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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

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about politics* 5-46

I have composed a little poem dedicated to your late beloved husband. I thought it fitting and proper that I should mail you a sample copy and get your opinion of it before I do anything further about it. In my opinion you and your husband formed the greatest humanitarian team that ever lived. And I still think that you are the greatest living woman in the world today. Your deeds like your great husband's, will live for ever. Please let me know if you think my poem should be printed in any form.

Respectfully yours, John Law 2446-7th ave. N.Y. 30 N.Y.

1. America was on the brink of disaster, and ruin,
When F. D. Roosevelt, began his administration,
Bread lines, and soup kitchens,
Were scattered throughout the nation.

2. There was wide-spread hunger and want,
Great suffering, and destitution,
But Mr. Roosevelt's predecessor,
Had offered no plan of solution.

3. Able-bodied men were forced,
To sell apples on the street,
In order that their hungry children,
Might have a little food to eat.

4. The price of farm commodities
Had such an awful drop,
That it didn't pay a farmer,
To plant, and harvest a crop.

5. The steel mills had closed down,
Because they had no work to do,
The nations industrial plants stood idle,
With the exception of a very few.

6. Banks were closing every day,
People stood around the doors frantic and raving,
Many of them were old and gray,
Who had lost their whole life's savings.

7. In spite of great suffering, the people kept their heads
And waited patiently until election day,
For a chance to bring about a change,
In the good old American way.

8. They were just waiting to cast their votes
For they had already made their decision,
To elect Franklin D. Roosevelt,
A man with ability, courage and vision.

9. When Mr. Roosevelt took over the job,
The country seemed in a hopeless mess,
But he said with the guidance of Almighty God,
I am going to do my very best.

10. We have nothing to fear, but fear it self,
Fras. Roosevelt told the nation,
And to millions whose hearts were filled with despair
His words gave new hope and inspiration.

11. He tackled the task before him,
With confidence, courage and zeal,
He began, planning at once,
To establish the famous New Deal.

12. He declared that no man, woman or child,
Shall be without food, or a roof over his head,
He then set up federal agencies,
To back up, what he had said.

13. The pressing problems which confronted him,
Were too numerous to mention,
But the critical ~~economic~~ situation,
Demanded immediate attention.

14. He reorganized banking and finance,
And sponsored federal legislation,
Which made bank deposits safe again,
And ended all wild speculation.

15. He put into practice experiments,
And governmental theories that were new,
Designed to help the common masses,
And not just the privileged few.

16. Although the enemies of labor,
Tried to block him on every hand,
He succeeded in getting laws through congress,
That would benefit the common man.

17. Because of his relentless efforts,
To help the ones mostly in need,
He was called every thing but a gentleman,
By the princes of privilege and greed.

18. They tried hard to defeat him,
But their efforts proved all in vain,
Because the people wanted Roosevelt,
And they elected him over again.

19. When the enemy struck at Pearl Harbor,
He caught our boys unawares,
But we were lucky to have an able man,
Like Roosevelt in the president's chair.

20. He set war production machinery in motion
And did it, almost, over night,
He said now that they have started it,
We will show them how to fight.

21. In a very short time our armed forces,
Had a striking power that was terrific,
And they were hitting the enemy hard,
Both in Europe and the Pacific.

22. After several bloody engagements,
The enemy was put on the run,
And good news from all fronts told us,
That the battle was being won.

23. But we had some folks on the home front,
Who caused us to think that, perhaps,
They were more anxious to defeat Pres. Roosevelt,
Than they were the Germans or the Japs.

24. To them, he seemed to be enemy no. 1
And they would exaggerate, or misconstrue,
Nearly everything he had to say,
Or whatever he tried to do.

25. They printed many falsehoods about him,
But the people knew they were not true,
They attacked his wife and family,
Even his little dog, Fala, too.

26. But the people had faith in Roosevelt,
And all the foul tactics that his enemies could employ,
Could never cause them to desert him,
Or that faith and confidence destroy.

27. They realized that mortal man is but human,
And what ever he undertakes,
Whether it is running a business or government,
He is bound to make some mistakes.

28. His honest mistakes were grossly magnified,
By those who sought his ruin,
While they minimized his many achievements
And the good which he was doing.

