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week is given over to speeches largely. I didn't feel I could absent myself from the job for two weeks so I came home Saturday. I hope you read William Green's response to the American Legion Commander. William Green was magnificent, and the Commander and the Legion he represents deserved everything they got and more. I felt sorry for the Commander because I don't know whether he shared the views that he expressed. His trade union membership in the Trainmen's Union, I understand, is largely a formal one. He only worked as a trainman for three years until he saved up enough money to go to college, I think he is a lawyer, and continued his membership in the Trainmen's Union no doubt because it is good business to do so. I do hope that our young men when they return will form some organization of their own and not go into that hide-bound reactionary American Legion.

Elisabeth Christman, I am sure, has reported to you about Mr. Green sending out a letter to the international unions, state federations and central labor bodies asking for financial help for the League. Dan Tobin, who I saw at the convention, felt that the letter was not strong enough and he thinks it should be followed up. We will try and wangle a follow-up letter out of Green. The more I see of Dan Tobin the better I like him.

This morning there is sad news of Ambassador Winant's son. One can only hope and pray that he was saved somehow.

I hope to see you at the C.I.O. Auxiliary meeting on the 3rd of November. I have been asked to speak to them.

Until then, I send you my fondest love and affection.

Faithfully yours,

*Rm*  
*Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
*Samuel H. Phil*  
*ER*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

\*Was employed by the City of New York for 16 years and recently forced out of his job for being incapacitated for performance of duty. Feels he was discriminated against. Has been sent by various Government agencies from place to place but unable to obtain work. He is veteran of 2 wars and has two sons in the Service.

October 16, 1943.

Dear Rose:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you the enclosed letter from Mr. Frank M. Pallidine, 157 Prospect Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Roosevelt wonders if you can have this looked into.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
Department of Labor  
80 Centre Street  
New York, New York.

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Pallidine, Frank M. 157 Prospect St., Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Emp. Sec. 9-4-43

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New York, 13  
October 27, 1943

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*Rose Schneiderman*

Miss Malvina Thompson  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Malvina:

~~Thank you~~ I am sorry to have delayed getting the information re Mr. Palladine. We are so rushed and so short-handed due to illness and other causes that I haven't had a minute to go after the information that you wanted. I am glad now to enclose a memo from the Department of Purchase which explains all about Mr. Palladine's record and the reasons that he no longer is employed there.

I have talked to Commissioner Pleydell and he feels that Mr. Palladine is a faker and has no right to expect help from anybody. When he had the job with the Department of Purchase he only worked intermittantly and they came to the conclusion that he should be retired and, you will notice that he finally was retired on September 1st of this year.

I hope you are well, Malvina dear, and that I may get a glimpse of you some day soon.

Affectionately,

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DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASE  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.  
WORTH 2-5860

October 28, 1945.

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
New York State Dept. of Labor  
80 Centre Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Schneiderman:

In reference to Mrs. Roosevelt's inquiry concerning the retirement of Frank M. Palladine, a laborer formerly employed by this department, and in accordance with your telephonic request of this morning, I am attaching correspondence in relation to Mr. Palladine's case, which is self-explanatory.

After reading this correspondence, I believe you will agree that no injustice has been done to Mr. Palladine.

Incidentally, a process server was in this morning to ask our assistance in serving contempt of court papers on Mr. Palladine who apparently does not live at the address given.

Very truly yours,

Louis W. Murray  
Assistant to the  
Commissioner

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October 6, 1943

Mr. James T. Manchester  
Re-employment Advisory Division  
New York City Headquarters  
Selective Service  
1 East 44 Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of September 25, 1943 wherein you request information concerning the retirement of Frank Palladine, a laborer formerly employed by this department.

Mr. Palladine was transferred to this department on January 1, 1935, as a laborer, but because of his poor physical condition and his veteran's status, was assigned to do clerical work. Realizing his inability to perform the work his title required of him, he made application on July 16, 1940 to the New York City Employees' Retirement System for retirement on physical disability. This application was denied by the Retirement Board on October 3, 1940.

After Mr. Palladine's discharge from the Army in March 1943, he renewed his application for retirement on March 29, 1943 and was again denied retirement by the Medical Board on May 20, 1943. During all this time, Palladine's record of absences was such that this department had to take official recognition of it.

