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Gladys M. Patterson
March 3, 1947
Peace Clipping

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Our disappointment as Campfire, Girl Reserve and Girl Scout people over your reply to our invitation to speak to all the girls in the community of Glendale is very keen.

However, I know that with your viewpoint you will be happy to know that I have secured Mrs. C. Vaughn Ferguson of New York, national president of Girl Scouts, for the evening of February 17.

It interests me that you are to be here in March and we all trust that the girls of Glendale will have the opportunity of hearing you speak on World Friendship at some future date.

My personal zeal for the Cause of Peace is synonymous with my religion and we foster it best through youth, I'm sure. They come into the world without prejudice and are so tractable and receptive.

I am enclosing this splendid editorial. It may have escaped your notice. My poem, "War or Peace" you have read and now this one "Peace Toll" I am dedicating to you. Whatever is in the past we can do nothing about - only the broken scars remain for mending. Your sincere efforts to help with the mending and furthering the universal brotherhood of mankind are ^{appreciated by all} those who, like myself, admire your great courage.

Sincerely your friend,

(Mrs. Paul C.) Gladys M. Patterson

*World Friendship Chairman
Glendale Girl Scouts*

Peace Toll

The price we paid
Is toll too great
Unless from riches spent
Shall rise again a better day
When God is god
And men are men
And man his brother
Does not slay.

Shall that day come
The victory so costly now
May seem a part of progress made
To save the earth from future strife
That tears man's body and his mind
And blasts the structure of his hands
To bits of nothing but a pile
Of dust and moisture -
There to lie in travesty upon the ground
To haunt us till eternity
For want of thought - for lack of care.

This throbbing pain
Is suffering come to teach again
That battled gain the dread war brought
Is nothing. Those who entertained the thought
That nations civilized
Seeking security from fear
Might lead the way to Peace
Might hope to see a dawnswept day
When mankind - broken, crushed might say
"We cannot buy this thing with war
Our prayers for peace must ever soar.
For all on earth deserve a share
Of God's rare gifts.
We still must seek to end this pain
That man has brought for selfish gain."

Written:

Bakersfield, Calif.
December 14, 1947

*J. d. Caldwell - My Friend,
Chas. Zimmerman
Stacy J. Patterson
2/4/49*

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December 29, 1947

My dear Mr. Patterson:

Your letter of the 18th has just been brought to my attention, as I was in Geneva when it arrived.

If the women to whom you are talking believe that the world can stand an atomic war, then there may be some among them who are foolish enough to believe that the old-fashioned type of defense will still defend us. If, however, they have some doubt as to whether another war might possibly destroy what we call our present civilization, perhaps the best mode of defense is to work for the United Nations which is the only machinery at present set up to make an attempt to create a world atmosphere in which peace might be preserved.

In that case they had better follow the workings of the UN very carefully. They should learn as much as they can about the motivation of other nations, including Russia.

I never work with the Russians that I do not learn something new, and enraging as they are in many ways, they are well worth studying.

I would suggest writing to the educational division of the UN, and to Secretary Forrestal for anything which they can tell you on national defense.

It is obvious that until the UN has a force of some kind which it controls, we must both retain our knowledge on the construction of atom bombs and we must continue research and try to be ahead of the rest of the world in our knowledge of modern warfare. This is costly for any nation and the sooner we can come to some understanding with Russia on a UN force and some kind of gradual disarmament the better it will be for the general well-being of all people.

From my point of view the best defense we have

today is the strengthening of our democracy
and the success of our economic system because
that is the one great thing which will be
conclusive evidence to the Russians of our
ability to survive and to keep going in the
things in which we believe.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Eleanor Roosevelt
New York, New York
February 17, 1941
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DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

December 18, 1947

Walter

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

On February 17 next, I have been asked to address a group of women at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. These women represent a number of women's groups, including Navy Mothers, and comprise the Michigan Women's National Defense Council.

They are interested in a talk on national defense and what women's organizations can do specifically in this respect. As a Lt. Commander in the USNR I find that my interest in this far exceeds my knowledge and probabal ability. However, in the time remaining until February 17, I feel that I can acquaint myself with some of the elemental facts and have taken the liberty of starting on the search for these facts by writing you.

Anything you might have time to give me from your personal experience,- or any authentic sources for such information that you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Obviously, to come to any worth while conclusion on their part they must first decide how seriously they are in sympathy with the work of the UN; in fact, how much they know of the work of the UN. If they feel this is the answer, this will be the road to follow. If not, a National Defense, as we have thought of it "Nationally," will be the road in which they are interested.

Anything you can do for me will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially
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