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April 6, 1945

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Women all over the world have assumed grave responsibilities during this war. Their heroism and self-sacrifice have been unequalled. Women today want not only a peaceful world but a world where their children can grow to be useful and active citizens.

The children in our schools must receive the training and guidance to prepare them for this new world of jobs, security and peace. To do this most effectively is a serious problem, one which educators cannot solve alone. They must have the cooperation of leaders in our public life, in industry, labor and government.

The Teachers Union is holding its Ninth Annual Educational Conference on Saturday, April 21, 1945 at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. Some 2,000 teachers, supervisors and parents will discuss with representatives of labor, industry and government, the grave responsibilities of our schools. The proceedings of this Conference will be incorporated in a Year Book which will have national and international circulation. We have invited leading figures in our national life to send their greetings and suggestions for the education of tomorrow.

We should be greatly honored to have you, one of the leading figures in our national life, send greetings to the thousands of teachers who will be reached through this publication.

Respectfully yours,

Charles J. Hendley

CHARLES J. HENDLEY
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"Our Investment in Tomorrow

EDUCATION

THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND YEARBOOK 1945

"The cost of adequate education is an investment . . . Education is an essential instrument through which commerce, industry and agriculture can be expanded in rising degree . . . We want to help, working cooperatively with educational leaders, in forging an educational system that will meet the needs of all Americans."

-Committee on Education
U. S. Chamber
of Commerce

"The one million teachers of America have a great responsibility: the task of keeping alive within the hearts of every school child the ideals of democracy. This period of history challenges educators as never before to serve the democratic interests of all of the people."

-Philip Murray
C.I.O. President

Objectives

AS THE United Nations advance to victory and prepare for peace, educators will have to solve new problems which will be a profound challenge to their creative intelligence and initiative.

The Teachers Union has planned its Ninth Annual Conference so that teachers and supervisors may meet with outstanding leaders in industry, labor and government, with representatives of the arts, sciences and professions, with spokesmen for civic and community groups, and with parents to discuss the new opportunities and responsibilities which flow from the theme "Education for One World–Jobs–Security–Peace."

The assemblage which will be one of the largest gatherings of educators in the United States (last year more than 2,000 attended) should result in a significant contribution to the part which our schools will play in educating the American people for postwar prosperity and lasting peace.

Program

There will be four morning forums followed by a luncheon meeting devoted to addresses and discussions on the following subjects: Child Security–a National Investment; Preparing Youth for Its Role in an Expanding Economy–as Producers, Consumers, and Citizens; the Retraining of Veterans and War Workers; The Role of the Schools in Eliminating Discrimination; Education for National Unity and International Cooperation.

Where and When

At the Hotel Commodore–all day Saturday, April 21, 1945.

Its Contents

The material in the Yearbook will include the following: Proceedings of the Conference in words and pictures; (b) Important legislation dealing with Education; (c) Articles, addresses, reports and other educational material of lasting value; (d) Greetings from Teachers organizations of the United Nations; (e) Greetings from outstanding personages in government, industry, labor, arts, sciences and professions; (f) Messages from business concerns, labor unions and other organizations expressing their interest and their ideas about the problems of education.

The Yearbook will help bridge the gap between desirable policy as enunciated by educational authorities and the actual teaching in the classroom. It will be a weapon for the nation against any philosophy or program tending to subvert the educational measures necessary for democratic progress and postwar prosperity.

Who Produces It

The Yearbook is published by the Teachers Union of New York–the largest CIO organization of educators in the United States.

To Whom It Will Go

In addition to thousands of teachers and educational bodies here and abroad, it will reach the policy-making agencies of government, industry and labor; moulders of public opinion in press, theater, radio, community and pulpit; legislators, public officials and other figures interested in education. (This year's distribution is expected to reach 50,000 copies.)

"The nation's educators have a vital part to play in building and maintaining postwar national prosperity."

-Beardsley Ruml

"It behooves us to make a thoroughgoing appraisal of . . . the adequacy of our educational provisions for producing a citizenry with the emotional and intellectual orientation favorable to democracy at home and to cooperation abroad."

