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November 2 1947

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

I am here in Washington at Georgetown University doing work for the Office in New York City...my headquarters.

The Catholic Church in grave solemnity today, November 3, prays in an especial manner for the dead; it is All Souls Day and as Priests we are allowed by privilege to say three Holy Masses. Here in Washington where Mr. Roosevelt served God and Country until death, I will pray for him in an especial manner. Know that you are very very often in my kind thoughts and abundant prayers.

Respectfully,

*Edward T. Wiatrak, S.J.*  
(Rev.) Edward T. Wiatrak, S.J.

*Thank*

September 21, 1947

My dear Mr. Wiborg:

I do not think the Truman doctrine is leading us down the path to war. I do not think it was a wise way to do something which obviously had to be done, but that is not going to lead us to war. I think we will get back on the right track very quickly.

No, I do not think there is any danger of democracy and liberal Protestantism being crushed between two totalitarisms, but I do think that both democracy and liberal Protestantism have got to show good cause as to why they should not be crushed and the way to do it is to really live the Christian doctrine instead of giving lip service, and to really accept the responsibilities as citizens, that democracy to be successful, entails.

I think perhaps that what you forget is that in a democracy the leadership for the most part, comes from the people. Occasionally individuals rise to heights and they point the way, but day by day and year by year, it is the people who have to guide democracy.

I think Mr. Henry Wallace is a fine person but I do not think he is very wise as a politician. He has succeeded in misleading the Russians into believing that the majority of the people of the United States agree with them and that of course, leads them to do things which they would never otherwise do. I think the present times require great patience, great courage and firmness and on the part of each one of us a willingness to work for the things we believe in, day in and day out, and not to be afraid to set our minds so that we keep our country in the right track, and in so doing, keep it an influence for good in the world.

Very sincerely yours,



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September 11, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,  
Hyde Park, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I don't think that I have ever come back to my parish work in the Fall more apprehensive of the future than this September. It more and more seems to me that big business and big religion (Roman Catholicism) are about to join forces in a great crusade against Russia and Communism. You know as well as I do what this would mean in terms of death and destruction, probably causing our people more suffering by far than in the recent war. Many families in my parish lost dear ones in that war, and I don't want to have to go through another. But I also believe that in any such coming struggle liberal Protestantism with its emphasis on liberty, tolerance, justice, ethical religion, would find itself crushed between the two totalitarianisms, Russia or Communism and Roman Catholicism, and that would be tragic, even though Protestantism as both of us know has its shortcomings.

You have had a great deal of experience in public affairs, and know pretty well what is going on. I would appreciate it much if you feel you could answer two or three questions in a personal letter, not any news column, for I have great confidence in and admiration for your integrity and sense of justice. 1st. Do you not think that the Truman doctrine is leading us down the path to war? 2nd. Do you think I am right when I say, above, that there is danger of democracy and liberal Protestantism being crushed between the two totalitarianisms? 3rd. Do you think there is any leadership available in our country anywhere, now that your great husband has passed on, capable of appealing to the peoples masses in both Russia and America and constructively reconciling our differences and leading us to a new day of peace and prosperity? 4th. Do you think Henry Wallace is moving in the right direction even though he may not be capable of that leadership?

Perhaps this is a large order and you may not be able to or care to answer it, but it is asked in all sincerity and with a desire to find light in interpreting the present situation to my people. With all good wishes for your future, I am

Sincerely,

E. Ralph Wisborg

Packman -

Wickware

I very much appreciate your sending  
me a check as a result of my  
request. I had not expected to be  
bothered you by asking to send  
the check direct to the Melvick  
School of Esopure, ny? This is  
a small school which takes  
boys between the ages of 7-12  
who get into the NYC Council's  
- I am very much interested in  
the work being done with these  
boys.

I am returning the check  
hoping the above suggestion  
will be agreeable to you

Sept. 2, 1947.

My Dear Mr. Rosemet,  
Hyde Park, New York.

My dear Mr. Rosemet:

The assembly committee of the college has asked me to forward to you as small token of our appreciation of your visit with and talk to the students and faculty, this check for fifty dollars. The committee hesitated to send you this small amount, but it was felt that you might be happy to use it in furthering in any way possible a project or organization which could use it to advantage. It is with this thought that we are sending the money to you.