This department then on July 23, 1943 requested the Retirement Board for Palladine's retirement on the ground that he was not able to do the work of laborer for which his title called and notwithstanding the fact that he had been assigned to clerical duty, his frequent absences and poor physical condition seriously interrupted the work of the department. This application was approved and Mr. Palladine's retirement became effective September 1, 1943.

From the above, it can be seen that:

1. Mr. Palladine's job as laborer was open to him on his return from service.
2. Mr. Palladine was not able to perform the work of his title.
3. He was given all the breaks because of his veteran's status and poor physical condition by being assigned to clerical duty.
4. He recognized his inability to do either laboring or clerical work by his application for retirement on July 16, 1940 and the renewal of that application on March 29, 1943.

5. The department's action in applying for his retirement was in accord with his former action in applying for retirement.
6. No injustice has been done Palladine as a war veteran and his retirement is in accordance with the findings of the Medical Board of the New York City Employees' Retirement System.

Incidentally, I am a war veteran and would not want to see any war veteran's rights jeopardized.

If there is any other information you may wish in regard to this case, I will be pleased to try and furnish it.

Very truly yours,

Louis W. Murray  
Assistant to the Commissioner

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July 23, 1943

Mr. Ralph L. VanName  
Secretary  
New York City Employees' Retirement System  
52 Chambers Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of Section B-39.0 of the Administrative Code, application is hereby made for the retirement on ordinary disability of Frank M. Palladine, a laborer, employed in this department.

This employee entered the service of the city May 1927 and was transferred to this department on January 1, 1935. Although Mr. Palladine's attendance record during the early years of his employment in this department was not bad, since 1938 his absences have been far above the average. He attributes these absences to pains in the back and legs which condition he claims does not respond to medical treatment. A record of these absences with his explanations is attached for your information.

A report from his immediate superior shows that Mr. Palladine claims he is unable to do any laboring work- not even cleaning, as a result of which he has been assigned to clerical duties for which he did not qualify under a civil service examination.

Mr. Palladine suffered an accident on February 3, 1939 when he fell downstairs at Storehouse B-2, 337 Berry Street, Brooklyn. He claims that, at that time, he injured his shoulder and back, and was out on compensation from February 8, 1939 to May 6, 1943. An examination of his absences will show that he was absent during 1938 with pains in the back, which was prior to his 1939 accident.

Mr. Palladine was inducted into the Armed Forces on October 3, 1942 and received a discharge in the early part of March 1943 because of his physical condition.

Frequent absences and his inability to perform the work of his civil service title compel me to request his retirement under the provisions of Section B-39.0. If the Medical Board fails to find that this employee is eligible for retirement on ordinary disability and will certify that he is able to do the work which his title requires, we will have a basis on which to take disciplinary action in Mr. Palladine's case.

Very truly yours,

Louis W. Murray  
Assistant to the Commissioner

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Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1943.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: I received a reply, of my letter to you, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1943, from Mr. O. D. Hollenbeck, chief Veterans Employment Service, advising and requesting me to report to Mr. F. H. Newcomer, 11 West 42<sup>nd</sup> St. N.Y. who suggested that I report to the War manpower commission, plus, Selective Service, in fact I have been, looking for work, every day, and no one wants to give me, a position, when, I tell them that, I was employed by the city of New York, for sixteen years, and forced out of my job, for being incapacitated, for the performance of duty, as they say, if the city, don't keep you, after sixteen years of service, how can we, give you a job. In my letter of Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, to you, I appealed for a fair deal, and should be kept, on the city payroll, as, I am very capable, and can qualify, doing the work, I have been doing, and I can prove that, I was discriminated by Commissioner A. Pleydell, of the purchase dept, along with Mr. Workman, of the same dept. I have appealed to our great Mayor, F. H. La Guardia, also on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1943, who is still waiting for a reply and report, from Mr. Pleydell; since Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1943, and as yet, received no reply. I isn't that discrimination? I have not received, a penny since Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1943, and as present, am begging, for food, is that, the treatment, I must receive, as a veteran of two wars, with two sons in the service?

Hoping you will give this matter, your kind consideration, along with a favorable reply. Thanking you very much.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Frank M. Palledini  
157 - Prospect St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Dear Rose:

Mrs. Anita Pollitzer, New York City Chairman of the National Womans Party, has requested an interview with Mrs. Roosevelt for some of the industrial workers, to discuss the Equal Rights Amendment. Mrs. Roosevelt has arranged to see a small group at her apartment, on February 4, at 5:00 p.m. and has asked that some of the workers who are opposed to the Amendment be present.

