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The University Club
1 West 54th Street

Punishment is known, it can to be. This decided just how much weight it is to be attached to his conclusion, which has an unimpeachable God, that there is religious freedom.
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have just received from Mr. John A. Ryan, Assistant Manager of The University Club, your letter of November 25, 1947, and accompanying it the anonymous letter.

First let me say that I heartily join with you in deploiring anonymous letters. I am shocked and surprised that one should have been written on the stationery of The University Club, and especially one to you and of the character of the one enclosed.

We have been very glad to comply with your request and we have made a serious and extensive effort to identify the handwriting of this letter, which is returned herewith. I regret exceedingly that we have not been able to identify the handwriting, nor have we been able to trace the writer. I would have been particularly glad to have been able to do so because I deplore greatly the sending of this anonymous letter. I do not understand it and it is very regrettable that anyone should have written an anonymous letter on University Club stationery, particularly one of the character of the enclosed. I wish very much that we could be of assistance in identifying the individual who wrote the letter. I cannot believe that such a letter could have been written by a member of our Club. We discourage the use of our stationery, but now and then it is improperly used.

With sincere regret that we have been unable to be helpful in the matter to date, believe me,

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Apartment 15-A
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, N. Y.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Apartment Six A  
29 Washington Square West  
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I greatly appreciate your letter of April 2, regarding American Youth for Democracy.

A copy of our report to President Stearns is enclosed. The report contained no recommendation as to the attitude which the University should adopt with respect to the organization. President Stearns decided, however, to bar AYD from the campus not, I think, because it is communist, but because it is not in its underlying purpose the democratic and liberal institution which it purports to be.

The action of President Stearns in banning AYD received the unanimous support of our Board of Regents. Whether or not it was the right thing to do only time will tell. The action has caused a great disturbance here on the campus, the chief actors being the members of the local AYD. A meeting is being held on the campus tomorrow afternoon at which Paul Robeson, President Stearns and Dr. Walter Orr Roberts (the astronomer) will discuss this and similar issues.

As you have not asked that your letter be kept confidential, we probably will use it in the discussions that are almost daily taking place. Your feeling that the organization should not be banned will give some comfort to the "dissident elements", but your statement that the AYD is the old "Young Communist League in new dress" is confirmatory of the findings of the Committee. Our local AYD's will not admit that their organization is communist in sponsorship or motivation.

I was in Rome when the President died. I shall never forget the dismay which was evident in the face of every person I met on the morning when we received the news. I think that British, French, Belgium, Russians, Yugoslavs—all the many peoples that were represented in Rome at that time—felt that the tragic occurrence placed the whole future of the world at risk. I think that everyone agreed with DeGasperi when he said, "A great light has gone out on the horizon of humanity."

Sincerely yours,

Edward C. King

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN REGARDING THE

TOM PAINE CHAPTER

of the

AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY

at the

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

March 15, 1947

President of the University: Robert L. Stearns

Members of the Special Investigation Committee:

Dean Edward C. King, School of Law, Chairman
Professor Earl C. Crockett, Department of Economics
Professor J. W. Broxson, Department of Physics

1) By personal examination of newspapers, speeches, pamphlets, and articles pertaining to AYN.
2) By sending letters of inquiry to interested persons and political organizations representing various phases of political opinion.

In order to make the following report generally appear before the Committee and give information on some statements concerning AYN, namely, Professor Robert L. Stearns, Professor Earl C. Crockett, Professor J. W. Broxson (Faculty sponsor of AYN), Jerry Goodman, President of the Colorado Tom Paine Chapter of AYN, and Brian D'Arcy (President of the Local Young Republicans). At the meeting with Jerry Goodman, it was suggested that he invite Leo Eaker, State inter-Collegete Director of AYN, and Harold Cape, in Colorado Secretary of AYN, to appear before the Committee, but he was of the opinion that they would add nothing to the statements which Goodman himself had made.
March 15, 1947

President Robert L. Stearns
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear President Stearns:

In your letter of March 3, 1947, you requested the undersigned committee, which you had appointed to investigate student organizations having a political aspect, to give immediate attention to the organization known as American Youth for Democracy. You asked us to determine specifically:

1) Whether or not the AYD is a student organization controlled by regularly enrolled students in the University, and,

2) Whether or not it is in fact a liberal organization interested in the progressive ideas expressed in its constitution or is a front for some other and undisclosed ideology which is in fact illiberal and contrary to our system of government.