29. For three troublesome terms, he led the nation gallantly,
Through poverty, blood and tears,
And the people wanted him to lead them on,
So they reelected him for four more years.

30. They knew that the enemy soon would be crushed,
And the bloody hostilities would cease,
Then the world would need Roosevelt's great wisdom,
To help frame a just, and lasting, peace.

31. Though greatly handicapped physically,
His body often racked by pain,
He continued to shoulder his tremendous burdens,
Never stopping once to complain.

32. But God Almighty up in heaven,
Who doeth all things for the best,
Decided that Roosevelt had suffered enough,
And he took him home to rest.

33. A feeling of tragic personal loss,
Throughout the civilized world was felt,
For no man was ever known and loved by so many,
As was Franklin D. Roosevelt.

34. Because his humanitarian spirit traveled afar,
To where ever human beings were in need,
He fought for justice and freedom for all mankind
Irrespective of race or creed.

35. These men will be forgotten,
Shortly after they leave this earth,
But unborn generations throughout the world,
Will pay tribute to Mr. Roosevelt's birth.

36. Our children's children will tell their sons,
About his deeds sublime,
His history will be preserved,
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With their falsehoods and abuse,
Were unworthy to get down on their knees,
And blacken Pres. Roosevelt's shoes.

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37. Men of every race and creed,
Silently at his grave will stand,
And with choked voices they'll whisper
Here, lies a friend to man.

Composed by:- John Law

Dear Mrs. Law

LAW

You & Mrs. Harbin
are very good to
write me such a
kind letter. I
appreciate your writing to
Mr. Pegler on my
behalf.

It is heart warming
to know I have two
unknown friends.

With many thanks
my best wishes to
you both.

This'll bowl you over =



Mrs Franklin D Roosevelt
Park Sheraton Hotel
202 Fifty Sixth Street West
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt

I am enclosing a column of Westbrook Pegler's. As you can see by the copy of the letter I am sending him I, and millions like me, do not agree with him.

I couldn't think of a nicer person to represent us in the United Nations, than you.

It is too bad that people, like him, who has done so little, can find so much fault with people, like you and the Late President, who have done so very much for the American People. Just remember, Mrs Roosevelt, you have

thousands of friends where he has
but one. Of course you would never
forget that the best people are for
you meaning your many, many friends
Yours Truly

Two Gals who admire you very much

Miss Maxine Law

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Anthony, Kansas

Mrs Seryl Harbin

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Anthony, Kansas.

Therbrook Pegler

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In reading your column, in the
Natchita Beacon of Feb 6, which I have enclosed
and would not have read had I not seen
Mrs Roosevelt's name. You said, quote "Eleanor Roosevelt
is not qualified to represent the United States in
the United Nations." unquote. To me that sounds
just like a jealous brat. We need someone
who can make friends to represent us and she
has been so successful in making friends here
and abroad. As for her qualifications she was
voted not only the worlds most popular, but
the worlds smartest lady.

You speak of Mrs Roosevelt as "Eleanor
The Great" that is the only line I agree
with in your column. She surely is a Great
Lady. You also asked who else is hated
more and by more individuals than she? If
she is hated as bad as you say would she
have been selected as the worlds most popular

Fair Enough

WESTBROOK
PEGLER

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NEW YORK—I submit that Eleanor Roosevelt is not qualified to represent the United States in the United Nations in any capacity and should be removed. For our better understanding of the case we should resist any temptation to generalize and base our judgment on facts. This obligation should be assumed as well by the advocates of this strange figure who has danced thru the weird phantasmagoria of conspiracies, wars and political and moral decay which began soon after her husband took office.

What are her qualifications? The platitudes which accompany the presentation of diplomas, plaques and medals by letter-head societies or by pushful sycophants who try to enhance themselves by patronizing a historic person, have no meaning at all. Such titles as "first lady of the world" and "foremost humanitarian of our time" are rubbish.

Ida May Adams, a judge of the municipal court of Los Angeles, has put herself forward as an advocate. She advances the statement that Mrs. Roosevelt is "the widow of him whom your countrymen three times chose as their President" as tho that were a proof of intellectual force and integrity.

The absurdity of this suggestion need not be labored. I digress to note a very important inaccuracy in a considered, written statement by a judge who has a really terrible power for weal or woe over citizens coming to bar before her. What of the competence of a jurist who believes that Roosevelt's last election was his third? But that is just a passing comment on this judge. Eleanor the great may not have chosen Judge Adams as her advocate but she is typical of the cult nevertheless.

