

NORTON NOY

Miss agrees I haven't

many thanks for
your note & the
poem Both Mrs R &
I enjoyed it very
much. It is clever.

I think I must be
getting feeble because
I never get enough of
my work done to feel
free for pleasant
things. However I
do hope to get out

if this part I shall
look forward to
meeting you for tea
one of these days

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

November 18, 1946

MCT:

You'd think I'd know better than to add to the bulk of verse "The First Lady" receives.

Or consider the numberless copies of the attached she's probably already received.

But no; (just on the chance it had escaped her) couldn't resist sending it -- especially when I dragged out my "Through the Looking Glass" and saw what an eminently clever job Larrabee has done. Klever if not Kompletely Kind, hm?

Suppose I'll ever see you again?

My respects to T. F. L. ATN

Miss Harton

[From a recent Harper's]

Diplomatic Jabberwocky

North, A

John O'Donnell's column "Capital Stuff" in the July 9 issue of the New York Daily News, carried some verses which were described as being "passed about at our diplomatic parties here in the capital." Mr. O'Donnell did not reveal the author's name, and the same verses were printed the following month in the Christian Science Monitor, attributed to "an anonymous wit."

To satisfy the curiosity of the readers of the Daily News and Christian Science Monitor, not to mention members of the Department of State, who are pretty busy these days (or should be) and ought not to be worrying about who penned these lines, Harper's Magazine admits that the author is Eric Larrabee, one of its own editors, who wrote it to amuse himself and a friend, not to make the diplomats uneasy. It is here printed, for the first time accurately; and for the first time, with the author's knowledge and permission.

'Twas greenwich and the growyko
DId byrnes and trygve in the lle.
All evatt was the vandenberg,
And the thomas connally.

"Beware the Molotov, my son;
Avoid its clauses if you can.
Beware the yalta bird, and ahun
The red azerbeijan."

He took his trieste sword in hand.
Long time the mukden foe he sought;
Then rested he by the nuclear tree,
And fisioned there in thought.

And, as in fulton thought he stood,
The Molotov, with ears aflame,
Came bretoning through the planary wood,
And vetoed as it came.

"Offidel! No score!" And more and more
His iran blade went snicker-snack.
He cast his vote and sent a note,
Requesting an answer back.

"And hast thou dunn the Molotov?
Come to my arms, my bullet boy.
Oh atheron! Oh culbertson!"
He murmured in his joy.

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J. J. J.
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Sunday ^{NOVA} SCOTIA
Nov 3/46.

To Mrs F. W. Roosevelt: -

Dear Mrs Roosevelt: -

No doubt you will
be surprised to hear from a
stranger especially one from
Nova Scotia. As Remembrance
day draws near; I was looking
over my Box of Poppies and
among them I found a picture
of your late husband I

shall always keep that
picture among my most precious
memories as he was a friend
LNOVA SCOTIA LNO SIGNATURE

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to everyone. ~~Dear~~

Would you please

except this small token

of Canadian Poppies to please

upon his grave on Nov 11th

~~that~~ and I want you to know

. at the break of Dawn and

the going down of the Sun

we will remember them,

In any God Bless you

and make the world have

a lasting Peace.

Our Beloved President

would want it that way.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

One of my readers writes me:

"Everybody talks about Democracy but nobody wants to explain what Democracy is. Even Mrs. Roosevelt recently said that the Russians talk about democracy but they do not know what democracy is. I feel that she is right. But why didn't she tell us about it?"

I know how preoccupied you are, but, perhaps, you would be willing to write a very short statement on democracy. I know that it would carry great weight among the readers of this newspaper.

Very truly yours,

Mark Weinbaum
M. Weinbaum, Editor-in-Chief

Democracy to me is something which comes from the people themselves and it stresses the right of the individual ~~interest~~ ^{for themselves,} to think and to act independently, in every way not actually infringing on ^{the} his neighbor's equal rights. For instance, we have certain laws which have come ^{about} as people have had to live more closely together. There are more laws in cities than in rural areas because populations are more dense.

There are certain basic things in Democracy with which we ~~cannot~~ try to preserve - freedom ^{of} a man to worship God as he sees fit; the right of expression, the right of free assembly and the right ~~for~~ his own political and economic beliefs as long as he does not advocate the overthrow of government by force.

I find that the great difference between the Russian citizen and the American citizen is that as soon as a Russian citizen becomes a representative of his government, he ceases ~~to~~ apparently, to have the right to be an individual. I recognize, of course, the obligation of any one who represents his government to follow the government policy as long as his conscience will permit him to do so, but I would feel entirely free in a Democracy to criticize not only my government's policies but the carrying out of those policies if they said one thing and the people for various reasons, did another. If I were representing my government and reached a point where I felt my conscience obliged me to disagree, I would feel entirely free to withdraw from my position and I would expect my government and its representatives to respect my point of view and all ^{me} to withdraw in complete ~~freedom~~ freedom and safety.

I would have
with the right of arguing for my point of view in the hope
that eventually ~~my~~ I might persuade others to see my point
of view.

Democracy as I see it, is not only a form of govern-
ment which guarantees these personal liberties but it is also
a way of life. It has as its objective, obtaining for the
greatest number of people, the widest possible opportunity
of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness means today
decent housing, proper food, a job which makes not only
these possible but insures a margin for education and recreation -
also
~~and~~ *Yanked capital* a government program that guarantees health services,
old age security, care for the physically and mentally handicapped
and unemployment insurance when work for a short period is
unobtainable through no fault of the individual, themselves.

These seem to me to be the objective of Democracy
and basic to the working of this Democracy is the belief that
there shall be no discrimination against human beings because of
racial origin, color or creed.

I do not claim that we have obtained in our government
the guarantees which insure this type of Democracy to every
human being, nor do I claim that as a way of life we have
achieved all these ^{opportunities} objectives, but they ^{held} are for me the meaning
of Democracy and ^{are} the basic things for which we strive, ~~but~~
They have to be obtained by the understanding and the will of
the people as a whole and can not be obtained through anyone's
individual or any small group that may achieve understanding
and try to give these things to the people. Only the people
themselves can truly make Democracy a reality.