At its first meeting, held immediately after receipt of your letter, the Committee decided that its investigation should include not only the activities and antecedents, but also the motivations and purposes of AYD. It was also decided that the Committee would conduct the investigation in the following manner:

1) By holding hearings at which anyone interested in AYD might appear for the purpose of giving information or making statements regarding AYD;

2) By personal examination of newspaper files, reports, speeches, and articles pertaining to AYD; and,

3) By sending letters of inquiry to informed persons and institutions representing varied shades of political opinion.

Pursuant to such a plan the following persons severally appeared before the Committee and gave information or made statements concerning AYD, namely, Professor Walter B. Franklin, Professor Carl W. McGuire, Professor Carl W. Borgmann (faculty sponsor of AYD), Jerry Goodman (President of the Colorado Tom Paine Chapter of AYD), and Brian Wadsworth (President of the local Young Republicans). At the meeting with Jerry Goodman, it was suggested that he invite Leo Kaplan, State Inter-Collegiate Director of AYD, and Harold Zepelin, Colorado Secretary of AYD, to appear before the Committee, but he was of the opinion that they could add nothing to the statements which Goodman himself had made.
Your Committee also examined files of the Daily Worker and the New York Times from the date of the organization of AYD to the present time, and read numerous reports of congressional committees and of others engaged in investigating so-called un-American activities. In addition, your Committee sent letters of inquiry to the following persons and organizations:


In each of these letters the addressee was informed of the appointment of the Committee and its purposes, and the desire of the Committee to make a complete and impartial investigation. The addressee in each case was invited to send to the Committee information concerning the origin, motivations, and purposes of AYD. As of the date of this report, the Committee has received replies from all of the letters except those sent to the National Association of Manufacturers, Naval Intelligence, Army Intelligence, The New Republic, Christian Science Monitor, University of California, and Eleanor Roosevelt. The letter to Mrs. Roosevelt was sent only a few days ago. She has hardly had time to respond. In view, however, of your request for a prompt report, we have decided not to wait for this and other possible replies.

From the hearings, our own investigations, and the replies to our letters we have accumulated a considerable amount of material regarding AYD. Some of the information is confidential, and some has been returned to its source, but much of the material will be kept in our files where it will be available if evidence confirmatory of our findings is needed. Certain other evidence has also been micro-filmed and is available in the files of the University Library.

Turning now to your specific questions, our answer to your first question is that the Colorado Tom Paine Chapter of AYD is a student organization controlled by regularly enrolled students in the University. In giving this answer, we feel that a distinction must be made between the word "controlled" and the word "influenced". By the terms of Article IV of the Constitution of the national organization, each club selects its own name, elects its own officers, and is authorized to draw its by-laws in conformity with the National Constitution of AYD. There is nothing in the National Constitution of AYD militating against democratic operation of the local clubs, which are authorized to conduct such activities as may be decided by the majorit.
of the membership in accordance with the principles and Constitution of the organization. In a letter from Lee Marsh, National Inter-collegiate Director of AYD, written to this Committee from New York on March 12, 1947, it is stated that AYD is controlled by no one but its own members; that AYD members decide upon their own program and activities in the most democratic manner they can devise; and that AYD repudiates any statement by any organization, party, club, or individual that infers or implies outside domination of AYD or the use of AYD as the tool for outside interests. In this letter Marsh also states:

"AYD's organization is a model of democracy. Majority decision elects all officers. The only qualification is merit. The highest body is the National Convention to which delegates are elected directly from all the clubs on a proportionate representation basis. The National Council, elected by the National Convention, carries out the policies of AYD between conventions."

It is our opinion that insofar as control is concerned, the above statements are probably correct; but it is also our opinion that in one way or another the AYD and its member clubs are under the influence of the Communist Party. The reason for this conclusion will more fully appear in our answer to your second question.

