
we do - and we hope to keep
going another fifty years.

We are all 100% for
our party - and our state
is strong democratic since
last week -

We gave a book to our
Library last year - "The Roosevelt
I knew" by Frances Perkins -
and we all think it - a wonderful
book.

In closing I wish to tell
you that I am sure your husband
will be remembered as one
of the World's out-standing
men -

Wishing you good health
and happiness I am

Sincerely -

Mrs H. B. Hunter.

Jefferson Literary Club

1896-1946

WABASH, INDIANA

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless A-mer-i-ca, Land that I love—
Stand beside her— And guide her—
Through the night with a light from above.

From the moun-tains— To the prair-ies—
To the o-ceans— White with foam—
God bless A-mer-i-ca, My home sweet home.

COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things, make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and O, Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

—Mary Stewart.

OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

From out the shadowy flickerings
Which bring both smiles and tears
We gather the sweetest memories,
To enrich our future years.

"The Silver Club" of ninety-six
Is "Jefferson" today—
May high ideals for which he stood
Remain with us alway.

From stepping stones laid years ago
Our efforts will not cease—
We dedicate our Golden year
To an everlasting peace.

—Jessie Gray

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Song ..... "God Bless America"

Report of Secretary

Unfinished Business

Reports of Committees

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Program

Roll Call

Collect

Adjournment

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JANUARY 8

Hotesses
Mrs. Don Lutz Mrs. W. W. Stevens

Program
"The Atomic Bomb" Mrs. A. N. McCracken

Current Events

FEBRUARY 12

Hostesses
Mrs. H. B. Hunter Mrs. Robert Smith

Program
"[illegible] N. R. R. A." .... Mrs. Frederick Bahler

Current Events

MARCH 12

Hostesses
Mrs. Bruce Wright Mrs. Lee Wright

Program
"Mission to Japan".... Mrs. O. J. Aubertine

Current Events

APRIL 9

Hostesses
Mrs. Lawrence Logan Mrs. Charles Rish

Program
"Thomas Jefferson" Mrs. Lawrence Wallace

Current Events

MAY 14

Hostesses
Mrs. Jesse Price Mrs. N. P. Lavengood

In Memoriam
Mrs. Eugene Wolf

Program
"President Truman" ..... Mrs. Glen Hauk

Current Events

JUNE 11

Hostesses
Mrs. P. H. Dickson Mrs. Homer Hoover

Picnic Luncheon

Program
"Music" ..... Mrs. D. C. Drill
Mrs. P. D. Wardwell

Current Events

SEPTEMBER 10

Hostesses
Mrs. Harry Jackson Mrs. L. Wallace

Program
"Soviet Russia" ..... Mrs. Bruce Wright

Current Events

OCTOBER 8

Hostesses
Mrs. D. C. Drill Mrs. Donald Burk

Program
Selected ..... Mrs. Myrval Vrooman

Current Events

NOVEMBER 12

Election of Officers

Hostesses
Mrs. Charles Rish Mrs. A. N. McCracken

Fifty Years in the Jefferson Club
Mrs. Milo Meredith Mrs. Harry Jackson

50th Anniversary Poem .... Mrs. Harry Gray

DECEMBER 10

Hostesses

Mrs. Harry Gray Mrs. Jesse Ferguson

Christmas Party

Program ..... Mrs. Garl Harvey

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. Wilson Farr
Mrs. James Hoover
Mrs. John Whistler
Mrs. Jonathan Haas
Mrs. Jefferson Hubbard
Mrs. Jane Story
Mrs. John Hubbard
Mrs. George Daugherty
Mrs. H. S. Logan
Mrs. Ignace Mergy
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Mrs. M. S. Howe
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Mrs. Marlin Mygrant
Mrs. Sarah Clapp
Miss Sarah Daugherty
Mrs. H. E. Wallace
Mrs. Nelson G. Hunter
Mrs. Charles Wallace
Mrs. J. J. Kingston
Mrs. Allie Mergy
Mrs. Elmer Mattern
Mrs. Clara Thomas
Mrs. F. E. Grafft

Hunter, H.

Howard Hunter (you remember him from WPA)

wants to see you within the next week or 10 days

Miss Ross
Columbua 5 - 4128

What is he doing? What does he want to see me about? Have called him.

HR

~~Hunter~~ -

hold for reply

I should very much apprec your letting me the name of the "former corresponding secretary etc (copy) as stated in your article of April 1st

X, Hunter

Thank you very much for your answering to my letter.

My secretary remembers Miss Yuhas as working in our correspondence bureau as a stenographer-typist. I do not remember ever seeing her except perhaps at the Christmas parties. I never gave her any dictation nor had any conversation with her.

Because of the volume of mail which came to me, I had to have a fairly large staff which we called the correspondence section of the Social Bureau. When there was need for additional help, or employees to replace ones who left the W.H., the man in charge of the Bureau, Mr. Ralph Magee, applied to the chief clerk in the White House for them. They were all civil service employees, paid by the government, and I had no part in their selection.

I had two secretaries - Mrs. James M. Helm, the social secretary and Miss Malvina Thompson, my personal secretary. Miss Thompson handled all of the mail, and I worked with her on the mail, On a few occasions when Miss Thompson was ill, I worked directly with one of three other girls who came to the WH in 1933. Miss Yuhas was not among them.