I trust that you are aware of the deep sense of gratitude in people for the many contributions you make to our progress. Your visit to the school here in Williamantic

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did much in enabling our  
own community to have  
further insight into the problems  
of which you spoke.

Again may I express  
our deep sense of obligation  
to you for the work you are  
doing in this nation and in the  
world.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert H. Dickson



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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,  
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

During the early part of the late President's administration, offered numerous ideas which were put into use for the benefit of the nation. The problem of capital and labor, unless solved, will mean the destruction of civilization. I believe that the enclosed formula is the only equitable solution possible.

Have you any suggestions as to how to promulgate it? I believe the plan would become very popular with the masses and its value would become evident to employers when put into action. I have been using it in my business over a year and it has put a new spirit of joyful, contented service into employes. The increased production, the elimination of waste, the meticulous care, has cost me nothing.

Whatever is done, must be done quickly, for leaders see no other way to crush communism than by war. The surest way in my estimation to crush a half-baked ideology is by introducing a superior one.

Sincerely,

H. E. Widmer  
*H. E. Widmer*





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**Foreword.**

Workable ideas especially when applicable nationally are a blessing, particularly so when all benefit. The success of a number of ideas of the writer as demonstrated in practice nationally encourages him to propound this formula for the end of industrial strife, for a bulwark against communism, for the alleviation of the masses, and the preservation of our cherished institutions and liberties.

H. N. Widmer,  
475 N 25 St.,  
Paterson, N.J.

#### FORMULA FOR SUCCESSFUL LABOR-CAPITAL RELATIONS.

Still, the conflict of ideologies concerning the status of labor and capital continues. Neither laws nor force can permanently crush the other. Powerful alignments are being made, and the stage is being set for a cataclysmic showdown. How foolish! How unnecessary! Anger, hate, fear, improper nourishment, have stifled clear thinking; we must realize that the one cannot exist without the other, that both contribute EQUALLY towards productive success. Labor dreams of a sort of communistic state apparently oblivious that such a state must be capitalistic in principle as well as in practice. Labor forgets that it will have to surrender its rights as individuals, as obtain in true democracy, to become a tiny cog in a complex machine to glorify the state. True democracy exists by virtue of the individual and is aptly clarified in the words of Lincoln -- "a government of the people, by the people, for the people."

Constant demands for higher wages to meet higher living costs is not the solution for labor, for it obviously and necessarily results in raising selling prices. Productivity has diminished in quantity as well as quality. Labor doesn't seem to care, nor take pride in its accomplishments, believing that the employer has an inexhaustible supply of money and is making a tremendous profit on labor, and feels somewhat vindictive as the result of considerable loose, aggravating talk.

Capital is not free from censure. Labor has until recently struggled hard for an existence, often only to wind up in the almshouse when age slowed up the human mechanism. Capital has been short-sighted, for discontented, ill-nourished labor cannot produce so well as men and women in a better status. Subsistence wages will not give the manufacturers the markets they need for their product, nor security for their investments.

These factors doubtless are apparent to everyone, but they are mentioned in order that a permanent solution to the age-long problem may be reached.

Industrial success is based on a high amount of profitable production. Neither capital alone nor labor alone is capable of its attainment. Therefore both are entitled to living wages. (Capital should receive its minimum of 6%; it should be on the payroll also). As regards the net profits (all incidentals, taxes, depreciation, reserves, etc. having been deducted), these net profits should be split equally between capital and labor.

Inaugurate such a plan and a remarkable change takes place. Labor watches to prevent losses due to loafing, mistakes in operations, waste, etc. Labor seeks short cuts in operations. Labor is changed from a languid wage-slave to an alert ambitious cooperative crew. A miracle occurs in each complex mental and physical organism by the addition of a new ingredient -- incentive.



Paradoxical as it may seem, this plan will not cost capital anything and will promote industrial peace. Increased efficiency and production and improved personal relationship will more than pay the costs.

