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December 17, 1946

Dear Ed:

I wonder if you would be willing to speak to Cardinal Spellman about enlisting Catholic support for the International Refugee Organization and the Emergency Children's Fund.

I think word will have to come from somebody high up and that we will really have to get busy in the communities so as to get community pressure on the Congress, since I see in the papers that the Republican Congress is going to be against all of these things which seem to me completely essential if Europe is ever to return to a decent standard of living and children are not to be a liability in the next generation.

If The Cardinal would care to talk to me, I should be very happy to meet him at his convenience.

Up to the last, the delegates were talking about the wonderful time they had at your party and I can never tell you how grateful I am.

Very cordially yours,

December 17, 1946

Dear Professor Chamberlain:

Now that the work of the General Assembly of the United Nations is ended, I think we will really have to get busy in the communities so as to get community support on Congress in support of the International Refugee Organization and the Emergency Children's Fund. I see in the papers that the new Congress is going to be against all of these things which seem to me vitally essential if Europe is ever to return to a decent standard of living and children are not to be a liability in the next generation.

I am sure that among the various groups with which you are touch, there are many who will want to create sentiment in their communities and bring it to bear on the members of Congress.

Could I therefore, ask you to get in touch with as many as possible and ask that some practical work be done. Have you any suggestions of any other ways of getting people to accomplish this sort of thing?

Very sincerely yours,

December 17, 1946

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

I am sure that among the various groups with which you are in touch, there are many who will want to create sentiment in their communities and bring it to bear on the members of Congress so that the International Refugee Organization and the Emergency Children's Fund will be actually financially supported and participated in.

I see by the papers that the new Congress is going to be against all of these things which seem to me vitally essential if Europe is ever going to return to a decent standard of living and the children are not to be a liability.

Could I ask you to get in touch with as many as possible and ask that some practical work be done and is there any other way in which you think a great many people could be urged to do this sort of thing?

Very cordially yours,

December 17, 1946

Dear Mr. Pickett:

I think it is vitally important that we do all we can to create public support which can be brought to bear on Congress so that the International Refugee Organization and the Emergency Children's Fund will be financially supported and participated in by the United States. I see by the papers that the new Congress is going to be against all of these things. To us it is vitally essential that we actively participate if Europe is to return to a decent standard of living and the children are not to be a liability.

Could I ask you to get in touch with as many groups as possible and ask that some practical work be done and is there any other way in which you think I can reach people to get this sort of thing accomplished?

Very cordially yours,

December 17, 1946

Dr. Fall
Dear Mrs. Dickinson

I feel sure that you will agree with me that it is vitally important that we do all we can to create public support which can be brought to bear on Congress so that the International Refugee Organization and the Emergency Children's Fund will be financially supported and participated in by the United States.

The papers indicate that the new Congress is going to be against all of those things which seem to me completely essential if Europe is ever to return to a decent standard of living and the children are not to be a liability.

Could you ask the members of the Federation of Women's Clubs, and any other groups with which you are in touch, to do some practical work in the communities which can be brought to bear on Congress in order to get this active support?

Very cordially yours,

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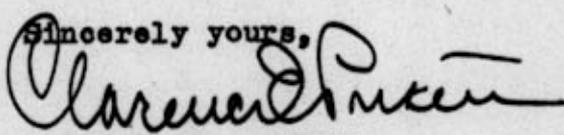
Handwritten notes:
- *Thank you*
- *Send copy to Mrs. Roosevelt*
- *copy sent 1-7-47*

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

A few days ago I had your letter asking that I give some attention to Congressional support for appropriations to the International Refugee Organization.

I think you know that I have done everything I could to see that the IRO was approved and authorized by Committee 3 and the Assembly of UN. I know, of course, that what I can do directly with Congress is very limited because I am the secretary of an agency which has tax-exemption on its gifts, but on both the IRO and the Children's Emergency Fund we are arranging to educate our own public to the problems that are to be met by these organizations and the importance of their being met by UN-approved agencies. I am also asking the Friends Committee on National Legislation which is set up to do direct work with Congress and its funds are not tax-exempt to give attention to this matter with Congress itself.

You may be sure that we will do everything we can to muster support for both agencies.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence E. Pickett
Executive Secretary

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