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MRS ANNA ELEANOR ROOSEVELT-

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CANNOT CONTACT MR ROOSEVELT WHO IS ON MOTOR TRIP UNTIL MAY  
5 ON APRIL 25 ANSWERED FRANK WALKERS TELEGRAM STATING ABOVE  
INFORMATION- HAVE RECEIVED NO LETTER FROM MR WALKER- WILL  
HAVE MR ROOSEVELT CONTACT HIM FIRST MOMENT POSSIBLE-

MORTON ZIEGLER SECT TO JAMES ROOSEVELT-

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*Telephoned  
Mr Walker  
above*

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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James R.*

May 25, 1947

To All Members of the Executive Committee  
of the Democratic State Central Committee:

Dear Members:

I enclose the completed policy statement submitted by the Chairman of the Policy Committee, Honorable George E. Outland. You will find attached the necessary ballot to express your acceptance or rejection of this statement. I would ask that in making your decision you consider that this statement has been completed after careful consideration of the very voluminous constructive suggestions made by members of the Policy Committee and others. It is, of course, not possible to include every small detail which has been proposed, but the final result encompasses all of the major suggestions.

It is now proposed that the Policy Committee be divided into subdivisions for more detailed consideration of some of the more important specific problems. This will enable us to issue from time to time fuller and more detailed statistics and recommendations on these matters. Inasmuch as it is desired to submit this policy if approved to the Jackson and Jefferson Day Dinners on June 5th, I must ask that you return your ballot not later than June 1st to me at the Alexandria Hotel, Fifth and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, California. If I do not hear from you by that date I shall assume that the statement meets with your approval.

I sincerely hope that you will send in any further recommendations for our future studies, and I am sure that you know how much we welcome your help and constructive suggestions.

With personal best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

s/ James Roosevelt

JAMES ROOSEVELT, Chairman  
Democratic State Central Committee

June 2, 1947

Colonel James Roosevelt, Chairman  
Democratic State Central Committee  
210 West Fifth Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Jimmy:

Your letter of May 31 has just reached me, and I, too am disappointed that we are not in agreement concerning the Policy.

It was my understanding after talking with you at my home this morning that the matter of the Policy Statement would not be brought up at the dinner. This, as you will recall was confirmed by you in a telephone call to Washington, with the understanding that the matter would be brought up later this summer at a meeting or even a State Convention to be called by you. This I believe to be the only way to handle this in view of the fact that the policy itself is critical of the President's Foreign Policy, and necessarily so then, of our Secretary of State. I believe you can easily understand that this would be a very embarrassing situation for Gael Sullivan and John Snyder to find themselves in - at a Democratic Dinner representing our Commander-in-Chief and having his Policy, if not attacked, certainly criticised. I reiterate that I do not think the Dinner is the place for this. I feel that every Party member should offer suggestions at any time they feel so inclined but I think also, as you stated yourself on the telephone yesterday, that there is always the appropriate time and place. I remind you that this was also your opinion this morning, and would suggest that you go ahead with this at the Meeting which you proposed to call this summer - or even that this matter be taken up at the meeting which has been arranged with the President on the 26th of June as per your telegram of May 14 to me. I am sure that everyone concerned would accept suggestions, critical or otherwise, in the spirit of helpfulness and of fair play and constructive interest to the Party at either or both of these meetings.

In order that there will be no misunderstanding I would like to state to you why I think the letter and enclosure of May 25 is undemocratic and intended to embarrass people within our own Party, the latter being already stated that a Cabinet Member necessarily would not attend a public and intended harmonious Democratic Dinner which is critical of our President's Policy, and secondly, for the

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reason of the letter itself of May 25 transmitting the so-called Policy wherein you state in the second paragraph... "If I do not hear from you by that date I shall assume that the statement meets with your approval." To me this is not democratic and embodies a method and technique so familiar to certain elements in this Country and typical of a certain foreign ideology that I dare not call it by name. I would be very interested in seeing the response you have received to this so-called Policy, which again, I state should not be debated at our annual fund raising Dinner but should be taken up and openly debated, as you also suggested this morning, whenever you desire to call a meeting.

I believe you already understand the above to be my feelings but in view of your misinterpretations of my views as contained in your letter I felt I should go into detail in writing.