We think it will make for clarity if your second question is divided into two parts which might be restated as follows:

a) Is AYD a liberal organization interested in the progressive ideas expressed in its Constitution, and,

b) Is AYD a front for some other and undisclosed ideology which is in fact illiberal and contrary to our system of government?

Our reason for this division is that we are of the opinion that the two parts need not be mutually exclusive.

Our answer to part a) is that AYD, insofar as its general membership is concerned, is probably sincerely interested in the progressive ideas expressed in its Constitution. By this statement we mean that in our opinion the members in general are interested in full employment without discrimination, free and equal educational opportunities, a lasting peace, academic and religious freedom, racial equality, and the destruction of fascism, for instance, subject to such qualifications as are implicit in our answer to part b) of your second question.

As to such part b), it is our opinion that the organization known as American Youth for Democracy, which has its headquarters at
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medium of the new organization;
2) That on October 16, 1943, the Young Communist League, an official organization of the Communist Party, was dissolved, and that on the same day or the following day in the same meeting place, the AYD was organized by substantially the same persons who had been the leaders in YCL. Evidence of the truth of these statements can be found in the files of the Daily Worker, particularly in the issues of October 15, 16 and 18, quotations from which are attached.

3) That since its organization, AYD has been under Communist Party influence, and has commonly followed the Communist Party line. There is much to substantiate this view in the Daily Worker, which on numerous occasions has carried advertisements of AYD meetings, reports of AYD conventions, and letters and articles discussing the shortcomings, the progress, and the future of AYD. A considerable difference of opinion apparently existed in the Communist Party as to the advisability of the continued use of AYD for the purpose of influencing the youth of America rather than returning to the YCL. The attitude of the Party in this regard is illustrated in a report from the April 3, 1946, Daily Worker, a copy of which article is attached hereto, and from which the following is quoted:

"In the days of the YCL the Communists in the youth movement were confronted with the constant dilemma of how to reconcile the fact that they wanted to build the YCL in such a way that it would unite both the Communist and non-Communist youth and yet in its name, in its activity, in its program, the YCL could not help but make it a condition, in actuality, that Communism be accepted by the youth before joining. That dilemma which existed previously, grew out of an incorrect conception of what kind of youth organization the Marxists ought to build in the United States. That is why we are against a return to anything which smacks of the rebuilding of another Communist Party of the youth."

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"The task, as we see it, is to help build the AYD along the lines proposed, constantly improving, on the basis of the experience and discussion, the content of its work and education. The fulfillment of this task is in a direction which leads away from and makes a decisive break with any sectarian concept of the reconstitution of the YCL, of the building of a youth section of the Communist Party or a Communist Party of the youth in the United States.......

"Therefore, our policy opens up two perspectives: one, that the party will become a party with mass influence
"among the youth, a party of and for the youth, with masses of youth joining the party, with the party really fighting for the youth; and, secondly, the party will help develop the AYD as a mass, advanced anti-fascist youth organization in which the Communists play a leading role.

"These perspectives are to be realized only if we succeed in bringing into the ranks of the Communist Party thousands of young people who have shown themselves to be among the best fighters in all the struggles of labor and the people....."

Our conclusion, stated more generally, is that the intentions of many of the members of the AYD are to further and preserve liberal and democratic institutions, but that in its origin, the motivation of its organizers, its sponsorship, and its underlying purpose, AYD is an instrumentality of the Communist Party.

Respectfully submitted,

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James W. Broxon

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Earl C. Crockett

______________________________, Chairman
Edward C. King
"Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, will be the principal speaker tonight at 7:30 o’clock in Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave., at a public rally, which marks the opening of the special national convention of the Young Communist League.

"........It will consider a proposal calling for the dissolution of the Young Communist League as the "first step" toward the establishment of a nation-wide, non-partisan, anti-fascist youth organization.

"Asserting, however, that the Young Communist League alone cannot bring about the formation and growth of this newly proposed organization, President Weiss announced that the convention is merely intended to take the "first step" in this direction.

