Dear Mr. Steiner,

I hope very much that the original sum of $50,000 or so to assist elevation in foreign countries will be understood. Since 30 years ago, the appropriation in the act of May 13, 1853, is vested in our own future. I feel I cannot afford to let people in foreign countries think...
CALL TO ACTION

$350,000,000 Relief Bill to avert starvation in foreign countries, when UNRRA ends June 30, has been cut by the House of Representatives to $200,000,000.

Bill—H. J. Res. 163—now goes to the Senate.

We urge you to appeal immediately to your Senators to appropriate original sum, desperately needed.

Any cut by Congress in the original amount of Relief Bill is a blow to entire program for restoration of Europe.

WOMEN'S ACTION COMMITTEE FOR LASTING PEACE
1 East 57th Street, New York 22, N.Y. — May 2, 1947
After what seemed to be practically insuperable difficulties, the plans for the series of forums on "THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE PATH TO PEACE," to be held in April by the Junior League of the City of New York and the Women's Action Committee for Lasting Peace have finally been arranged and our announcements mimeographed.

You will see that you are scheduled to speak on Friday, April 25th at 11:00 A.M. on the subject of "HUMAN RIGHTS." We put no reference to the office you held in the United Nations because we felt it was so well-known.

I wish we could have had a pretty printed invitation but the difficulties we encountered delayed us to such an extent that we did not have the time for such a luxury.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(Wife of Norman deR. Whitehouse)

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221 East 71 Street
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Friday, April 11, 11 A. M.
Speaker: General Frederick H. Osborn
Assistant to American Delegation
 to United Nations
Subject: "Peace, Security and the Atom."

Friday, April 18, 11 A. M.
Speaker: Mr. Chester Bowles
(Former Price Administrator)
Subject: "World Trade and Prosperity."

Friday, April 25, 11 A. M.
Speaker: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Subject: "Human Rights."

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April 22, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In winding up the Convention details, we note that you have not sent us a memorandum for your travel to Washington, where you spoke for us.

We are deeply grateful to you and would appreciate your letting us know what expenses you incurred.

With cordial personal greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Peggy Bloch

(Mrs. Monroe Percy Bloch)

National Chairman of Convention
April 20, 1947

My dear Mrs. Blech:

Many thanks for your letter of April 22nd. My only expense was my railroad fare, which was $25.00.

Very sincerely yours,
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July 24, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As you know, a meeting of our Consultants was held Thursday evening, June 26. We all regretted very much we could not have the benefit of your advice on this particular occasion. Before the meeting was held, we followed your suggestion and got in touch with the State Department about its attitudes on the Fulbright Resolution, and that was, of course, taken into consideration during our discussion.

A summary of the discussion is enclosed herewith. The so-called "decisions" (which were in effect recommendations) were accepted by our General Committee at its meeting July 2, and Senator Fulbright has been notified accordingly. If you have any comments on the matters under discussion, we should, of course, be glad to have them.

We trust you are having a very happy summer.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Norman deR. Whitehouse)
National President
Summary of Discussion
of the Consultants of the
Women's Action Committee for Lasting Peace
At the Home of Mrs. Whitehouse.

Thursday evening, June 26th, 1947

Those present were:

Consultants: Mmes. Beggs, Dean, Mahon, McCormick and Miss Wambaugh.
General Committee: Mmes. Backus, Stern and Whitehouse.

Fulbright Resolution giving U. S. blessing to a Federation of Europe. (This measure had been referred to the Consultants by the General Committee.)

It was felt that the bill was too vague—does it mean federation or confederation, of all Europe or part of Europe? Reference was made to the Wiley amendment. The question was raised as to whether the United States should make suggestions to Europe on matters where this country would be in no position to follow through. Secretary Marshall's qualified endorsement of the Fulbright Bill was discussed.

Decision: The Women's Action Committee should not endorse the Fulbright Resolution, but rather concentrate on backing the Marshall proposals. It was felt that the Marshall proposals, if carried out, would tend to produce new economic boundaries which would gradually lessen the significance of political boundaries, and the idea of a European Federation would be thereby advanced.

The Marshall Plan: It was pointed out that the Marshall "plan" is actually a set of informal suggestions or proposals, not a plan but a starting point for negotiating plans.

There was considerable discussion of the relation of the Marshall proposals to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. It was pointed out that while Marshall mentioned this Commission in his Moscow statement, he made no reference to it in his Harvard address.

The meeting felt that the Marshall Plan should be carried out through the U.N. as much as possible. It was pointed out, however, that the economic collapse of Europe is so imminent that if working through the United Nations means endless discussion and delay, a quicker and more direct method would have to be found.

