Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I received your message to the Russian people on the occasion of their celebration of Victory Day and have cabled it to Moscow.

I want to thank you again for your kindness in sending it and for the many times you have so generously helped us.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

May I call on you again, as I have so often in the past for Overseas OWI, for a message to help us in our task of improving international goodwill.

This request comes from our embassy in Moscow. The editor of OGANYOK, the leading Soviet weekly illustrated magazine, has asked if his magazine might have a greeting from you to the Russian people on the occasion of their celebration of Victory Day. OGANYOK is publishing a double-sized Victory Day anniversary issue on May 9 and it is for that issue that they have asked particularly for a message from you, which they would like to have, if possible, by April 14. If you would be kind enough to send me such a greeting, of about 200 words in length, we would be very pleased to cable it to Moscow.

So often before when you have graciously sent me such statements of international friendship, we have received extremely enthusiastic thanks from our offices overseas, telling us how effective and how much appreciated your words have been. In view of that need may I thank you again for the help you have given us.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Jerry Allen
I am very glad to send a message of Good-Will to the Russian people on the occasion of their celebration of Victory Day.

The people of Russia fought with valor and determination. They have suffered greatly, but nevertheless, they are now victorious and able to devote themselves to developing a better life for their own people at home.

I wish them every success and hope that our two countries may work together to preserve the peace of the world through the United Nations.
BOWLES WINS ON LININGS
Chester Bowles' proposal that rayon be set aside for all types of linings—men's and women's—has been accepted at Civilian Production Administration. Due out is a directive specifying yardages allocated to women's wear. Quantity will be small, but it will be improvement over present conditions. Cotton linings will still be ordered.

DON'T RENOVATE NOW
No important store renovation will be possible until 1947. Government order issued during past week has following effect for retailers:
1. Construction under way—beyond excavation stage—will be permitted to go toward completion.
2. If excavation is all that's done, work will have to stop, no materials allowed.
3. Materials on hand will not be ordered sold, but Government hopes such materials will be placed on free market.
4. Renovations will be on most unessential list of all.

HOW THE BUYERS FEEL
Fall delivery lines in many cases are ready because L-85 situation is uncertain. Only classics are ready, and it'll "give murder," as one resource said, if "L-85 gets the heave-ho," because the coat and suit silhouette would face such drastic changes.

Classics should continue to be "reasonably available" for shipment in May and June right through until August for fall delivery.

Slide-fasteners are still hard to get; one prominent maker of detachable lined coats was unable despite vigorous search to get sufficient slide-fasteners, but hopes for enough for fall covers and tweeds.

Gabardine is the thing to buy, accounts say— "if you can get 'em.

If L-85 goes, it would mean, fashion-wise: regular length stuff would be outdated. Quote: "You'd get suits, for example, with hemlines 2 inches longer than the coat line." It would "leave stores with supplies" and manufacturers "with stuff in process or on racks" in a "sweat spot."

Buyers aren't worrying too much about fall deliveries. Easter is the big problem. If only they can get enough goods by April 10—some say "even by April 15"—they'll be OK.

Some store buyers are worried, too, about the possibility Congress will scrap MAP, virtually end price control. They reason: Prices are high enough right now. Manufacturers might "make a killing" if price control is tossed, but consumer purchasing power will suffer, we'll suffer—and so will the manufacturers, eventually.

MILL INVESTIGATION HALTED
Report to FASHION TRADES is that a big black market case against a prosperous southern mill has been whitewashed. Mill has been under investigation for past two years, has been hounded by crack, anti-black market sleuths. Stopper on the investigation supposedly resulted from high, very high, home state and Washington intervention. The mill, long able to supply big quantities of fabric to manufacturers on a direct shipment basis, has powerful friends. Disenrolled investigators may rally enough steam to pop the case open again.

MAP ALTERATIONS COMING
OPA's maximum average price regulation will be completely altered within next month. Policy officials of the agency are already working on the revision. Announcement of at least a portion of the revisions may be made this

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