Mrs. Roosevelt would be glad to have you come at the same time and bring someone else.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
80 Centre Street  
New York, New York

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MRS ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW US TO PUT THE EQUAL  
RIGHTS AMENDMENT BEFORE YOU. WILL YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW  
THE DATE AND PLACE CONVENIENT TO YOU

ANITA POLLITZER CHAIRMAN NEW YORK CITY COMMITTEE  
NATIONAL WOMANS PARTY 542 FIFTH AVE.

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February 11, 1944

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Dear Rose:

I will try to see ~~Elisabeth Christman~~ very soon. To tell you the truth, I do not think it matters even if both political parties endorse the ~~Equal Rights Amendment~~. It will take a long time to get it through. However, I feel we must do a lot more than just be opposed to an amendment. I believe we should initiate through the Labor Department a complete survey of the laws that discriminate against women and the laws that are protective; that we should then go to work in every state in the Union to get rid of the discriminatory ones and to strengthen the protective ones; and if the time has come when some of them are obsolete, we should get rid of them even though they were once needed as protective.

If we do not do this, we are not in a good position to fight the amendment. I am sending a copy of this letter to Frances, because I think the work should be started as soon as possible. Women are more highly organized, they are becoming more active as citizens, and better able to protect themselves, and they should, in all but certain very specific cases which are justified by their physical and functional differences, have the same rights as men.

Affectionately,

Miss Rosa Schneiderman  
Department of Labor  
80 Centre St. NYC

Copy to the Secretary of Labor

See Perkins 70-2-11-44

February 12, 1944

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Dear Rose:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to thank you for the statement on "The Dangers of the Equal Rights Amendment", which she had not seen, and also for the clipping, which you sent her with your letter of February 10.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
Department of Labor  
80 Centre Street  
New York, New York

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ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN  
SECRETARY

STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY  
80 CENTRE ST. NEW YORK CITY

February 10, 1944

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*Handwritten signature/initials*

Dearest Eleanor,

The enclosed has just come to my desk and I don't know whether you have seen it or not, so I am taking the liberty of mailing it to you. It is an excellent statement and to the point.

I read a story on the meeting at your apartment in the Times this morning, which I am enclosing. I do hope that Blanch Freedman made it clear that harpist musicians are not under the New York State Labor Law or any state labor law that I know of, and neither are pilots.

With much love,

Affectionately,

*Rose*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

## Friends, Foes of Equal Rights for Women Get Hearing in First Lady's Apartment

A girl who grinds cylinders in an aircraft plant and a woman who plays in a band were opposing star witnesses at an unofficial "Court of Appeals" on the proposed Equal Rights Amendment last Friday in the living room of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's New York apartment, it was learned yesterday.

Members of the National Wo-

men's party, which strongly favors the legislation, had asked Mrs. Roosevelt for a hearing after she condemned the law at a press conference last week. The First Lady agreed, on the condition that the opposition—namely, the National Women's Trade Union League—also be permitted to present its case.

The procedure was informal. There were eight members of the Women's party, under the leadership of Miss Anita Pollitzer, chairman of its New York City branch, and five representatives of the Trade Union League, among them Miss Rose Schneiderman, the league's president.

Two minutes were allotted to each pleader, but since no official timekeeper had been appointed, the speeches tended to run over.

A married teacher, a railroad clerk, a linotypist, a bookbinder, a proofreader, a test pilot, a laundress and a musician contended that restrictive laws had hindered them in making a living; while a food and restaurant worker, war workers, and a department store employe said protective laws were necessary in their fields.

The cylinder grinder, speaking against the legislation, contended that regulations such as limits on the number of pounds she must lift were absolutely essential.

The woman musician, a harpist, replied that laws prohibiting women from working at night cost her many jobs and were unfair and old fashioned.

When both sides had concluded, Mrs. Roosevelt was asked for her verdict. "Appeal not granted," was its substance as she reaffirmed her previous stand.

All the women parted as good friends, though it seems that neither side was in the least impressed by the other's argument.

February, 1944

THE DANGERS OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

(Based on information furnished by the  
Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor)

A so-called Equal Rights Amendment has been before the Senate and the House for over 20 years. It has been and still is opposed by most of the large women's organizations and by the trade union movement of the country. Even though the amendment was revised by the Committee on the Judiciary (S.J.Res:25) and reported to the Senate in 1943, and while the different wording was designed to give joint responsibility to the Federal Government and to the States in implementing the amendment by special legislation, nevertheless the revised amendment is still considered by the opponents to be just as detrimental to the interests of women as was the original.

