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Message

N.Y. State Poor Assoc.

June 14, 1946

My dear Mr. Dunn:

I am very sorry that I can not be at the meeting on June 30th.

I am very conscious of the value of the Food and Drug Act of 1906, and of the later Federal Food and Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938. While we were in Washington, I saw many of the various exhibits and heard many of the arguments made in Congress. I have always been glad that my family had been connected with the passage of these two Acts which mean so much in every day life of the people. President Theodore Roosevelt was connected with the first Act, and my husband was connected with the last one.

I hope through the years these Acts will be strengthened to meet every new need,

Very sincerely yours,



New York State Bar Association

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Section on Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law

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June 3, 1946

*Sponsored by the
Chairman will discuss this*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

June 30 next is the fortieth anniversary of the original Federal Food and Drugs Act of 1906. That anniversary invites due commemoration, because this Act was our first national food and drug law, in a basic sense; it had a profound social and economic significance; and it led to the succeeding Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938, which is acclaimed as the strongest national law on its subject now in existence. The fact is that no law more closely touches the daily life and well-being of our people than our national food and drug law. Therefore a meeting to commemorate this anniversary of that great Act will be held in New York City on June 25 next; and I enclose the distinguished program for it.

We cordially invite you to attend the climactic evening session of this meeting, which will be sponsored by leading public organizations headed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the National League of Women Voters. We would also greatly appreciate an appropriate letter by you, addressed to me as chairman of this Section, to be read at that session and then published in the commemoration book on this meeting for a permanent record. You will be interested to know that President Truman and other high federal officials will write similar letters. I should add that the original 1906 Act was recommended by President Theodore Roosevelt; and that the succeeding 1938 Act was recommended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Anticipating the pleasure of your favorable reply, I remain, with high esteem,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Wesley Dunn
Chairman

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not for publica-
tion.)

MEETING TO COMMEMORATE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
ORIGINAL FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUGS ACT OF 1906,
TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK CITY ON JUNE 25, 1946

The Federal Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, as amended, was a fundamental law of great historic importance. For it was our first national food and drug law, in a basic sense; it had a profound social and economic significance, for protection of the public health and improvement in the food and drug order; and it was strongly revised in the modern Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of June 25, 1938, as amended. That Act broadly prohibits the adulteration and misbranding of these products; and it is supplemented by a prohibition of their false advertisement in the Federal Trade Commission Act. Therefore and in short: the 1906 Act instituted our existing national food, drug and cosmetic law, which ordains that its products shall be safe and fit for use, true and valuable in composition, and sold on the basis of an informing label and freedom from any misrepresentation whatsoever. A statement having the force that such products include the primary articles essential to the life and health of man.

This meeting to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the original 1906 Act is manifestly indicated, because that event is an historic landmark in the social and economic progress of our country. It is also designed to discuss the basic significance of the national food, drug and cosmetic law, which the aforesaid Act instituted; and to make an appropriate public tribute to this law. And it will undoubtedly be the most important meeting yet held on such law. Consequently the proceedings of this meeting will be published in a special commemoration book, as well as in the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law Quarterly, for general dissemination and permanent record. Moreover they will be broadcast by radio, to the available extent.

Subject: The National Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law, Instituted by the 1906 Act

PROGRAM

Addressing

to be held Morning Session: 10 to 1 o'clock

This session is in the Meeting Hall of the Association of the Bar of the City of New

York, at 42 West 44th Street. It is held under the auspices of the Section on Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law of the New York State Bar Association; which is the first and only and a representative organization of the American bar in the field of this law. The Chairman of the Section will preside.

Subject: Original Federal Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906,
as Amended

Papers

- "Introduction to the Act"
Hon. Watson B. Miller, Federal Security Administrator
- "Its Legislative History"
Mr. Charles Wesley Dunn, Chairman, Section on Food,
Drug and Cosmetic Law, New York State Bar
Association
- "Its Great Founder"
Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley; Chairman, Department of
Legislation, General Federation of Women's
Clubs
- "Its Distinguished Administrators"
Mr. Fred B. Linton, formerly Business Manager,
Food and Drug Administration, Federal
Security Agency
- "Its Administrative Progress"
Dr. Paul B. Dunbar, Commissioner of Food and Drugs,
Food and Drug Administration, Federal Security
Agency
- "Its Inspection Evolution"
Mr. W. R. M. Wharton, Chief, Eastern District,
Food and Drug Administration, Federal
Security Agency

Afternoon Session: 2 to 4:30 o'clock

This session is in the same place; it is held under the same auspices; and the same chairman will preside over it.

Subject: The National Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law, Instituted
by the 1906 Act

Addresses

- "A Fundamental Law of the Land"
Hon. J. Howard McGrath, Solicitor General of the
United States

"Its Basic Significance for Public Health"
Hon. Thomas Parran, M.D., Surgeon General of
the United States Public Health Service

"Its Basic Value to Food Industry"
Mr. Clarence Francis, Chairman of Board, General
Foods Corporation

"Its Basic Value to Drug Industry"
Mr. S. DeWitt Clough, Chairman of Board,
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.
Mr. James Hill, Jr., President, Sterling Drug, Inc.

"Its Basic Value to Cosmetic Industry"
Dr. H. Gregory Thomas, Vice President, Bourjois, Inc.

Evening Session: 8 o'clock

This climactic session is in the same place;
and it will be held under the auspices of dis-
tinguished public organizations, which are
interested in the great law under consideration.
They include (among others) the General Federation
of Women's Clubs and the National League of Women
Voters. The presiding officer will be the Hon.
Thomas Parran, M.D., Surgeon General of the United
States Public Health Service.

Subject: The National Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law, Thus Instituted
Tributes

Hon. Watson B. Miller, Federal Security Administrator

Mrs. Harold A. Stone, First Vice President, National
League of Women Voters

Dr. Frank G. Boudreau, Chairman, Food and Nutrition
Board, National Research Council

Hon. John C. Knox, Senior District Judge, United States
District Court for the Southern District of
New York

Note: The seating capacity of the Meeting Hall, where
these sessions will be held, is 400. The general
admission to each session is by tickets, allotted in
advance on a representative basis. There will be
ample accommodations for the press, in addition.