From Daily Worker, Saturday, October 16, 1943

"Over 5,000 young Americans, many coming from various parts of the nation, packed two halls at Manhattan Center last night despite a driving rain as the Young Communist League opened its historical national convention to consider its own dissolution and the building of a new national anti-fascist organization of youth.

"You are undertaking in this convention to reach out for a broader unity among the young people's organizations," Browder told the rally, "to reach out and to dissolve old and outdated barriers which have hitherto kept apart too many youth organizations which should have been working in harmonious cooperation, to find new roads toward the united efforts of millions of our young people who are facing the future with a firm determination to mold it into something better than the past.

PROPOSE TO DISSOLVE

"President Weiss informed the delegates and visitors that the convention tomorrow will consider a specific proposal of its National Council to dissolve the Young Communist League in order that those youth at present associated with the Young Communist League may collaborate with youth and youth groups not associated with the YCL in taking the first step toward building an entirely new organization, a new type of non-partisan organization which will be capable of uniting in its ranks masses of patriots, anti-fascist youth, regardless of party affiliation.

"Weiss took to task 'two distinguished liberals and progressives,' Deans Gottschall and Bergstrasser of City College, who recently warned students to stay away from the projected anti-fascist youth organization because it is a 'red front.' Their concept of American youth as 'dupes' who can be fooled into joining an organization 'like some Yokel' is false, he said."
A new American anti-fascist youth organization was born at Mecca Temple yesterday as 332 delegates, representing 190 community clubs, and 150 guests and observers ended an organizing convention initiated by the Young Communist League and by several score non-Communist youth leaders.

"The convention was called into session Saturday evening immediately following the decision of a special national convention of the Young Communist League to dissolve that body.

"Yesterday the new convention decided to name the new organization "American Youth for Democracy," and to place it 'on the side of all that is democratic, just and progressive.' It also proposed 'to join hands with all youth in opposing everything that is reactionary and oppressive....'

"Chosen executive secretary was Carl Ross, who was chairman of the New York State Committee of the Young Communist League.......

"Weiss explained that he had not accepted the nomination for office in the new organization because he plans to retire from activity in the youth field.......

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After studying the report, President Stearns took action as indicated in the following statement:

"I have just received the report of the special committee which was appointed last month to investigate and report on student organizations having a political aspect and in particular the organization known as the American Youth for Democracy.

"This report is fair, thorough and judicial and is available in its entirety. It concludes, in part, as follows: 'It is our opinion that the organization known as the American Youth for Democracy, which has headquarters at 150 Nassau street, New York City and which has a chapter on the campus of the University of Colorado, is in its underlying purpose what is known as a communist front, and therefore a front for some other and undisclosed ideology which is in fact illiberal and contrary to our system of government.

"The communist party has legal status in the United States and in Colorado. Any citizen, including college students, has the right to belong to it or to join an organization with similar aims. This is protected by the Bill of Rights. But a University must guard unwary and impressionable young people by requiring forthright and frank statements of purpose.

"Because of that, I am directing the cancellation of the charter of the Tom Paine chapter of the American Youth for Democracy on the University of Colorado campus. In taking this action I want to make it clear that this institution does not intend to interfere with free discussion which is a vital part of the educational process nor is it opposed in any way to liberal or progressive student organizations.

"However, I am convinced that an organization which is not what it professes to be and which is a front for a foreign dominated ideology should not - and will not - be sanctioned on this campus."

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Sectarian Danger
In Youth Movement

By MAX WIEBES

There is a movement from a crisis to a crisis in the National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. This report is avail-
able in the minutes of the Parent Council on the State of the World of the Y. M. C. A.

The National Committee has experienced a series of crises in recent months. The current crisis is the result of the organization's inability to respond to the demands of a new generation of young people. The Y. M. C. A. has been forced to reevaluate its priorities and to consider new strategies for reaching this younger audience.

There are several factors contributing to the current crisis. First, the organization has been slow to respond to the changing needs of young people. The Y. M. C. A. has traditionally focused on providing religious and social services to young men. However, the demands of this new generation of young people are different. They seek a more active role in the community and are more interested in social justice issues.

Second, the Y. M. C. A. has been criticized for its lack of inclusivity. The organization has been criticized for its discriminatory practices and for excluding certain groups of young people. This has led to a loss of support among young people who feel that the organization is not representative of their needs.