Following are the chief objections of the opponents:

1. THE AMENDMENT IS NOT PRACTICAL

It deals with abstract rights not real rights. Legal equality between the sexes is not possible because men and women are not identical and their interests therefore can not be equal.

2. THE AMENDMENT IS VAGUE AND LEGALLY UNSOUND

It would lead to endless confusion. On date of ratification and many years thereafter it would be difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain without extended litigation which of a host of laws now on the statute books were valid.

Furthermore, wherever the legal status in regard to civil matters differs for men and women in State or Federal legislation, great confusion would arise as to what standards to adopt, whether those for men or for women.

3. THE AMENDMENT IS UNNECESSARY

What can the amendment accomplish that is not already being done? It is very doubtful that the amendment in itself would have any effect on State laws that are actually discriminatory to women, such as property laws, jury service, and others. The best authorities among lawyers and jurists say that this amendment to the Constitution, if adopted, would be only an enabling act, and that specific laws would still have to be passed in the States to rectify specific discriminations or inequalities.

The States are gradually, through corrective legislation, eliminating unfair discrimination against women that still linger on the statute books. For example, in approximately the past five years, 138 changes and additions to the body of the law of the land have been made to remove inequalities. This statement is borne out by the Women's Bureau publication: United States Summary, Supplement I to Bulletin 157, The Legal Status of Women in the United States of America.

It is not a short cut to a removal of legal inequalities, because as already

pointed out State action will be necessary, and such steps are already being taken without the amendment.

As for inequalities which are due not to law but to prejudice, custom, and tradition, these can be wiped out only by education and by demonstration of women's value and ability.

4. IT IS MISLEADING AND THEREFORE DANGEROUS

It masquerades as a progressive measure, whereas it is really detrimental to the interests of women and the social order. For instance it would eliminate all existing State legislation, enacted especially in the interests of women.

For example, the amendment would nullify the special State labor laws for women that have been built up over many years to safeguard working women, such as minimum-wage, maximum-hour, and other beneficial legislation.

Twenty-six States and the District of Columbia have a minimum-wage law for women which covers the service industries, such as laundries, hotels, restaurants, stores, many types of offices, and so on, not covered by the Federal wage-hour law. Thus women in these industries, if not protected by State laws, are grossly underpaid. Nor are women workers in these industries organized to any great extent and, therefore, can not protect themselves. Minimum-wage legislation only sets a floor below which wage rates can not fall, and leaves ample opportunity to trade unions to set rates at higher levels. Even with the minimum-wage legislation existing in the various States and with the rates established under such laws, it is necessary for the Minimum Wage Commission in each State to inspect payrolls constantly for violations. Illustrating the need for such action are data available from the States showing that hundreds of thousands of dollars in back pay due women, because of failure of employers to pay them as much as the minimum rate, are collected annually by the minimum wage administrators. For example, in New York State during 1942 and the first half of 1943 there was collected \$224,477 from 7,464 establishments which had paid 21,000 women less than the legal minimum wage. These figures are especially shocking when one realizes that none of the six wage orders in the State provide for a minimum hourly rate of more than 36.7 cents. For the same period in California there was collected for 9,897 women and minors \$419,155. In 1943, in the District of Columbia, a total of \$15,929 due women and minors was collected.

Even though the rates set are low, there are always some employers who will exploit the workers, and it is for such employers that minimum wage legislation and adequate enforcement are needed. In the States now having minimum-wage laws over 4 million women come under the legislation, to some of whom the Federal wage-hour law applies, but approximately 5 million women workers in the country can not be covered by the Federal law. This is the case for the great majority of women in the service and distributing trades.

Another important type of labor legislation for women concerns maximum hours of work. Forty-three States have some limitation on women's daily and weekly hours. These laws are very necessary in view of the fact that so many working women have responsibilities for care of home and family that men do not have. The elimination of those laws would be one of the greatest injuries that could be done to working women.

There are other kinds of special labor laws for women such as those dealing

with seating, sanitary, and health questions which are equally important for women workers' well-being.

The amendment also would upset the application of certain legal measures protective to women as wives and widows.