-John W. Studebaker
U. S. Commissioner
of Education

The Teachers Union – 29 Years of Classroom Leadership

Your Participation We believe that you or your organization will want to participate in the 1945 Conference and Yearbook in several ways:

- By attending and taking part in the Conference.
- By using a page in the Yearbook to express your greetings, your views, your wartime achievements, your postwar plans in terms of the theme of the Conference.
- By making a generous financial contribution to expand both the size and the distribution of the 1945 Yearbook—as well as to provide a back-log of funds for continuing the work of the Conference throughout the year in extended educational research, publication of pamphlets, syllabi, bibliography and other educational material for the guidance of teachers.

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Make checks payable to Ninth Annual Educational Conference and Yearbook. Send checks to the Teachers Union, Local 555, SCMWA-CIO, 13 Astor Place, New York 3, N. Y.

Danville Ga.
Dec 13, 1945

Dear Mrs Roosevelt

Planning to go north soon, I found these clippings & while, ordinarily, they are not always of great interest, these seem to show history in the making.

How clearly Mr. Roosevelt saw how the cards were going to fall & how accurately he called the turn, in the majority of cases!

Although I have never expressed my personal sympathy to either his immediate or official family, I did so, publicly, the day after his passing, in the form of an allegorical conception sent to the Albany (GA) Herald.

This was based on Deut. 34: 1-4 & the short period of preparation for the future, done in solitude, Tuesday afternoon, on Dowell's trail.

Because of what seemed, to some, an odd co-incidence, it is just possible that this piece was brought to your attention.

With kind regards & the wish that you may all experience a truly thankful Christmas & New Year, I have the honor to remain

sincerely yours
M. Tabbutt

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Spofforth, Nr Harrogate. England.
20th, March, 1945.

To. Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt.
The White House.
WASHINGTON.
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Dear madam,

Today, I have received the very splendid news that you recently thought fit to reprint part of a monthly Round Robin letter in "My Day" for February. 2nd and 5th. 1945. It was a great and wonderful thrill here, in a home called after one of your states, and where, long before war came, we were very much pro-American.

For years, through correspondence with Americans, we have known America, and have had our hands very tightly clasped with those which work for your own country. Very many states are intimately "ours" because they are the places where we know love dwells, and every month for the last ten years, have I written at least one to each friend.. In 1944 alone, I sent out more than six hundred letters, and dispite all that Hitler could do, lost NONE... In this way, via channels unknown to us here, you too, received a copy of my monthly letter, and in so doing, greatly honoured this house.

If you could look into the room where we as a family live, you would see, that to dispel the gloom of six years wear and tear on walls and furnishings, we have prominently placed, a great colourful map of America by the mexican artist, Miguel Covarrubias,. In another corner is what might have been a tired lampshade, but Martha carefully cut out authentic pictures of Blackfeet Indians, and redecorated the lamp, making it a thing of beauty.

To the left of our dining table, is our own flag, together with a portrait of Winston Churchill in a frame 4½"X 5½", whilst now to the right of that same window, where ever there has been the "Old Glory", there is in a simularly sized frame, your letter regarding my round robin, to Mr Ralph Cropley. This is a great honour for us, and because we cannot today get a portrait of The President, in this country, it is certainly the next best thing.

So.... you see how daily, your country has ever been in the life of this home, and how now you too, madam, you will share with us, our life, which dispite six years of war, is still very sweet.

Not only will you share this home, but you will often see within its walls, American soldier friends, who, being already known to corresponding friends, have been sent by them to us, when they arrive here in my own country.. We have been privilaged in the last two years to so welcome under this roof, just such lads, and they have so soon become a part of the home circle, that they knew their own chair, because it was the nearest to the fire, and, as we shared with them, so have they shared with us.. That, I contend, is real brotherhood, and the main essential to a peaceful future.

So, I close, and in doing, suggest, that I may in the future, direct to yourself, as I send my letters to others....a copy of the Monthly Round Robin, which came to your attention, early this year. As a family we shall be so happy to do this, and we trust it may, just once in a while, take away from your mind all these very heavy responsibilities and duties, which I am assured by so many of your citizens, nobody else but yourself could carry and attend to.

Very sincerely, yours,

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