May 26, 1947
Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Enclosed find a clipping of to-day's Press Journal Transcript. I want you to know how proud we are to have you do so many good deeds and appreciate everyone of them. I read your columns almost every evening in the paper and enjoy them very much also.

Wishing to read many more of your writings.

Very truly,

Margaret S. Rapp.

P.S. I have quite a few newspaper clippings of your deceased husband whom I admired very much.

May God Bless you.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND RECIPIENT OF AN HONORARY DOCTORATE. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is shown above as she addressed a crowd in Peoria, Ill., Sunday afternoon. She was given the degree of doctor of humane letters.
Mrs. Roosevelt Awarded Degree At Mac Murray College

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Special Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE — While the sun slipped gently behind rows of stately trees, and shadows lengthened across historic old MacMurray campus yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told 100 girl graduates the world needs every bit of strength and enthusiasm with which they can support peace all over the world.

An estimated crowd of 3,000 rode bicycle, motor, and on foot to the main campus, crowded bleachers, and stood patiently before Ann Bullinger, Mac's dean, to hear the message of the famed woman.

Crowd Captivated
Her graduation address was the climax to a full day at the college, and a tour of this conservative, typical midwestern town.

Wearing the traditional academic cap and gown, with her waving hair waving softly back from her face, Mrs. Roosevelt captivated the crowd with her charming smile as she mounted the speakers platform.

But it was when she began to speak, directly and earnestly, without aid of notes, that the full extent of her graciousness and charm became apparent.

She described, as only an eye witness can, the destruction and suffering from which only the Western Hemisphere has been spared.

Very Sick World
"We can scarcely realize what destruction means when war is not on your doorstep, and I can talk about forgiving our enemies, but it takes longer when you have been invaded.

"Our world today has been a very sick world, and is now convulsing. It is a world we must somehow try to understand and bring together in peace.

"If we fail, how can anyone with destruction all around, have the courage to try to succeed? It is the responsibility of the people of this country and all other countries, democratic and Christian alike in all our communities. What happens here will condition what happens elsewhere, she said.

Courage Advised
"There are two opposing forces at work in the world today. We who believe in democracy must crusade with enthusiasm, because negotiations are difficult when the only other strong power has a different conception of a way of life and the dignity of man. We must learn tactics of the opponent.

"Graduate of today, she said, must have courage to have convictions. Patience to listen to others and try to understand what motivates the other, action, and always be prepared to meet an opponent, even if you dislike that for which he stands."

Mrs. Roosevelt was awarded an honorary degree, doctor of humane letters, by President Clarence P. McCollum on behalf of the college.

For most residents of this community, the first sight of Mrs. Roosevelt came at McCormick, Illinois yesterday morning at First Methodist church. She arrived early, quietly, and was driven to Jacksonville by a college deputation.

Dressed Simply
Her second public appearance was during a tour of the city which followed the annual press luncheon given by the Greetings, student publication.

Wearing a simple, yet beautifully designed black crepe dress,

GUEST OF HONOR at a press luncheon in McClatchy Hall of MacMurray college, Jacksonville, III., yesterday, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is shown as she addressed a gathering of more than 500 persons. Mrs. Roosevelt was given the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters.

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tucl was cheered by a huge crowd
as she left McClendon dining hall.
She rode in a slowly, with Dr.
McClendon, down the walk leading
to the Student Union, where she
was greeted and signed autographs
for young people who canvassed for
attendance.

Wave to Crowd

Before beginning her tour, Mrs.
Roosevelt crossed the street in a
car in which a victim of infan
tile paralysis was seated, and spoke
briefly to the man.

She then began her tour of the
city, riding with Mayor Ernest
Haugland, and William Ferkedes,
President of the Junior Chamber of
Commerce which arranged the
program. As the car started
slowly down the tree-lined avenue
of the late spring sunshine, the
President of the Greetings Club
waved to the crowd, with a gesture
somewhat reminiscent of
McClendon's.

Mrs. Roosevelt went first to the
Illinois State Hospital, where she
visited the main building, and a
veterans ward and convalescent
therapy unit.

At the next stop, Illinois college,
she received a history of the
school from its president, H. Gary
Hudson, and an orchid from the
Jaycees.

Taken on Tour

Children enjoying the sunshine
on the lawn of the Illinois School
for the Deaf waved eagerly to Mrs.
Roosevelt as the open car stopped
for a moment, and she returned
their greeting with equal enthusi
asm.

She stopped briefly before the
Illinois School for the Blind.

Then the Jacksonville delegation
took her to points of interest in the
city. The first was an intersection
on which stands a chimney of
each of the four corners, each
such spot to the country. She was
photographed with the ministers
of the four churches.

The next interesting spot was
the Ill. Bridge Co., the only build
ners of ferris wheel in the United
States, where Mrs. Roosevelt saw
himself ferris wheel ever built.
Returning to the home of Dr.
McClendon, where she rested briefly
before joining the academic vecassion to the terrace, Mrs.

V. Y. Dallman Honored

At College Ceremony

V. Y. Dallman, editor of the Illi
nois State Register in Springfi
yesterday was awarded the annual
citation of the Greetings, publica
tion of MacMurray college, Jack
sonville, at the annual press dinner.
Patricia Wilson of Chicago, edi
tor of the paper, presented the
citation to Mr. Dallman in honor
of his 50 years of journalistic work.

Mr. Dallman, in accepting the
award, told guests a "free press
should be defined as a responsible
press." The more right a press
has to be free, the less right it has
to be wrong, Mr. Dallman said.
He advocated publication of
more "good news" which per
forms in good deeds, and also, in
an effort to combat evil forces
at work in the world.

"Now that we have harnessed
to the atomic energy of the sun, we
must harness the energy of the
soul," Mr. Dallman said.

Lester C. Schreiber, trainer of
MacMurray, attended the function,
which is given annually by the
Greetings staff for newspaper repre
sentatives, and trainers of the func
tion.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, com
mencement speaker, attended the
function.
April 5, 1947-

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

At the time of your husband's passing, many wonderful things were said of him and I'm passing on my verse of dedication to you so you will know how much this grateful citizen felt toward a truly great president.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vail Rasmussen
117 Central Ave.
Alameda, Calif.
To Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Washington Square, N.Y., N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

We are as we have done for several years, celebrating the birthday of your late beloved husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. This year our club, the Emma Lazarus Auxiliary 141 will celebrate the day at 955 S. Crenshaw, Los Angeles, Thursday Jan. 30th at 1 p.m.

Yours truly, Esther Pantoff,

Also, on Saturday 3rd Feb. a group will gather at my home, 25015 Harborne Ave, Torrance, California at 8 p.m. Both of the above groups propose that the birthday of Franklin Delano Roosevelt be made a legal holiday.

We will pass resolutions at both of this gathering on this subject. The name and the work of this great president must not be forgotten.

We wish you were here.

Yours very truly,

Esther Pantoff

"A MIGHTY WOMAN WITH A TORCH, WHOSE FLAME IS THE IMPRISONED LIGHTENING, AND HER NAME MOTHER OF EXILES"