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# TESTIMONIAL DINNER

*in honor of*

## MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

*given by the*

NEW YORK WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

*As a tribute to her comprehensive knowledge of the problems of working people, and her untiring efforts in their behalf.*

HOTEL COMMODORE

NEW YORK CITY

Friday, January 24, 1941

L Testimonial Dinner

## MENU

SUPREME OF FRUIT CARMEN

HEARTS OF CELERY — QUEEN OLIVES

POTAGE FERMIERE

FILET OF SOLE, BONNE FEMME

ROAST VERMONT TURKEY, SAGE DRESSING
CRANBERRY SAUCE

CANDIED SWEET POTATOES — NEW PEAS ETUVEE

OR

BAKED HALIBUT AU PAPRIKA
POTATO LORETTE

MIXED GREEN SALAD, FRENCH DRESSING

BOMBE GLACE COMMODORE — PETIT FOURS

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## PROGRAM

The National Anthem.....Chorus, Cultural Division, I.L.G.W.U.

MARY E. DREIER, *Chairman*
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SPEAKERS: MR. NEWBOLD MORRIS
MR. DAVID DUBINSKY
MRS. DOROTHY BELLANCA
MR. THOMAS J. LYONS

SONGS: South and Central American Folk Songs:
Chilean, Argentine, Mexican

Il Trovatore: Act II, Scene I—The Gypsy.....Verdi
JOSEPH FURGIUELE, *Conductor*

Abe Lincoln .....Hayes-Robinson
? ? .....*Music and Lyrics by Harold J. Rome*
*Arrangement by Will Lorin*

Italian and Negro Units of the I.L.G.W.U. Chorus
*Accompanists:* CARLO PASCARELLA and PAUL CRESTON

A TRIBUTE BY THE WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

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"God Bless America".....lead by the composer, Mr. Irving Berlin

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THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE is beginning its thirty-eighth year of activity on behalf of industrial women. Recent events add a new challenge to the League's responsibilities, which we are attempting to meet by renewed efforts in the organizing, legislative and educational fields through which we operate.

Progressive social laws need strengthening and extension; there are still many unorganized workers who do not understand the benefits of trade unionism and who have never had an opportunity to discuss their problems in the free and friendly atmosphere of workers' education classes. The League believes that in promoting such activities we are helping to strengthen our democratic institutions and spirit.

The organized working women of this state join the officers and members of the League in expressing their gratitude to Mrs. Roosevelt and to each of you for your interest. We are glad to bring you this brief word about the League and its efforts towards making the lives of countless women wage earners a little happier, more secure, better informed and, as a result, more useful in their unions and their communities. Further information about the League, membership and classes may be secured from the headquarters, 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

## "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

God bless America, land that I love;
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam—
God bless America, my home, sweet home!

TERRY

The White House
Washington

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MRS ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

MY SON LIEUT. ROGER C TERRY TOGETHER WITH SIXTY OTHER NEGRO ARMY OFFICERS IS BEING HELD CONFINED TO QUARTERS AT FREEMAN FIELD SEYMOUR IND. FOR ENTERING AN OFFICERS CLUB APPARENTLY RESTRICTED TO THE USE OF WHITE OFFICERS I GAVE MY SON TO FIGHT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRACY AND NOT TO BE INCARCERATED FOR THE PRACTICE OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN HIS NATIVE AMERICA. MAY I ASK THAT YOU USE YOUR INFLUENCE TOWARD THE ERADICATION OF DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN ALL INSTITUTIONS OF THE ARMY OF THE U.S. WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THIS CASE.

MRS EDITH TERRY 11627 BANDERA ST LOS ANGELES 2 CALIF.

Tell her I will do what I can.

Mr McClay

Please investigate

It would be very unjust to put him & others in prison

EJ

Tell her uncle do what I can

EJ

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

## 1940-1941

THE NEW YORK
**WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE**
247 Lexington Avenue, New York City

STUDENT ACTIVITIES — "CLASSROOM WITHOUT WALLS"

GOVERNMENT, POLITICS and LABOR LEGISLATION

HISTORY, ECONOMICS and FOREIGN POLICY

## THE WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

was organized in 1903, to promote the welfare of wage-earning women. With the help of its many affiliated unions, the League has fought for beneficial labor legislation, organized women into unions, represented wage-earners at public hearings, and sought to interpret the aims of organized labor to the public.

The educational program, started in 1922, and one of the pioneers in workers' education, has aimed to train workers for leadership in such activities. It has brought to the individual student wider personal interest, to industry, better equipped workers and to the community, more capable citizens.

## EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

Recent events add a new challenge to the League's responsibilities, which we are meeting by new courses and new emphases. Among other issues confronting working people today is the supreme one of defending the democratic way of life. Labor has certain special contributions to make to that task, and they can be made only by an informed, trained membership. *To help prepare working men and women for such service, is the purpose of the League Educational Program of* 1940-41.

## THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT WALLS

The Educational Program is only one of many activities carried on at the League. Delegations, conferences, organizing campaigns, membership meetings and committee work all go on continually. For the past two years, groups of students from the Public Affairs course have made trips to Washington to observe various governmental agencies at work. Because students have opportunity to participate in these activities as part of their training, the League Program has been called a "Classroom Without Walls."

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

League students, coming from many different occupations and a variety of backgrounds, enjoy a warm comradeship. They share not only the common determination to serve the labor movement, but also the hearty good fellowship of classroom discussions and social activities. Dances, get-togethers, supper forums, poetry readings all may be found at the League,—a time and a topic to suit every taste!

League Membership Meetings are held the first Monday evening of each month. At these meetings, interesting reports are given of current happenings in the labor movement. Students are always welcome at the meetings, and frequently take part in the program.

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## WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

### TRADE UNIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES — Thursday, 8:15

NORA PIORE, *Educational Director*
Women's Trade Union League

A discussion group on trade union tactics and labor history, for those who want to be active in union work. Organizing the unorganized; strike strategy; collective bargaining; union "good and welfare." Workers who have recently joined and members holding office or serving on committees have many questions. This class can help answer them.

### ENGLISH WORKSHOP — Thursday, 6:30

MILDRED R. M. GRIFFITHS

A "laboratory" where students in the Trade Union and Public Affairs Courses can prepare speeches, reports and news releases to supplement their studies and committee work, under the guidance of an experienced teacher of spoken and written English for workers.

**THE LEAGUE LIBRARY, with a varied collection of fiction, non-fiction and labor periodicals is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. during the school year. Come in and browse around.**

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM 1940-1941

### A TRAINING COURSE FOR PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

If you are interested in vital work for labor legislation, this training course will give you practical experience, as well as a knowledge of labor laws and the machinery of government. Students in this training course enroll in the class on Labor and Government, and select one of the Committees listed below for practical follow-up work.

### LABOR & THE GOVERNMENT — Wednesday, 6:30

SAMUEL BERGER, *Labor Historian*

An analysis of trade union political behavior, with special reference to the campaign issues of 1940. The relation of organized labor to the government will be discussed. An historical survey of labor and politics since the Workingman's party of 1840 will explain the past experience and present attitudes of organized labor.

### A. COMMITTEE ON LABOR LEGISLATION — Wednesday, 8:15

JULIUS MANSON, *Economist*
New York State Department of Labor

### B. COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN SOCIAL PROBLEMS — Wednesday, 8:15

ANDREE EMERY, *Economist*
New York State Housing Division

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## LABOR AND THE WORLD CRISIS Tuesday 7-9 p.m.

LUCILE KOHN, *Discussion Leader*

A weekly forum on foreign affairs from the labor point of view. Prominent authorities will address each session, and ample time will be allowed for student discussion, under the chairmanship of Miss Kohn.

October 15th: Labor and American Foreign Policy

October 22nd: The Last Two Years in Europe—A Review

October 29th: America Faces A Fascist Europe

November 12th: The Americas: Economic and Political Structure of South America

November 19th: The Americas: A Western Hemisphere Policy

November 26th: The Far Eastern Situation

December 3rd: American Policy in the Far East

December 10th: Problems of National Defense

December 17th: Basis of a Permanent Peace

This schedule is subject to revision. If you wish to be notified of speakers, send in your name and address.