Communism has made comparatively little progress in America, because labor has received far more consideration here than elsewhere. Communism breeds in abject impoverished discontent. The high standard of labor here doubtless is the envy and fear of Russian leaders. The equitable profit-sharing plan proposed will be an insurmountable bulwark against communism and its success here would cause similar plans elsewhere, rolling back the almost worldwide invasion of communism. It would eventually even shake to its very foundation communism in Russia. The load of labor is far from enviable. It is infinitely wiser and cheaper to neutralize and counteract an experimental, insufficient (materially and spiritually) ideology with a practical ideology than to wreck the world's economic system thru further bloody warfare with all its surprises and disappointments.

[Wickmer]

Lüsch, 21. X. 48.

Frau Präsidentin des Reichs

~~vereinigter Staaten~~ in Frankfurt

~~die~~ Gestatten Sie, daß eine Ihnen  
Unbekannte mit einer kleinen  
Poésie an Sie gelangt

Die Verse entstanden einer

~~Leitung~~ zu Folge

die besagte Frau Präsidentin

~~sammelte~~ in Genf einer Versammlung

vorsitzen, die die Errichtung

einer neuen Carta für

Menschenrechte vorsieht.

So mag die Verfasserin

1842

Lirich, Agnesstr. 24

diese Leiden über die Meere  
zu senden, vertrauensvoll, dort  
die Posten zu finden, in die  
alles Hohe Eingang hat.

Es entbietet Ihnen

die ergebensten wie allerfreudig-  
lichsten Wünsche

Frau Louise Hedmer.

Lirich, Agnesstr. 24  
Menschensache vorwärts.  
Lirich, Agnesstr. 24



An Frau  
Präsidentin Roosevelt

Gediehen ist das Jahr bis an die Krone  
der reifen Traube, gleicht der goldne Tag  
die Lüfte feiern Frieden, trotzdem Hohne  
der gen die Himmelfeste zucken mag.

In diese Fülle sommerlicher Gnade  
trifft eine Kunde auserlesen froh  
die erste Frau der Erde lenkt die Pfade  
nach diesem Land der Berge Heimat hoh.

Wie weiten sich im würd'gen Genf die Hallen  
der Gast der Gäste huldvoll zu empfahn  
die Schlösser springen und die Riegel fallen  
Paläste Herzen werden aufgetan.

Da schreitet in des hohen Saales mitte  
wo heut das Gold der Rechte wird geprägt  
die edle Fürstin, leuchtend frommer Sitte  
dem Morgen, der den Frieden in sich trägt.

Entsteigen die jahrhunderte den Mauern  
verborgner Zukunft heute an das Licht  
den Sätzen neuen Menschenrechts zu lauern  
so auferlegt Ihne auch diese Pflicht.

Des Rechtes Gunst dem Dichter seinem Fleisse  
Das endlich Schutz im Werden ihm gedeihe  
Die Hölle geht er, endlos bangt die Reise  
An Klüften tödlicher Gefahr vorbei.

Ein Dulden ist's - dass sich die Sonne beuge  
Des Geistes Bitternis der Seele Zorn  
Dess steht mir Dante Allegieri Zeuge  
Die scharfsten Steine sind im Leidensborn.

Unendlich wird die Zeit den Edlen lohnen  
der solchem Mann verwendet sich als Pfand  
Wie Virgil neben seinem Fürste trohnen  
Soll er, stets mit des Dichters Herz verwandt.

Dass nicht in Leid und Schmerz vermodern müsse  
Die Göttergab, legt hohe Frau ein Blatt  
im Buche des Gesetzes ein, Ergüsse  
des Schönsten Dank's erstehn an dieser Stadt.

So seit Willkommen dank der seltnen Ehre  
Sein wir auch würdig zu empfangen sie  
Ihr Bildnis Glaub und Muth und Tat vermehre  
Und schei'd aus unserm Angedenken nie.

Fr. Louise Wiedmer

WP  
Weismann 1947

10 December 1947

Dear Mr. Weismann,

Thank you for the candy.

My secretary will forward your  
package on my arrival in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Pierre Weismann,  
2 bis 2a Avenue de Flandre,  
STRASBURG

la Cause - de - Fonds le 12 XII 1947

Charles  
Sandy Wilson  
Paris  
U.S.

