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*A. Wagstaff*

I would suggest that you son see the personnel  
director (give name) at the UN. I fear  
however, there are no vacancies and very few  
Americans are being taken on  
I shall be glad to see your son when he  
comes to NYC.

Many thanks for your letter

Iryon. N.C.

Feb 3 '47

Tell him I wrote  
him. I feel like  
I was ~~in~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~corner~~ <sup>corner</sup>

gladly to with Roosevelt :

helpful words on the "Beloved  
Son", which caused a 5,000  
copy sell. It is being  
orchestrated in Hollywood for  
recording.

My son, Alfred Wapstaff,  
(whose father was a Union  
Club pal of your beloved  
husband),

recently an orientation  
speaker on minority groups  
in U. S. Army, would consider  
it an honor if you could grant  
him an interview in N. Y. or  
Washington. He wants to offer  
his services to the Council for  
Human Rights, being interested  
in interracial understanding and  
the U. N. Any time after  
February 15" is convenient.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

Francis S. Wagstaff

# THE BELOVED SON

*The Life Story of Jesus for Children  
in Rhymed Couplets*

*By Blanche Shoemaker Wagstaff, M.A.*

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**

*says in her column, "My Day" . . .*

"There is a small book which I think many of us will like to give as a Christmas gift to little children we know. Called *The Beloved Son*, it is the life of Jesus written in rhymed couplets for young children by Blanche Shoemaker Wagstaff, with illustrations by Bettie Kerkham. I am sure any child who reads it will enjoy it and have a better idea of what happened to this Man who, so many years ago, tried to teach people that 'God is love.' "

*Published by Bruce Humphries, Inc., Boston*

## THE BELOVED SON

By *Blanche Shoemaker Wagstaff, M.A.*

(*Mrs. Donald Carr*)

This life story of Jesus in rhymed couplets is for young children. The author, one of America's best loved poets, and a student of the Weymouth, Goodspeed, Moffat, and King James versions of the Bible, believes that her simplified interpretation of the Beatitudes and parables, if used in the home and the Sunday Schools, should do much to create a pattern for right thinking and living. She feels that conflict within the individual must cease before world peace can endure.

*The Beloved Son* has been enthusiastically received by religious leaders, both Protestant and Roman Catholic. Here are a few of the many appreciative comments:

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BISHOP ERNEST M. STIRES: "This lovely and radiant little poem seems inspired. Parents and god-parents will welcome it for teaching very young children."

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## NEWSPAPERS, TOO

*are commending this beautiful little book . . .*

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*Wagstaff*

1 Beekman Place  
New York 22, N.Y

28 February 1947

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Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

It was so kind of you to see me and I do appreciate your efforts on my behalf.

I had a nice talk with DR. HUMPHREYS but he held out no hope for employment due to the great number of Americans in the UN. However, he introduced me to the personnel department and I forwarded an application to UNESCO in France.

I understand that MR. BEN COHEN will be away until the end of March and if you could write a note of introduction to him, at that time, I would greatly appreciate the courtesy.

It was a great honor meeting you and one which I shall long remember.

Thanking you again and with best wishes for the continued success of your splendid work, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Alfred Wagstaff III*

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26 February 1947

Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt,  
29 Washington Square West,  
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I received your letter of 19 February with reference to Mr. Alfred Wagstaff. Unfortunately, there are no posts open in the Division of Human Rights at the present time that could be offered to him. I suggested, however, that he get into touch with the Department of Public Information and I understand that he has filled out an application form.

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights