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Mrs. Delano Roosevelt
White House, Wash. D. C.

Honorable Lady:

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

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It is with full compassion that we make this request of you, in the name of the greatest organization in the world today of the Ukrainian American woman. Our heartfelt sympathy for all people suffering the pestilence of the second world war, demands of us a greater sacrifice than we ordinarily could give.

You, dear Mrs. Roosevelt, who has been as a beacon to the American woman and all the women in the world, can do much to guide us as to what procedures may be taken by a large women's organization, (also affiliated with General Federation of Women's Clubs)

Three of our Board members ask your kind indulgence in giving us a short audience within the next two weeks, any day and time will be appreciated a thousandfold.

Personally I have had the great pleasure and privilege to call at the White House several years ago as I have been active in many national drives sponsored by the various President's committees, but we do realize the rigid rules now caused by

war regulations. Therefore we want you to know it is most of high importance that we ask for this appointment.

Please advise us soon as to your kind consideration in granting us this request. The other two board members will be Mrs. Helen Stogryn of Philadelphia and Miss Mildred Milanowycz of Jersey City.

Sincerely yours,

In justice and peace,

Annets L. Metz.

Chairman of Public Relations
of U. N. W. S. of Am.

29 Cedar St.
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Ulich

November 13, 1945

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Ulich brought me your letter and plan. I think it is a most interesting one and I shall talk it over with some of the organizations in this country.

I could not, of course, head anything unless some group would take it up and carry through your suggestions. If they do, I think something worthwhile may come of it.

I realize the responsibility of women in this country to help those in the other nations of the world, and to work with them in the years to come. I hope we can create in our women, a sense that they wish to be of use.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The idea behind the writing of this letter is an effort to create a lasting opinion for peace.

However desirable a lasting peace may be in our time, the prospects do not seem very bright. The action for an enduring peace must set its aim several generations ahead, - a foundation for future peace must be laid by our generation.

A pacifist movement, involving total or part disarmament is not a satisfactory solution, because what we want to keep, we must also be able to defend.

Now is the time to realize this thought, while the whole world is so deeply shaken by the horrors it has experienced and is still experiencing.

The chances for a successful realization of such a thought have never before been so great as they are at present. With the aid of radio practically every individual can now be reached and personally influenced. The press is the other powerful factor. If previously the propaganda of hate and revenge could pervade whole nations, surely it should also be possible to instill the opposite feelings through the same mediums.

The impulse has to come from the Allied Nations.

The action must originate with someone, to whom both the governments and the people are willing to listen.

The realization must be accomplished through the cooperation of the governments of all countries and also sponsored by them.

It is suggested that this be achieved in the following way:

A cooperation committee is appointed in each country, including representatives from each and every national organization. The universal participation of all organizations, regardless of purpose, will enforce responsibility for the satisfactory realization of the plan.

The most devastating war known to history has just come to an end, at least in Europe, and we must all try to go back to our various peacetime tasks. The wounds inflicted by the war will not heal easily, and the scars will perhaps never disappear. It is easy to understand the hate and the desire for revenge which fills all those who through the war have been persecuted, assaulted and degraded, and who have perhaps lost their families and belongings. This must be understood, but at the same time everything humanly possible must be done to prevent a repetition of such unspeakable misery. The world must realize that it is for the present generation to make sacrifices if we want to be sure that our children and our children's children shall not have to go through an even more disastrous war.

There are no chances of creating better conditions in this world if the start is not made from within, inside the people themselves. There must be a change in man's heart.

If you want to bring out the positive in people, you will have to meet your fellow creatures in a positive way. The struggle between good and evil goes on everywhere in life, within the people themselves, and in all connections, important as well as unimportant. We realize, however, that in our time evil has got the upper hand. This has led to a terrible war, and the actual extent of the destruction wrought by this war cannot even be perceived yet. Since we are confident that deep down in everyone there is a will to be good, we must seize on this and try to bring about a reform in their whole attitude. Just as it has previously been fashionable to be a rank, cynical realist, it must now become the fashion to be a positive, good realist. It is possible to stand with both feet on the earth