Chère Madame la Présidente,

Vous serez surprise je suis  
sûr de recevoir cet envoi et vous  
allez me trouver très audacieuse.  
Voici pourtant ce que j'ai à vous  
demander.

Ma jeune sœur est depuis 1939  
dans votre grand et généreuse Pays  
des U.S.A. Elle habite maintenant  
la Californie où elle est mariée  
à un jeune étudiant en médecine.  
Elle est maman d'un petit garçon  
et sera mère une seconde fois en février.  
Depuis 1939 nous ne l'avons pas  
revue. J'aurais un très cher désir  
que vous pourriez m'aider à  
réaliser Chère Madame.



Lors de votre retour, aux U.S.A.  
vous serait-il possible d'emporter  
à l'intention de Claudine le petit  
cadeau que je lui destine contenu  
dans la boîte. C'est une broche que  
j'ai faite pour elle, naturellement elle  
n'est pas en or. Imaginez-vous  
sa joie en recevant ce présent venant  
de la Petite Suisse par l'intermédiaire  
de Madame FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT!

Je ne voudrais pas vous  
importuner avec ce transport, n'  
hésitez pas à me le retourner si vous  
jugez cela difficile à réaliser.  
Le chocolat, il y en a bien peu, est  
pour vous chère Madame. Vous  
pouvez le goûter pendant les petites  
récréations au Palais de l'Arizona!

Avant de terminer cette  
longue lettre je voudrais encore  
chère Madame vous dire très  
sincèrement Merci pour la

gentillesse ; l'hospitalité, la bien  
que tous les Américains ont  
témoigné à ma sœur dans  
sa nouvelle Patrie. Vous pouvez  
être très fière d'être la plus  
grande représentante de ce  
très grand Pays.

Excusez-moi encore je vous  
 prie et en vous remerciant  
du fond du cœur, je vous  
souhaite chère Madame la  
Présidente un heureux séjour  
dans mon petit Pays, un bon  
voyage de retour et vous adresse  
mes très respectueuses salutations.

Pierre Wiesmann  
Gibraltar 2 bis  
la Chouse-de-Fonds.

Mme + 200M  
0224  
Jou  
à l'adresse





Otis Wiese

I am enc - a  
~~out~~ Resume of a  
book which I meant to  
speak to you about in  
when I saw you yesterday.  
Mrs Barmore is a very  
able woman & if you  
would be interested in  
seeing her I would be  
grateful. A very dear  
friend of mine asked  
me to help Mrs  
Barmore to see you

WIESS E

"Sing for a Living" is the story of a family living in Brooklyn in the early part of the century, told chiefly from the point of view of the older daughter. It is not, I probably ought to point out, an attempt to do another "Tree Grows". The time and place are purely incidental, but because of the conventionality of the era the unconventionality of the family life is better dramatized. The father is a successful young business man given to periodic gambling which has already begun to have a disastrous effect on the family fortunes when the story begins. He manages, however, by reason of an unusual endowment of courage, spontaneity, and general war-hardened charm, to carry them through one disruptive crisis after another. The mother, of a more vulnerable temperament, nonetheless never wavers in her loyalty to him, never ceases to share his confidence that sooner or later he will master the weakness that casts an always lengthening shadow on their lives. The daughter at first observes this perennial willingness to endure with a child's resentful inability to understand it; but as the years go by and the mantle of her mother's responsibilities begins to fall upon her, her growth is measured in terms of a dawning comprehension. She sees that for her mother there was ample compensation for what she suffered at her husband's hands in the devotion, the joy and strength, he brought to each day's living.

I have used as a quotation for the fly-leaf this of Hans Denk's: "All externals must yield to love; for they are for the sake of love, and not love for them." This states very well the import of the story I have tried to tell. There is no cynicism, no disillusion, no social protest, unless it be a protest against the conventional standard that measures a man's success in terms of ability to pay his bills! Also, there is not, I trust, any sentimentality.

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(in business, Miss Isabel Black), 71 Park Avenue.  
Miss Black has been leading copy writer in the  
J. Walter Thompson Company for about twenty years.

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