Decision: The Women's Action Committee should welcome and endorse the Marshall proposals, however, we should not issue a detailed statement until after the Paris conference where, it is presumed, a more specific plan will take shape.

Displaced Persons: It was suggested that the Women's Action Committee issue a publicity statement reaffirming its support of the Stratton Bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Laidlaw Backus
Thank.
I am very familiar with the draft... I
can tell you more about it after the NPR
Com. meeting on Dec.
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August 7th, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

Dear Eleanor:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have sent to all of our Consultants on a subject on which you must know more than anybody else. We would be very glad to have your comments if you have time to send us any.

I hope that you are having a happy and restful summer and that the troubles and tragedies of the poor old world do not weigh on you too heavily. They mean to you and they do so often seem to me, too great to bear. And then, of course, your own personal harrassments which I, as well as your other friends, resent with all my heart. I cannot think of any more despicable means of attack as through one's children.

Devotedly yours,

[Signature]

(Mrs. Norman deR. Whitehouse)
National President
August 1949

Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick
The New York Times
237 West 43rd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Anne:

The State Department has sent to the Women's Action Committee for Lasting Peace a preliminary draft of an International Bill of Human Rights, which has just been produced by the Commission's Drafting Committee. This Committee has recently concluded its first session which met in New York. The preliminary draft will be submitted to the Human Rights Commission at its meeting in August 1949, to be held at Geneva, Switzerland.

The preliminary draft, as revised by the Commission in August, will be circulated to all members of the United Nations for their comments. The proposed Bill of Rights will then be presented in its final form to the United Nations General Assembly at its 1949 meeting.

In the meantime, the Department of State asks for comments or suggestions from our organization on this proposed Bill of Rights.

You have, we assume, received directly from the Department of State copies of the draft and a list of the members. But if you have not this material at hand, we would be glad to send it to you at once.

We are invited by the State Department also to take part in future consultations on the Bill of Rights which may be held as the program develops.

We hope that you will look over the draft and be interested in discussing it with some evening during the latter part of September to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Norman deR. Whitehouse)
National President
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Eleanor:

In connection with our membership drive this autumn, we shall need to have on hand up-to-date publicity material about our present officers, consultants and committee chairmen.

Enclosed is the paragraph from the last edition of our "Who's Who" which gives information about you. Won't you be good enough to ask Miss Thompson to revise this and return it to this office at the early convenience?

We shall deeply appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

(Mrs. Norman deR. Whitehouse)
National President
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2) I do not think you should take a position concerning the agency should administer the program.

3) I am against a stand as stated in the question.

4) I should never administer... subject to peace time property and life's grant against attrition or wear machine.

5) Everyone should cooperate.

6) I think we should accept...
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November 23rd, 1947
New York, N.Y.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York, N.Y.

Dear Eleanor:

There is to be a Consultants' Dinner at my apartment (755 Park Avenue), on Friday evening, December 12th, at 7 o'clock.

I understand you will be away, but I am sending you this letter for your information.

Several weeks ago the General Committee decided that it would not issue a policy statement on the "Marshall Plan" until after the Washington reports had been considered.

We are now turning to our Consultants for advice on two matters concerning U.S. aid for the European Reconstruction program:

1. The formulation of a general policy statement.

2. What the attitude of our national office should be toward certain issues which are likely to loom large in legislative strategy during the "Marshall Plan" debate.

Enclosed are several questions which we are to discuss at the meeting. As you are to be away, could you find the time to send us your observations on these points?

We shall miss you terribly, but we need the combined thinking of our Consultants on these difficult and vitally important issues.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Norman deK. Whitehouse)
National President
QUESTIONS REGARDING STAND TO BE TAKEN BY
THE WOMEN'S ACTION COMMITTEE FOR LASTING PEACE
ON THE
EUROPEAN RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

1. What should be our stand as to the size of the appropriation? Should we urge the largest possible amount? Should we accept whatever sum Congress seems most likely to pass? 20

2. Should we take any position concerning what agency should administer the program in this country, and as to the extent of the administrative flexibility that should be granted by Congress? 20

3. Should we take any stand concerning stipulations which Congress is likely to write into the legislation concerning the administration of the program at the European end? (i.e., curbs on socialization, local currency policies, allocation policy, etc.) Against

4. What should be our attitude toward the revival of German industry as a factor in the European recovery program? None for purchasing German goods agreed 20

5. What should be our attitude towards appropriating funds to cover the estimated European deficit to other nations of the Western Hemisphere? They're all connected

6. What should be our stand as regards the proposed domestic controls in relation to the European aid program? Accept controls

November
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