and yet have a positive attitude toward life and its problems. If there were a possibility of engaging the entire press of the world to assist in a propaganda for a more positive attitude towards life, such a drive would certainly be supported by, for example, every physician, who can testify to the fact that human beings feel better both physically and mentally when being positive than when being negative. It is of great importance, however, that this spirit, which will permeate the new era, be launched from the right quarters. It must come from an authoritative source, recognized by the whole world. Also it must come from an authority among the victors, because it is the victors who can be generous. Mr. Churchill himself has said that they must not forget why this war against Naziism was begun. It is for the present rulers of the world to ensure that the eternal vicious circle of injustice, hate and vengeance is broken once and for all. Those who in the war have had to make the greatest personal sacrifices will perhaps be the ones most willing to add to those other sacrifices the great one of forgoing revenge and feeling no hate, in order that the coming generation or generations shall not have to experience such horrors as the world has suffered the last few years. With people practically everywhere so severely hit by the consequences of the war, we think there must be a good soil for the growing of a new spirit. To be able to live on at all, one has to believe in the possibility for improvement in mankind. One has to believe, even contrary to one's own knowledge, because by being positive in your faith you bring out the positive in those surrounding you. If only this new spirit is not limited in its scope by being launched by some exclusively Christian, church, political or similar circumscribed quarters, we believe that it may be carried out into the world and reach everybody.

The practical means of accomplishing this goal must of course be subject for discussion. The fundamental idea must be, however, that every human being has a right to live on earth. The best plan would perhaps be to view the problem from an economic-geographical standpoint. So much has been talked and written about the reconstruction work after the war, but just as important as food, clothes and that which is called the necessities of life, if not still more important, is to find a mode of life which will give people faith in their existence.

We wish to emphasize that the drive for the new spirit must be launched from the right quarters. It must come from an authority to whom everybody is willing to listen - a personality. The personal impression and contact can be achieved through the means of the radio. As a matter of fact, never before have such means existed for reaching all people, as newspapers and radio, the first real great resources in our fight for peace. Both the daily and the weekly papers, however, often represent private economic interests, which they must take care of. But just as governments, during the war, have been able to influence and even control the press of the respective countries, a solution of this problem should also be possible.

In order to gain the greatest possible following for this idea of improving human relationships, it is suggested that a large cooperation committee be formed in each country, including one representative from each organization, regardless of purpose, existing in the country. Since in most countries every citizen usually belongs to one or perhaps several organizations or associations, it might be expected that the cooperation committee thus suggested would have the broadest possible anchorage with the mass of the people. The cooperation committee will also have an executive body, working in intimate

contact with an international federation committee and its executive board. The chairman of the executive board of each country will be one of the members of the government, and by making this office high in rank, it will also be a desirable one. In this way the respective governments will be directly responsible for and connected with the peace organization. This influence must be brought to bear in favor of the safeguarding of a lasting peace - at the conference tables. To achieve the desired result, propaganda and enlightenment are necessary. Boundaries will be opened so that all can be reached by the same propaganda, and it would be a very good thing if it were possible to materialize the idea of an institute where youth from all parts of the world could gather to study the economic interests and geographical possibilities of all peoples and countries in the world, and the premisses necessary for a peaceful development to the benefit of all.

It is not merely a Utopian scheme to imagine a development into a world where there will be lasting peace among all peoples. In communities, where law and justice have been permitted to prevail, peace between citizens has been made safe. We have only to go back a few hundred years in time to find blood revenge the generally accepted and natural solution of disputes between families. Just as law now secures peace between citizens within the different nations, it must be possible also to create respect for justice in international relations.

Of all the efforts towards a lasting peace made after the last war, such as the forming of the League of Nations, which in some countries resulted in disarmament or reduction in armaments, none has succeeded in reaching the desired goal. Surely the world has now

learned that what we want to keep we must also be able to defend. A blu-eyed pacifism has certainly no chances of enlisting any great number of supporters. Before recommending the abolishment of military forces there must be certainty of a safe future in peace. Instead of again organizing peace associations and peace leagues we must this time try to bring about the long wished-for lasting peace by starting at the right end: within the individuals themselves. With a watchword spread to everybody, that the thing to do today is to show the new spirit - that it is now the fashion to be a good positive realist, there is perhaps a possibility to release the world from the agony in which it is now writhing.

We must never give up hope that we shall succeed in creating better conditions, but we must remember that it is on the people themselves and on their attitude towards the problems that it depends whether or not we shall succeed.

Ernest Mandel

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April 1, 1945

Dear Mrs. Rosewell,

Just a note to say that "all's well" and I am as happy as a lark. I couldn't have picked view so more wonderful in-laws if I had searched the whole world over.

I am sure the future holds all the happiness any one could ask for.

Sincerely,

Anne (Stank), Singer