With kindest regards, believe me to be

Most sincerely,

/s/ Edwin W. Pauley

the President to stand fast in his opposition to all tax bills that favor the corporate few, and against any legislation which does not first reduce our national debt, especially in these times when corporate profits are higher than in any period of our history.

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The Democratic State Committee of California believes that it has the responsibility to inform the national leaders of our Party of constructive suggestions made in our State. Surely no man or woman today in public life is so foolish as to believe that he has all the answers to the many complex problems which face us, most especially in the field of international relations. We feel that the greatest proof of our loyalty to our Country is to give to President Truman the benefit of the considered thinking of the members of our Party in this State.

We endorse wholeheartedly the President's stated principles that:

- A. We should do everything within our power to bring relief to the suffering people of the world from hunger and economic want and that such relief should know no political boundaries.
- B. That, as perhaps the only strong creditor nation left in the civilized world, we should insure that no peoples should be forced to adopt political ideologies because of economic or armed aggression against them.

It is in the spirit of this idealism that we understand the "Truman Doctrine" to have been conceived. We find, however, that while there is overwhelming support for these worthy aims there is a growing concern as to the method of achieving them.

In war time it may not be possible to fully take the whole people into

the confidence of the national leadership; in peace time it must be done. We therefore urge that the President, the Secretary of State, and any other qualified officials discuss the full implications of our foreign policy in far greater detail than has yet been done. The Democrats of California feel that it was under the leadership of our Party that the United Nations was born as the key instrument to a lasting peace. We therefore insist that much stronger steps and a much more active policy of cooperation with the United Nations Organization must come from our Democratic Administration.

Concretely, we feel that a way should have been found to place the responsibility for the execution of the "Truman Doctrine" upon the United Nations.

Unilateral action in international matters must be abolished; only by so doing can that mutual trust among nations essential to lasting peace be fully achieved.

As the strongest of the nations and the one whose people have the highest standard of living and which by the Democratic processes have most nearly achieved the Four Freedoms, the United States has the obligation to maintain bold leadership in support of the United Nations.

We recognize frankly that some countries have not yet lost their fears of Old World power politics. (Russia, in particular, struggling to rise from czarist serfdom and having suffered repeatedly from aggression, will be slow in accepting the unselfish idealism which must be the guiding principle for all members of the United Nations. However, we feel that eventually all nations must and will repudiate unilateral action and support wholeheartedly the principle of international cooperation. Any other course inevitably means obliteration by atomic warfare.

Without the threat of war differing economic systems will be judged

solely on their accomplishments for mankind; we confidently assert our faith in the American way of life.

Recognizing that political stability throughout the world will be the most effective climate in which to produce world trade and economic recovery we nevertheless believe that neither American arms nor American money for arms should be loaned or given to any country unless the proper United Nations authority has certified that such loans or arms are necessary to resist outside aggression. We specifically include Greece and Turkey. We recognize that a large proportion of the money and food for the rehabilitation and the stabilization of the world will be of American origin; but we again emphasize that they be allocated only with the backing of the freedom-loving people of the world as expressed through the agency of the United Nations Organizations. It is our primary duty to see that the organization of the United Nations is completed immediately and we urge an active program on our part to that end.

We respectfully suggest and urge that a definite policy for giving the people of the world factual information in regard to the working of American democracy via radio, the interchange of students and the encouragement of visitors, cultural and trade, to and from our shores should be given a most prominent place in our program. We condemn the penny-wise policy of the Republican Party in curtailing the information service of our Department of State, especially when we realize that it has been merely proposed that we spend for the selling of Democracy a sum of money smaller than the advertising budget of many of our national business concerns.

We urge that when the report of the Ethredge Commission of the United Nations investigating the existence of outside pressure on Greece and Turkey is made available, it be given the widest possible distribution by

our Government.

We feel strongly that a definite program to convince the Russian people of our friendship and our horror of any possible war between us should be devised immediately.

We reiterate again that the greatest assurance of lasting peace and the activation of democracy throughout the world will come from a steadfast and successful economy here in our own country. The path of unemployment is the road to war.

We make these suggestions in order that the great body of people in our country desiring to achieve world peace and the principles of American Democracy, as we know it, may render their support wholeheartedly to the leadership of the Democratic Party.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. OUTLAND  
Chairman, Policy Committee

JAMES ROOSEVELT  
Chairman, Democratic State  
Central Committee