"Whether you agree with her or not, Mrs. Roosevelt is easily the most distinguished woman of this generation," the judge continues. She offers no facts to support that opinion, but she throws out of

consideration the possibility of

Americans who oppose and oppose all that Mrs. Roosevelt stands for. That, she says, is only a personal opinion "which legally speaking, includes a fact not in evidence: namely that 'millions of Americans oppose all that Eleanor Roosevelt stands for.'"

Again the temptation to fault this judge is irresistible. Here she undertakes to disqualify my opinion as opinion but in the same sentence she pulls the rug from under her feet by admitting that it is a fact that millions of Americans oppose all that her client stands for.

Then she spits on her hands and really goes to town.

"By her own life and conduct and self-sacrifice, she has been to the world an outstanding example of a loyal wife and mother," says the judge. What conduct, what self-sacrifice? We are not told. Would the judge care to debate the evidence concerning the devotion of this vagrant wife to a wheelchair invalid? Where was she when he died? She was following her own interests far away, as usual. It would seem very imprudent to invite the evidence as to these points, but we cannot make judgments with the facts excluded.

The rest of the judge's brief is of

the same arbitrary, emotional and insubstantial character.

What then says the devil's advocate? The devil's advocate deals not in generalities but in particulars.

This woman is a political partisan in a period of violent, not to say hateful, political conflict. Millions of Republicans hold her husband personally to blame for the enslavement of the iron curtain countries and for the Korean disaster. The truth or error of their conviction is beside the mark. But they do blame him and she is identified with his conduct.

Certainly these facts impair her claim to fitness. The representative of the United States in this terribly subtle bund with its greedy ambition to substitute international treaty for our internal laws, should be as nearly representative of all the people as it is possible for any person to be. This woman is one of the least representative Americans. Who else is hated more by more individuals, women as well as men? John L. Lewis? Name another.

Further, altho he later modified his attitude, Cardinal Spellman publicly charged that this woman was an enemy of the Catholic com-

munity in this country. Surely no anti-Semite would even be considered for a job in the United Nations. The Catholic community would join all other opponents of such a nomination as an un-American move. Why an anti-Catholic, then?

She opposed recognition of the established government of Spain, a friendly nation. She has been tenacious, bitter and effective in this. Spain nevertheless is a nation. As such she certainly should be consulted and given consideration. Doesn't that attitude, alone, in disregard of all her other infirmities, disqualify this woman?

What a strange, inspiring phenomenon Spain is. Here is a strong, homogeneous people, bled almost to death by a terrible civil war provoked by conspirators from the Kremlin, denied any of the goods, credit and moral encouragement that we lavished on Tito, who led an army of the Russian legions in that Spanish civil war; risen from disaster to become the greatest nation in Europe, greater far than France and more resolute than Britain against the foe, Spain did this herself, in spite of Eleanor Roosevelt and the Communists whom he was willing to try so pa-

tiently to understand. Not a crust did we give Spain and yet, thru hunger and suffering she has re-established her integrity and made us come to her with ill grace and lagging feet.

Let me put this another way.

What would be our loss if, tomorrow Eleanor Roosevelt should voluntarily resign and take herself from our sight?

LAW MAX

Thank

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt.

I'm sending you my money
for infantile paralysis. I wish
it could be more.

I always read your columns.
I read the one on Hoover speech,
where you thought ever one should
read it. This may not be the right
attitude to take. But I can remember
when he was president. There was
so many people out of work. So
many didn't have enough to eat.

My dad said, Why listen to
him now. He didn't do anything
when he was president. I guess
that is the way I feel. It took
President Roosevelt, to put the
people back on their feet again.

I wish he could have
lived. I don't believe



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we would be in the mess we are
to day. I also believe if people would
stop fighting each other and work to-
gether. We will still come out alright.

Well, Mrs Roosevelt, I'm not so
hot at letter writing. But before I
close. I just want to say. I think
President Roosevelt was one of the
greatest president we ever had. As
for you, I think you have done so
much good. I wish you all the
success possible. I know you are
very busy. But if you could find
time. I would love to hear from
you.

a friend
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LAWRENCE COLLEGE
Appleton, Wisconsin

Nov. 26, 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Please don't think me intrusive but I want to register a long felt vote of confidence in the Roosevelts. They are wonderful people!

