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WARDMAN PARK

Dear Mr. Roosevelt,
Not long ago I talked
with Mr. Luckman about the
tremendous response following
the Bob Hope broadcast in
which he paid you a nice tribute.
I am enclosing a copy

of the broadcast and a few
of the letters received at that
time -

It all makes me very happy.

I have just talked with
Eleanor Morgan's nurse
who tells me that she is
getting along nicely but
must of course have complete
rest. I think I can appreciate
how difficult it is for her,
with all her pent up energy
and interest in so many
things to be compelled to live
such a quiet existence
for so long -

Thank you Eleanor is
a gallant soul and I

feel sure she will learn
to live happily in a
somewhat slow tempo -

Yours joins me in
sending our dearest love
and hoping that we may
see you before too long -

July 6, 1945

Love, affectionately yours
Dorothy

Wallace

Pepsodent

DIVISION OF LEVER BROTHERS COMPANY

June 29, 1945.

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Henry Wallace
Washington, D. C.

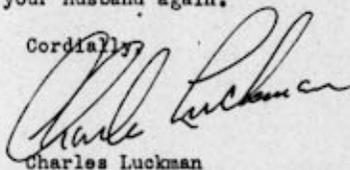
My dear Mrs. Wallace:

After I returned from Washington it occurred to me that if you were actually going to speak to Mrs. Roosevelt about the incident that we discussed, that you might like to have a copy of Bob's words in this connection, and a few letters that are typical of the 22,000 letters that we received.

Since these are copies of the originals, it will not be necessary for you to return them.

I enjoyed the pleasure and opportunity of seeing you and your husband again.

Cordially,



Charles Luckman

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Bob Hope's Opening Speech on The Pepsodent Show

April 17, 1945

Bob Hope: It was only last Tuesday that we were laughing and whooping it up with an audience of a thousand marines...only seven days ago tonight...but I want to tell you it seems like a thousand years ago. We feel as though last Tuesday and this Tuesday are a couple of book-ends, with a new set of history books in between. a few seconds ago we listened to the voice of Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States of America. President Truman was talking to our fighting men. . .those guys flung out across the earth. . .sitting in a muddy foxhole in a steaming jungle. . .or in a frozen foxhole in the mountains of Europe. They were waiting to hear what their new commander-in-chief had to say to them...now they've heard him... My guess is that they liked what they heard. . . .and there are some who say, in the temporary despair and bitterness that come with grief, that a gap has been torn in our ranks which can never be closed. But when a good soldier falls, another good soldier presses forward, and in a good army the ranks are always closed. We people are the army, and the ranks, and we people are the voice of the President. . .for the President is the voice of the people. . .no man on earth, today or all the way back through history, has faced so great a responsibility as Harry S. Truman. You can be sure that he thanks God that he does not face his gigantic responsibility alone, for he's got all of us beside him and that's where all of us are going to stay. . . . He's not going to have an easy time of it. . .but neither had those men when they first hit the beaches of France. . .or those guys who took the first crack at the Solomons. . .But we had confidence in our fighting men and they came through. . .That's the way we feel about our new President. President Truman has served notice that victory and world peace will be the monument to FDR. And one hundred and thirty million Americans are serving notice on President Harry S. Truman that they will stand beside him to the completion of the task to which Franklin Roosevelt gave his life.

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Concluding Speech on the Pepsodent Show

April 17, 1945

Bob Hope: Well, folks, next week we're going back full time to our old job...a job that we consider quite a privilege, namely, peddling a few laughs to the blue and the khaki. Events of the past week have more than ever made this job a privilege for all of us on the show. You know, we lost a man who didn't need jokes to make laughter a part of American life. He had a little formula of humor all his own. You've heard of it - they call it the Four Freedoms. One of these is Freedom from Fear. Yes sir, one of FDR's ideas must have been that people who have no fear, are not afraid to laugh. Not much like Poland under Germany, is it. Incidentally, our gang will never forget the few times that we were doing our stuff in the Nation's capital, and we'd hear Mr. Roosevelt laugh. It was a wonderful laugh. To me, it was that famous smile of his, smiling out loud. Like as not, the gag was one about Eleanor and her habit of getting around the world as though the world was the back yard at Hyde Park. And we'd just like to say this tonight...when you're reserving a space in your heart for FDR, a great man, leave a little for a great lady, too. In Eleanor Roosevelt's hour of grief the new president said to her, "What can we do to help?". . .And she turned to him and said, "What can WE do to help you." . . .Mister, a great lady was talking then.

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Dear Mr. Bob Hope,

We always enjoy your program and we hope you stay on the air always.