A striking illustration of this is the old age and survivors' insurance benefits of the Social Security Act. Since no parallel benefits are paid to the husbands or widowers of women who are insured individuals it would be necessary for Congress to wipe out the benefits to women or to make equal provision for men. The latter alternative would create a serious actuarial unbalance in the fiscal planning and operations of the social security system.

Also workmen's compensation laws customarily provide for different treatment of the spouse of an injured or deceased employee, on the basis of sex. For example, in some laws the phrase "surviving wife or dependent husband" is used.

In various other ways the amendment would jeopardize the social and economic status of women as related to their family life. It would appear to be required either to relieve the husband of a duty to support which custom, tradition, and law have always imposed upon him, or to place a corresponding obligation upon a wife, in circumstances which in the vast majority of instances would be unjust and inequitable.

5. ALTOGETHER THE AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE FAR-REACHING UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS

The legal position of women can not be stated in a single, simple formula. Women have varied relationships -- as individuals, wage earners, wives, mothers, citizens -- all of which would fall within the scope of this amendment. The amendment, if passed, not only would undermine all existing legislation conducive to the well-being of women in relation to these various categories but would prohibit the enactment of any kind of special legislation for women, no matter how imperative such legislation might be.

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EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Section 1. Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The Amendment as Revised by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Congress and the several States shall have power within their respective jurisdictions, to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

This amendment shall take effect five years after the date of ratification.

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MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE AND MYSELF THANK YOU MANY TIMES FOR  
STATEMENT IN TIMES TODAY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CLEAR  
JUDGMENT ON THE QUESTION OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN WOMENS TRADE UNION LEAGUE.

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NEW YORK WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE  
247 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
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March 13, 1944

Dearest Eleanor:

For your generous gift of \$100, I want to send you my special thanks. I am fully aware of the tremendous number of appeals which go to you, and I am therefore doubly grateful that you count the League on the "must" side of your lists.

You have been a faithful friend and I want to take the opportunity once again to tell you how fortunate we are in having your help on so many occasions.

With fondest love, I am

Affectionately yours

*Rose Schneiderman*

Rose Schneiderman  
President

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April 7, 1944

Dear Rose:

It was sweet of you to write me a note of welcome. I had a most interesting trip and it was not too tiring. I feel from all reports that it was worth while.

I am asking ~~Sidney Hillman~~ about the ALP as several people have spoken to me about it.

I had to refuse the Panken dinner invitation because of other engagements.

I do hope you will return to the League.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
80 Centre St., NYC

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excerpt sent  
to Sidney Hillman



ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN  
SECRETARY

STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY  
80 CENTRE ST. NEW YORK CITY

April  
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Dearest Eleanor,

Welcome home darling! It's grand to know that you are back in the country. I followed your schedule and I must say it was a terribly hard one. You seemed to be on the go every minute of the day and evening, and I'm sure you must be very tired. I hope that you will take a vacation soon.

The boys must have loved having you with them. What you said about their isolation is right. A nephew of mine was at the Panama Canal for two years and finally he was shifted to the mainland. To the boys there the worst thing is that there's no possibility of action and they feel so impotent. It seemed to me that two years is a long time for the men to be in that sort of position and they should be shifted at least after they are stationed for a year instead of two years.

I know you had an invitation from the Panken Dinner Committee and I hope very much that you may be able to attend. We would feel greatly honored if you could come.

We, in the ALP, had quite a time prior to the Primaries. It was absolutely criminal for Hillman to come into New York and insist on the ALP taking in the Communists. After all, the party did roll up four hundred and twenty thousand votes at the last gubernatorial election and that vote was irrespective of the Communist Ticket and the candidates for the two major parties, and Hillman might have left New York alone. I know that the Amalgamated prior to this situation gave little cooperation and the CIO unions that were not Communist controlled were in the Labor Party, and the Right Wing was just as devoted to the President as Hillman is and would have done a swell job in the coming election.

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for the Eleanor Roosevelt*

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The attitude of so many people is that we must appease the Communists because of our tie with Russia. These people evidently take the position that in order to placate Russia we must play with the Communists. I feel that this is wrong. Supposedly they are an American group, and since we find that they are unscrupulous, not to be trusted because of their opportunism and lack of integrity, they should be treated with little consideration.

I have resigned my position as Secretary of the New York State Labor Department and will leave the Department by the first of May. I could have stayed on until such time as a new secretary was appointed, but I felt that I wanted to get through and be free to speak my mind and take part in the coming campaign. The girls at the League want me to come back and I will have to decide one of these days.

