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I wish you would send me the exact words which you think expressed in my Columns that we are a Materialistic nation. In my Columns written on Sept ~~12~~ 11 I said that other nations thought we were <u>Materialistic</u> but I said nothing in that Columns ~~was~~ ~~—~~

in the columns written the following day, which suggestions are a militaristic nation. We certainly are fighting for freedom & human justice.

I cannot imagine what you mean by my suggestion of an aggressive war.

We had to win over the Germans at least those who had been

Nazis because at that time they were threatening the peace of the world. Today it happens to be communism but then it was Nazism & fascism. I doubt very much whether the Russians egged the Japanese on. They did not need any egging on. ~~They~~ The Japanese were playing with Hitler not Russia as there says.

You will, I believe, find

much less communism
among the policy
making groups of our
government than Sen
McCarthy would lead
you to believe. In fact
I know of none

I don't know which of these columns she is referring too, but evidently she can't read straight.

September thirteenth.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am a young homemaker with an eight months old baby. At the time when President Roosevelt was seeking a fourth term, I was President of my Democracy class. In leading debates I was the President's most ardent advocate. I just couldn't imagine the country without F. D. R. When he passed away, I thought I had lost my best friend. As you probably know, he seemed so near to millions of people that his death was very personal.

When I read your column this morning indicating that you believed we were a militaintic nation, I was dumbfounded. Do you not believe that we are fighting for the priciples of freedom and human justice? Do you not believe that we have to defend the personal rights of those who need us? I cannot think of a mother who would willingly send her son or daughter to war. An aggression war as your column indicated. We are too peace loving a people to ever want war.

As for Russia and the state of affairs at the present, I wonder why a wise man like the former President couldn't foresee the coming events.

When my husband was in the "Battle of the Bulge" and came in contact with Germans; they told him that the Americans were fighting the wrong people and would eventually fight the Russians. At the time, I realize that Hitler had to be stopped - But it is very ironic to think that the Russians (our allies at the time) egged the Japanese on to attack us for their personal gains.

Communism is the most feared and dreaded foe, this country has ever had to combat. When they have infiltrated into the government to such an extent as to make and aid policies, it is time for every American citizen to be on guard against the downfall of Democracy.

I sincerely wish you would clarify your statement that this is a militaristic country. You just gave a boost to the enemy. I am certain that you didn't intend to do such an act.

On your last visit to Louisville, you were entertained at the Pendennis Club. I was in the adjoining dining room and wanted so much to meet you. The opportunity never presented itself. Maybe someday it will.

Sincerely,

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