We were so glad to hear you say the wonderful words of praise for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt she deserves all of them and more. We were so happy to think you thought of her too.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. J. H. Lindblad
622 Sheridan Square
Evanston, Ill.

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Tuesday

Bob Hope

You're mine. Your tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt tonight was exactly my feeling.

Thank you for saying it.

(Signed) Mrs. John R. Morris
200 Maryland Ave.
Towson 4, Md.

I do not write fan letters ordinarily.

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Thank you, Bob Hope, for your salute to THE GRAND LADY on your Radio Program Tuesday night. She will always remain not only the First Lady of the United States of America but of the whole world.

She, like the President, has had many haters and critics, but it sprang from spite and jealousy.

Again I say, THANK YOU.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Miss Lutie Vaughan
Mineola, Missouri

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May 1, 1945

Mr. Bob Hope
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hope,

At the close of your broadcast on the evening of April 17 (I think my date is correct) in your tribute to our late president, you spoke so beautifully, and with such depth of feeling, of Mrs. Roosevelt. Will it be possible for me to get a copy of the tribute - rather the tributes?

I shall gladly pay for it.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Mrs. James J. Madison

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I liked the way you ended your program by paying tribute
to Mrs. Roosevelt also---

An all time listener

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April 17, 1945

Dear Mr. Hope,

We were greatly touched by your superb tribute to FDR and Mrs. Roosevelt. Men with heart and memory know what the world lost in our late President and your sincere words echoed in the hearts of all your listeners.

Well done and thank you!

Lee Borgida
433 West 21st St.
New York City 11

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Wednesday

April 18, 1945

Dear Mr. Hope,

I should like to commend you for your splendid tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt last Tuesday evening. It was dignified and sincere, yet done in your inimitable style. Also you were gallant to pay homage to a "real lady," Mrs. Roosevelt.

This is the first and probably the last letter written by me to a movie or radio star so you must see I was deeply impressed by your broadcast.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Rhea Moyes

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April 17

Dear Mr. Hope:

I really don't believe you could have realized what a lasting impression your remarks of to-night would leave upon your listening audience. They fitted in so beautifully just after the President's talk to the soldiers. Also the little talk at the close of the programme--- I am also an admirer of Eleanor Roosevelt: Keep up your good work. I never miss one of your shows, enjoy so many of the good laughs.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) Mrs. Jane McConnell

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Kalamazoo, Mich.
Tuesday Night

Dear Bob Hope-

Just listened to you as always and I think you'r tops not only for all the kind things that you said about our late beloved President but for Mrs. Roosevelt. God Bless her. You bet she is a great lady and you are the first one I've heard that mentioned her.

You know Bob, you & Bing are my favorite on the Radio. I try never to miss either of you a loyal fan. You are both real entertainers.

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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON 25

October 1, 1945

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thanks so much for passing on to me the letters from Mr. Ethan W. Vars. I am enclosing a copy of my reply.

I do and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,

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Oct. 23 at Millers perhaps.

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Wallace, H.



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON 25

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My good friend Colon Alfaro has been agitating for Roosevelt memorials in Latin American countries. He sends me the enclosed from Panama which indicates that the maternity ward in the Amador Guerrero Hospital there will be called the "Roosevelt Memorial Ward."

President Roosevelt I know would get a great kick out of this if he were alive.

Sincerely yours,

H. Wallace

Thank
Write to Col. W
from of Amador
has proposed
appellation
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Attachment

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To Build FDR Memorial Ward In Colon

**Government To Double
\$12,000. Now On Hand
For Maternity Ward**

COLON, Nov. 10.--Funds collected by popular subscription in Colon for erection of a Roosevelt monument or memorial will be doubled by the National Treasury and used for construction of a Maternity Ward or wing in the Amador Guerrero Hospital, President Enrique A. Jimenez was quoted as having announced during his visit to Colon last week.

The memorial wing will be known as the Roosevelt Memorial Ward, the President is said to have stated.

The conversation with President Jimenez was repeated today to a Star & Herald representative by Joel Benjamin, President of the Roosevelt Memorial Committee. Mr. Benjamin set the sum now on hand from collections on the Atlantic Side at approximately \$12,000. With an equivalent sum from the National Treasury approximately \$25,000 would be available for the project.

According to present plans the \$12,000 now on hand will be turned

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over to the National Treasury and the Government will undertake construction and equipment of the proposed wing.

A maternity ward is said to be the most necessary addition to Amador Hospital at present as the needs in that direction have greatly exceeded the capacity of the present maternity ward.