## SECOND TERM CLASSES

### AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

A picture of the economic, social and cultural history of our country, the evolution of our popular institutions, the causes of economic crises, and the political conflicts arising out of the national effort to grapple with these problems. The story of the life and work of the people in our democracy, with provocative discussion of institutions and issues.

### THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

A weekly analysis, by members of the League's Legislative Committee, of Legislation being considered by the 1941 session of the State Legislature and by Congress. Special emphasis on bills affecting labor, and an opportunity for students to cooperate in the legislative programs of the League and their unions.

### AUTHORS AND ISSUES

Novels of contemporary authors analyzed for comment on issues and conflicts of our time. The League Library will have copies of books to be discussed, so that students may be prepared to contribute to the class forum.

## HOW TO REGISTER

*Classes begin October* 15. Sessions are open to men and women without charge, if they are League members. A registration fee of $1.00 per year is charged to non-members, Classes are held in the comfortable rooms of the League House, 247 Lexington Avenue, at 34th Street.

Students are urged to talk with the Educational Director and to register at the office before classes start. The office is open every day until 8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Additional classes may be arranged to meet special requirements. The League will also be glad to cooperate with any unions in working out their own educational programs. Organization representatives and interested individuals are always cordially welcome at the Educational Department office.

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Please add my name to your mailing list.

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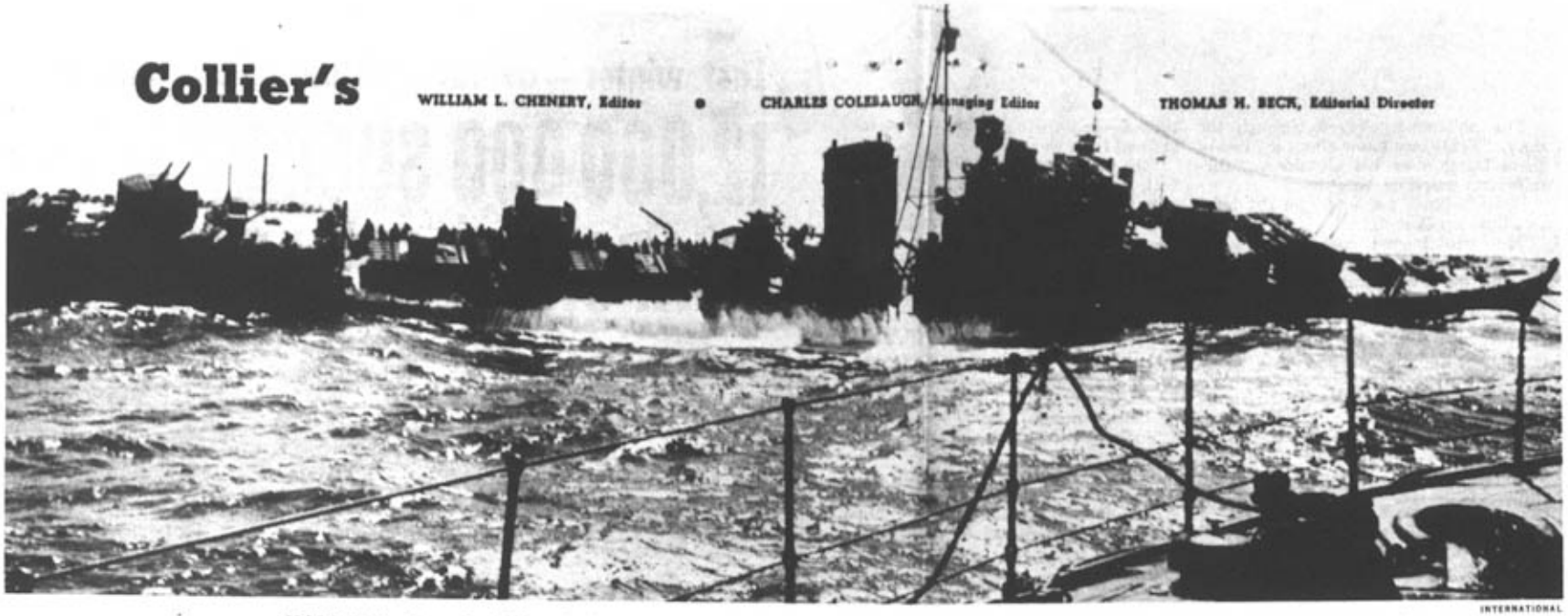