Miss Thompson and Mrs. Helm had their offices in the WH proper, and the staffs which they directed were in the executive wing of the WH until they were moved to the east wing and I had very little occasion or time to visit those offices or to see the people working there. The work for both staffs was funnelled through Mrs. Helm and Miss Thompson respectively.

HEARST NEWSPAPERS

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April 20, 1947.

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KENT HUNTER
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

TELEPHONES
EXECUTIVE 8322-8323

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

Your courteous note of April 14 reached me only today, after being forwarded by the paper to which you addressed it.

I am only too happy to give you all the information I have about the secretary mentioned.

A very reputable Congressman, whose material in the past has always proved most accurate, identified the girl as Helen Yuhas, also known as Helen Yuhasova and Helen Yuhasy.

His notes indicated that she had been one of your corresponding secretaries from 1940 to April, 1944, at a salary of $2700 a year. His notes further indicated that from April, 1944 to February, 1945 she had been employed under the third secretary at the Soviet Embassy in connection with the publication of the "Soviet Information Bulletin", which the Congressman said was a "propaganda publication".

His final entry indicated that she left the Embassy in 1945 to accept employment in the United States Department of State and in due course of time became confidential secretary to Assistant Secretary of State Will Clayton.

To still further check on this information for you I consulted the Biographic Register of the Department of State dated October 1, 1945, and on page 322, column 2, second entry from the bottom of the page, found this entry:

"YUHAS, Helene.-B.Passaic, N.J.; Clifton High Sch.grad.; business-sch. grad.; Forstmann Inst.1936-38; sec.for co.welfare bd.1937-39; corr.sec. White House, 1939-44; asst.editor, Soviet Embassy, May-Oct. 1944; app.clk.at $1800 in Dept. of State Jan.30, 1945; at $2000 Apr.21, 1945; at $2320 July 1, 1945; admin.asst.at $2980 Sept.18, 1945."

I would have liked to complete the record up to the present date, but the Executive Department office records are not available over week-ends. My Congressman friend told me however that the girl is still on the State Department payrolls.

Hoping that this information is adequate for your needs, and assuring you of my appreciation of your interest in one of my stories, I am, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Kent Hunter

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DETROIT TIMES
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Reveal How Reds Acquired Jobs in State Department

Published by KENT HUNTER

WASHINGTON, April 1.—A former corresponding secretary of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, of Russian descent, left that job for employment in the Soviet Embassy from May, 1944, to February, 1945.

Then she moved into the State Department as a confidential secretary to an Assistant Secretary of State, where she had access to secret information.

A brother-in-law of a former Russian ambassador is now on the State Department payrolls at $6,000 a year. His wife is an active Communist.

His friends and those of his wife are America's leading radicals, and many of their friends, who visit from South America, are equally well known radicals.

A girl, registered as a Communist from 1935 to 1941, went into State Department service in 1941. She signed petitions for Communist candidates for office in 1940 and 1941, but still indorses her paychecks as a State Department employe.

Those three cases, with those of nine other State Department employes, are the crux of a showdown due today between the State Department and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, of which Rep. Eaton (R.-N. J.) is chairman.

The House committee weeks ago gave the State Department until last night to answer these questions about the dozen employes:

1—Has an investigation been completed to check the information submitted by the completed to check the information submitted by the committee, bearing on their complete loyalty to the United States?

2—Have they been (a) cleared of charges; (b) been discharged; (c) resigned, or otherwise been separated from Government service?

"We were notified today," said Chairman Jonkman (R.-Mich.) of the House Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee on State Department personnel, "that the information asked by the committee is being furnished.

LONG FIGHT ON REDS.

"Whether the names of the 12 employes will be made public is a matter to be decided by the full committee after the sub-committee, consisting of myself, Rep. Mundt (R.-S. D.) and Rep. Celmer (D.-Miss.), has made a formal report to Chairman Eaton."

The history of Jonkman's fight to bring the ousting of Communists and other radicals from State Department key jobs dates back to last July.

He succeeded in getting a list of 40 employes who had been "fired for membership in radical organizations," only to learn the list of 40 included also those who had been fired simply for incompetency.

STILL ON PAYROLL.

He finally was shown a list of 36 or more, who, though known to have been on Communist Party poll lists, belonged to Communist-front organizations or consorted with Communists, were still on the payrolls.

"When I asked J. Anthony [illegible] administration, why they had not been fired, he said they could not be removed from the payrolls until the Civil Service Commission had given them a trial," Jonkman said.

"I called Panuch's attention to the McCarran rider, giving the Secretary of State absolute discretion to discharge any person in his department whenever he feels that such a person's continued employment is not to the best interests of the United States.

"Panuch declared this law was unconstitutional—though it has never been so declared by the Supreme court.

"I then asked for the files on some of those Panuch said had been discharged for radical affiliations. He finally admitted none had actually been discharged. Some had been transferred to other departments, but none discharged.

"Congress adjourned Aug. 2 and still nothing was done.

"Only on Dec. 26, when Carl A. Marzani was discharged, did the ex finally fall.

"When the new Congress came in Washington Secretary of State Byrnes resigned, along with Assistant Secretary for Administration and Panuch, John E. Peurifoy, put in the administration job by Secretary of State Marshall, is showing some evidence of action.

"The Foreign Affairs Committee will not let the matter drop. We will keep going until the questions asked about disloyal employes in the Department of State have been answered to the entire satisfaction of the committee."