Finally, the Y. M. C. A. has been criticized for its failure to address the social and economic issues facing young people. The organization has focused on providing religious and social services, rather than addressing the root causes of poverty and inequality.

The consequence of this crisis is a loss of support among young people. The Y. M. C. A. is facing a loss of membership and a decline in donations. The organization needs to find new ways to reach young people and to address their needs.

The National Committee must act quickly to address this crisis. They must develop new strategies for reaching young people and for addressing their needs. The Y. M. C. A. must be more inclusive and more responsive to the demands of its younger members.

The National Committee must also consider the broader implications of this crisis. The crisis is not just a problem for the Y. M. C. A. It is a broader problem for the youth movement and for the cause of social justice.

The National Committee must work to address this crisis and to develop new strategies for reaching young people. The organization must be more inclusive and more responsive to the demands of its younger members. The Y. M. C. A. must be a leader in the youth movement and in the cause of social justice.

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Sectarian Danger Among Youth

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our active youth forces together, in giving them guidance and Marxist education. At the same time we strongly warn against permitting such clubs to hamper the development of other new forms of activity or organizations; against allowing these clubs to become an excuse for avoiding full responsibility for youth work by other party organizations; and against a tendency to remove young Communists from mass work by involvement in party work related to these specific clubs.

ROLE OF YOUTH CLUBS

What were the reasons for the formation of these youth clubs? They were formed to fulfill certain specific needs: First, the inability of the AYD at the present time to satisfy the desire of the party members working in the AYD for Marxist education, an inability which was a heritage in the AYD of the ravages of revisionism in the party; secondly, the party, in order to make at least a beginning in overcoming its complete neglect of work among the youth, needed special forms for work among the youth and for building the party among the youth. In these respects the youth clubs of the party have proven their value in many phases of our work. They have been real spark plugs for party activity generally, and have specifically shown their value in stimulating recruitment among young people into the party.

It is not the purpose of the party to establish youth clubs to lay the basis for the reestablishment of the YOY. These youth clubs do not represent a permanent form of organization for the party; they are established and exist for the accomplishment of a specific purpose. The real situation which must prevail in the party is that the development of the party's activity and independent role in the struggle for the needs of the youth must not be the property of a handful of youth clubs, but the property of the party as a whole. When that is achieved, then we will need new organizational forms in the party.

PERSPECTIVES

Therefore, our policy opens up two perspectives; one, that the party will become a party with mass influence among the youth, a party of and for the youth, with masses of youth joining the party, with the party really fighting for the youth; and, secondly, the party will help develop the AYD as a mass, advanced anti-fascist youth organization in which the Communists play a leading role.

These perspectives can be realized only if we succeed in bringing into the ranks of the Communist Party thousands of young people who have shown themselves to be among the best fighters in all the struggles of labor and the people. The present recruiting drive should be the starting point of our renewed efforts to begin this process. Hence special attention must be paid in all districts to include this objective, with all the political and organizational prerequisites for its attainment, in the plans that are worked out at every level of organization of the Communist Party.
King

American Youth for Democracy is the old Young Communist League in new dress.

I dislike banning organizations because if the members go into other organizations and try to gain recognition under a new name and it gives the communists the reason they have for being deceitful.

I do not know, however what your board would feel. Personally I think the best thing to do is not to ban an organization but to give completely information to the students, both as to its nature and purpose.
Monday -

Dearest ER,

American Youth for Democracy is indisputably the old Young Communist League "in a new dress."

The question of what a college administration's attitude should be toward it is more difficult. To ban it from the campus is a violation of academic freedom, and an ineffective precaution, because members then go into other organizations or try to get recognition under a new name. It is difficult, however, to advise a college administration to recognize an AYD chapter when that might jeopardize its funds and its good standing with the community.

Perhaps the solution might be allowing the group to function with full information being given simultaneously to the student body on the nature of the organization.

Love,

[Signature]
March 27, 1947

Dear Joe,

I have enclosed a letter from the University of Colorado concerning an organization known as American Youth for Democracy. Is this the old Young Democratic League in a new dress?