INTERNATIONAL

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# Full Speed Ahead

WE TAKE it that most Americans now are agreed on the following items: That for better or for worse the United States is unofficially but inextricably in the war on Britain's side . . . that if Britain loses decisively and Hitler gets the British navy or any considerable part thereof, we shall be in a most serious spot . . . that if Britain loses, the least disagreeable thing we can expect thereafter will be to have hostile fleets heaving to off our richest coastal cities, one after another, and offering them the choice between paying heavy tribute and being bombarded. . . that you can draw your own picture of the most disagreeable thing we can expect if Britain loses.

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These things being understood and agreed on in this country, will most Americans okay without hesitation practically any measures Congress and the Administration may take to equip Britain and ourselves to see this crisis through?

We believe the answer to that question is Yes.

Or if the answer is No, we'd better begin to think of how best to fight a heartbreaking defensive war against the Axis and Japan, with some further thought on how best to endure a possible ignominious loser's peace afterward.

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:
Isn't this an appreciative notice!
Devotedly yours
Dorothy Canfield Fisher

## 14,000,000 Pennies

WELL, the Children's Crusade for Children, which we had the pleasure of endorsing on this page a few months ago, wound up with almost $140,000 deposited in mite boxes posted in schools all over the country. The money was split roughly as follows for the relief of child war victims: $22,500 each for Chinese, French, Polish, British and Jewish children; $7,500 each for Dutch, Finnish and Belgian children; $2,000 for Norwegian children.

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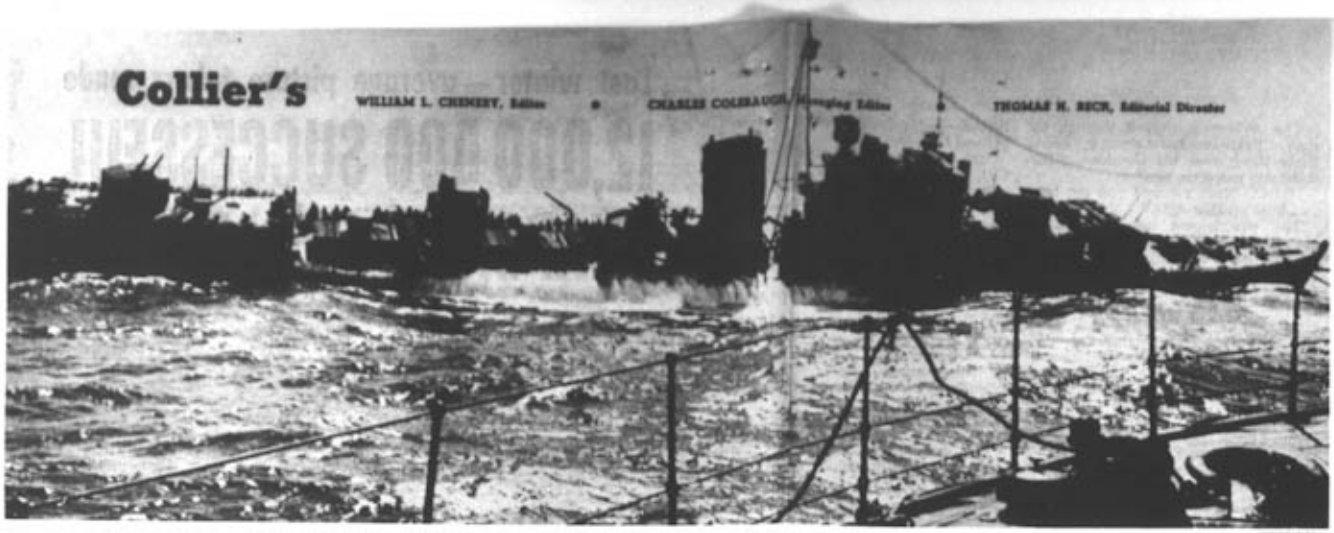

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# Soldiers' Tearooms—Well, Why Not?

