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April 22, 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We have rather a peculiar column over the bank's name, in which I express my opinions.

I thought perchance you might be interested in a Main Street view of your late great husband.

Yours very truly,

Ben DuBois  
President

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Encl.

**"WE HAVE NOTHING TO  
FEAR BUT FEAR ITSELF"**

A great man died a year ago last week. He left his imprint firmly: beyond removal. His optimism, his courage, his swiftness of action probably saved our democracy from disintegration. His spirit, his mental vitality gave hope to the despondent. His vision of a better America had a psychological effect that helped bring order out of chaos.

We of this generation cannot adequately appraise this man. That history will record Franklin Roosevelt a great place is undeniable. The social progress of his Administration cannot be undone. It was during his terms of office that this nation made its greatest social gains.

Franklin Roosevelt was a great believer in the common people; he realized full well the inadequacies of our economic system, the social disadvantages that accrue. He was a combination of heart and mind that is seldom seen.

Of course, Mr. Roosevelt was a great politician, as well as a statesman extraordinary. He knew the public mind; he knew how to use his great voice in appealing to the people. His support ran beyond his own Party—it was the independent voters that elected him again and again. He was greater than his Party and gave it higher leadership than it had ever seen before. He was the people's President.

The late President was loved and hated—always so with a strong positive man but he led the liberal movement and achieved outstanding reforms.

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REFORMS that must be accepted because they are fundamentally right—in accord with the philosophy of Jesus Christ. It is the liberalism in us that makes for a better world. The only value that can be attributed to the conservative is that he is a brake upon too rapid progress. Those who feel secure in their economic and social position generally wish to maintain the status quo; they look upon the reformer as something unholy, an undesirable force that may alter their position. The way of the reformer is hard; his path is rocky but fortunately, something within him drives him on and the world is ultimately better.

Those who believed in the ideals of Franklin Roosevelt must carry on. Our tendency is to become complacent after an exciting experience in social betterment. Conditions are good and a feeling of self-satisfaction may retard the spirit of social justice. We must not permit a slackening of our efforts—the world is looking upon our democracy to see how it carries on, how it serves the interests of the common man, how it can adjust to changing conditions. We must prove its worth to the world and to our own people. It must be a living, vital humanitarian force.

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