Your husband is probably the greatest man this country will ever see. God bless him!

And you? I'm sure you are the greatest woman this country will ever see.

Please keep in there pitching for all the things in the world that we know are right. I'm for you one hundred percent.

Yours most respectfully,
Jack Stealey

LAWRENCE

[Lawton]

[Oct. 1946]

Dear Mr. Roosevelt,

poured in it funded
 by my sending
 50,000. I had the
 air mail order number
 a hospital in France
 I had some very
 awful letters from
 the chaplain.
 I wrote to Mr. Baret
 just before he died

Do you remember at the
 beginning of the war
 receiving this beauti-
 ful prayer of Baret.
 It impressed me
 so that I wanted
 to put it in the hands
 of every one of those
 boys that were

fighting on battles to hear from you
over there. I at once thought but your thoughts
of you and how it would be accomplished
you at once sent my card to the head
chaplain in the army at Washington
were just starting for Europe and I did not expect
but your order
resulted in the order
ed 5000 which were
distributed amongst
the camp & hospital
all over the
country. The chap-
lain did this
I did not expect but your order

And told him what
I had done.
I am an old woman
have just passed the
84 mile stone and
there is so little I
can contribute
in these distress-
ing times
Thank you for

your help.
Most cordially
yours,

Ruth Werriman Lawton

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God grant me the *serenity* to accept
things I cannot change, courage to
change things I can, and *wisdom* to
know the difference.

"One who never turned his back but marched breast forward
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed though right were worsted wrong would triumph
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

The coming year is a challenge
to our best endeavors. As we
glide down the Western slope
May we have the Wisdom to
turn our defeats into Victories.
Here's to 1947! From your
friend.

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"I said to life I have a grudge
You are no friend or I am no judge.
You are they who stole away,
My dearly treasured yesterday.
Life smiled and said though that is true,
Value received was rendered you.
Fair trade it was,
So cut your sorrow
Have I not given you tomorrow?"

"If all our ships put out to sea
And never came again to me,
And I should watch from day to day --
Then I should fashion one ship more
Of broken drift-wood from the shore,
And build it up with toil and pain
And send it out to sea again."

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November 7, 1946

Lawton, G.

Dear Dr. Lawton:

I never said that older people should turn over their positions of power and control to young people. I said that they were bound to do so, sooner or later.

I am not at all sure that the younger ones would do a better job than we have done. I only hope that they will profit by our mistakes and study our successes, but there is no real reason for thinking that they will do better in the long run than we have done.

Sometimes I think older people cling too long to positions which they hold and keep the younger people out, when the only way that young people could possibly be fitted to do the job is to come in and learn from the older people.

As to the rehabilitation of older people to which you say you have given so much thought, I do not know that you can make them over if life hasn't done them over. If people harden into ruts instead of becoming mellow and flexible, you will find older people hard to change. I have never thought that older people needed change on a mass scale but perhaps you are contemplating a much more rapid change in our form of government and way of life than I am. In any case I am grateful for your letter and by your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Ms. Eleanor Roosevelt

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October 25, 1946

I don't want to bother you with a long dissertation and I am writing this as a very great admirer of yours and as a militant liberal politically. It is because I think a large older population will be such a menace to American institutions that I want to do something about changing them. If you are at all interested in these ideas I would like ^{you} to examine them further at your leisure.

Please let me know and I will instruct my publishers, the Columbia University Press, to send you some books of mine on the subject. I would be very happy if you found a moment to look at them and would then let me have your reactions.

GL:c

Sincerely yours,
Orge Lawton

Lawton, G.

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December 1st, 1946

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

I was very glad to receive your recent letter in reply to mine and to find that our area of agreement is very great and that of disagreement slight. Rather than pursue the latter inadequately in a letter, it seems wiser and it is certainly a greater source of pleasure, for me to send you under separate cover one of the first copies of a forthcoming book on the subject. Since you yourself represent an outstanding example of aging successfully, and need no lessons on the subject (and I do refer to you in one of the chapters), I am hopeful that our area of disagreement will decline to the vanishing point once you get a chance to glance at the book's contents.

Sincerely yours,

George Lawton