MODERN, commodious regimental tearooms are being rigged up for the soldiers of the 27th Division at Fort McClellan, Ala., and the news has set jesters jesting, old Regular Army top kicks muttering in what would be their beards if they wore beards and retired generals striving to think of other things lest they have apoplexy.

What we say is, what of it? Why shouldn't men of the new draft forces have as pleasant surroundings as may be?

The new Army should be a democratic outfit to which it is worth a man's while to belong—though, of course, with all the essentials of first-class modern military training. Don't baby the boys; but don't make their year in the Army equivalent to a year in jail, either.

We're for the tearooms, for good-looking hostesses around canteens and post exchanges, and for any other trimmings that will help to make life in the new Army enjoyable. That's the way you build a strong, enthusiastic, superloyal fighting organization—by making it something a man likes to belong to.

# Wings for the Border Patrol

WHAT is your own opinion of what those planes or that plane is carrying into the States?" we asked one of the patrol inspectors. We were starting back to El Paso, the Mexicans having just dragged three truckloads of corn meal across the Rio Grande.

"Personally," said he, "I'd say it ain't corn meal."

Thus ended Walter Davenport's recent Collier's article on the Border Patrol, and how it prevents overland smuggling and unlawful entries into the United States from Mexico but can't prevent aerial shenanigans because it has no airplanes of its own. In times like these, it is no joke to have our southern border open to any airplane whose pilot cares to fly over without reporting to the Border Patrol.

Mexico is crawling, currently, with radical refugees from the Spanish civil war. Ultra-radicalism has about ruined Mexico, which has accordingly swung to the Right. In the bosoms of many of these refugees, however, still burns the holy ambition to wreck as many countries as they can in the name of St. Marx and his prophet Stalin. Many of them want to come to the United States and get busy on the wrecking work here.

We'd better equip the Border Patrol with an adequate flying force, and do it without delay. These pilots had better be instructed to track down undocumented border-jumping planes, and shoot them down if need be. If now and again one of these patrol planes should fly into Mexico in performance of this duty—well, Avila Camacho, new Mexican president, allows repeatedly as how he wants to be a Friend of ours, with a capital F.

Hotel Commodore
January 24, 1941

SONGS FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE
WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

These songs, written for the 25th Anniversary celebration of the League in 1928, illustrate the difficulties encountered in the early days of organizing women. It wasn't quite "respectable" then for women to be seen marching on the streets, -- but we marched! Attendance at union meetings was a risky and furtive business, but we passed out the handbills and finally the girls came! And in those days -- the "guardians of law and order" were a power to be reckoned with in all organizing activities! (The audience is invited to join in singing these songs.)

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SONG OF THE ORGANIZERS (Tune: Sweet Little Buttercup)

We pass out our handbills and call girls to meetings,
And pray that they only may come,
But no, they are tired and fear to be fired,
And so they stay feebly at home.

For we agitators, and very good haters,
Are not what you call popular,
The girls will not hear us,
Though for them we fuss, fuss
They'll only come out for a star.

So Gompers and Mitchell,
And London, Wise, Hillquit,
Announce them we do on our call,
And girls come in rushing with eyes and cheeks flushing,
To fill all the seats in the hall.

We call on their families, and speak to them gently,
And give out our handbills galore,
Oh come here on Wednesday and hear how you raise pay,
And shorten your hours some more.

THE LABOR DAY PARADE (Tune: When Johnny Comes Marching Home)

They say that man's superior, Aha, Aha!
We stay in our place, a subordinate race, We are, We are!
But here we come on Labor Day,
In spite of all that men may say,
Sitting on floats in a brazen way, Aha, Aha!

THE GUARDIAN OF LAW AND ORDER: (Tune: The Last Rose of Summer)

I'm the guardian of law and order,
In the City of New York,
I'm the servant of all the people,
But I like just a little pork.
I arrest the girls when striking,
For the boss tells me that's right,
I'm the guardian of law and order,
In the City of New York.

Treat 'em rough, is our motto,
And we treat them rough, we do,
The patrol wagon stands quite ready,
To take up all the fighting crew.
We must keep our law and order,
For the girls lack all respect,
I'm the guardian of law and order
Which I'll keep in New York, by heck!

Women's Trade Union League Testimonial Dinner to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt AFOE