Sincerely, [Signature]

[Handwritten note: Transmitted]
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Duchess County
New York

Dear Madam:

President Stearns of the University of Colorado has appointed a committee consisting of three members of the faculty to make inquiry concerning the objects and purposes, at both local and national levels, of an organization known as American Youth for Democracy. I am chairman of this committee.

It is our desire to make our investigation as complete, fair, and impartial as possible. To this end we are seeking to obtain information from all sources suggested to us by anyone having an interest in the question.

We have written letters regarding this problem to persons in institutions in the United States reflecting every shade of political opinion, and already have received some very interesting replies. This morning it occurred to me that your personal interest in American youth may have led you to form an opinion respecting American Youth for Democracy which might be very helpful to our committee. I wonder if you would tell us what you think of the organization, and perhaps suggest what attitude the administration of a liberal, tax-supported, educational institution should take with respect to American Youth for Democracy.

In your response will you please tell us what portion of your letter you wish us to treat as confidential, and what portion, if any, we may use in our public report.

I would not bother you with this request if it were not for the fact that the question with which we are confronted is one of deep concern to all of us who are interested in the preservation of democratic ideals.

Sincerely yours,

Edward C. King

Edward C. King
June 3, 1947

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
Apartment Six A
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Thompson:

I am grateful to you for your note of May 20 replying to my inquiry as to whether Mrs. Roosevelt would be available for lectures next fall or winter. I have since had a letter from the Leigh Bureau stating that they are scheduling dates for Mrs. Roosevelt on the basis of if and when she can fulfill the dates.

I showed your note to President Ruthven, and he suggested that I write to you again. We find ourselves in a difficult dilemma. We try to satisfy the wishes of our student body in the scheduling of our lectures, and our students have voted overwhelmingly for Mrs. Roosevelt as their top preference. We are, therefore, most anxious for her to come. On the other hand, if we announce her lecture and later disappoint them, we will find ourselves in an awkward position.

I realize that Mrs. Roosevelt can not commit herself definitely at this time; but, we would go ahead with arrangements through the Leigh Bureau and take a chance on her not being able to come, if the speculation were not too great. If there is a reasonably good chance that Mrs. Roosevelt will fulfill her lectures dates, we are perfectly willing to make the announcement at our own risk. I do not know whether you can answer this question, but I should very much like to know: Is there a reasonable probability that Mrs. Roosevelt will be able to fulfill the tentative arrangements now being made by the Leigh Bureau? I should be grateful for any information that you can give me.

Cordially yours,

Carl G. Brandt
Secretary, Committee on
University Lectures
June 10, 1947

Dear Mr. Brandt:

In answer to your letter of June 3rd, I think it would be unwise to announce the probability of Mrs. Roosevelt's speaking at Ann Arbor this fall or winter.

Mrs. Roosevelt's definite and possible commitments which are as follows make it impossible to promise:

In late August and early September, the Human Rights Commission meets at Lake Success for about three weeks. As you know, Mrs. Roosevelt is Chairman of the Commission. She has heard unofficially that she may be appointed as Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly which meets immediately after the Human Rights Commission meetings end. The last General Assembly met for two months and it is hard work from 9 A.M. to 6 or 7 P.M. with frequent evening meetings.

In February the Human Rights Commission will probably meet in Switzerland and Mrs. Roosevelt has promised to go to London in April, 1948 for the unveiling of the statue of the late President. Added to all this are personal commitments to her family.

We have notified the Lehigh Bureau that it is not possible now to offer any dates for Mrs. Roosevelt on any basis.

I have written fully and.
the present situation was like of interest which makes it impossible to make even a tentative guess.

Very Sum. Yrs.
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My dear Mr. Brandt:

It is difficult for Mrs. Roosevelt to say now what she can do in the fall and winter. Her work with the United Nations may take up most of her time.

In any case, the Leigh Lecture Bureau handles all engagements where she receives a fee. I will refer your letter to the Leigh Bureau in the event that Mrs. Roosevelt can set aside any time for lectures.

We both have very pleasant recollections of our previous visit.

Very sincerely,

Secretary

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