Incidentally, you will be pleased to know that the League was instrumental in getting an Equal Pay bill through this year. We sponsored the bill for the first time during the 1943 Legislature. We didn't get very far and we finally took it to the Ives Commission, which is the legislative committee, and we were also able to interest Jane Todd, Republican Assemblywoman. We brought together the other women's organizations and all agreed on this bill which she introduced. Luckily, Jane is ambitious to go to Congress and she needed this sendoff for political purposes. However, the bill would have been defeated if Blanch Freedman had not spent the last week of the session at the Capitol. Senator Coudert was furious at Jane Todd because she hadn't stood for one of his net bills and was ready to knife the Equal Pay bill so as to take revenge on Miss Todd. It was through Blanch that they were able to patch up their differences and the bill is now before the Governor for his signature.

So sorry to have learned that the President had been under the weather. I am delighted that he is all over his bronchial attack.

With fondest love, I am,

Devotedly,

*Rm*

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April 21, 1944.

Dear Rose:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me  
to send you the enclosed letter from  
X Sidney Hillman about the American Labor  
Party primary campaign in New York.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
Department of Labor  
80 Centre Street  
New York, New York.

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ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN, PRESIDENT  
PAULINE M. NEWMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT  
MABEL LESLIE, VICE-PRESIDENT  
HELEN BLANCHARD, VICE-PRESIDENT  
MRS. MONROE GOLDWATER, TREASURER  
BLANCH FREEDMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

May 12, 1944

*for file*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Eleanor:

*Sydney*  
~~X~~ Hillman's letter (which Malvina sent me) came when I was away on vacation and then the following week Dubinsky was out of town so I could not see him about it. I finally did see him, however, on Monday and talked to him about the contents of the letter and his answer was very simple: He said it's true that that proposal was made by the Mayor, but that he and his colleagues felt that they would only be window dressing for the duration of the campaign -- that since the "left wing" group controls the State Committee and all Assembly district leaders, once the campaign is over their usefulness to the present regime would be finished. Dubinsky said he would write to you and perhaps he already has so you will get his version of it in his own words.

I am having such a good time reading the President's biography written by Compton Mackenzie. It really is fascinating and I am so glad to have it. I like so much his little items about you in which he shows how much he admires you.

It was grand seeing you the other night and I enjoyed your talk very much.

With fondest love,

*Rose*

Rose Schneiderman  
President

*Schneidersman*

Hyde Park, N.Y.  
June 25, 1944

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Dear Rose:

I have written to Mr. Dubinsky to explain that I did not mean the colored orphanage at Riverdale, but the Wiltwyck School across the River from us. This is a school where children are sent by the courts when they are too young to go to a reformatory.

Wiltwyck School has done some wonderful things with these children who are not bad, but who do not have proper homes and proper guidance.

It was good to see you the other day, as always.

Affectionately,

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BLANCH FREEDMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 23, 1944

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
New York

Dearest Eleanor:

I saw Dubinsky yesterday on some League matter and he told me that the ILG would like to make a gift of \$500 to the Children's Home in Riverdale. Will you either write him direct, c/o ILGNYU, 1710 Broadway, New York, or let me know to whom the check is to be made out? When you make a drive for the reconditioning of the dormitory, I think that Dubinsky would be glad to make a substantial contribution to that. If you will let me know, I wouldn't mind asking him, but it would be so much the better if the letter came from you. The Children's Home is the sort of thing he is terribly interested in.

You were sweet to give us all that time on Wednesday. I am glad you felt that you could speak at that forum.

With fondest love,

Rose Schneiderman  
President

P. S. I was at the Fifth Avenue Association Luncheon on Wednesday when they dedicated the Avenue to the Allies, and heard Secretary Morgenthau make a wonderful speech. I also met Mrs. Morgenthau and her nice young daughter-in-law.

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August 5, 1944

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Dear Rose:

I was so happy to see you the other night and glad to find your letter at Hyde Park when I got home.

Since the President has accepted the nomination, I hope, naturally, that he will win and I agree that the next four years will be difficult for the country. I, however, have mixed feelings and personally would much prefer to leave the limelight, but I realize my wishes aren't important.

I shall be delighted, of course, to act as honorary chairman for your benefit and will buy six seats in the second or third row and try to go.

The children have been no hardship and I have had real fun with them.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
247 Lexington Avenue, NYC

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BLANCH FREEDMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 1, 1944

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
New York

Dearest Eleanor:

Ever since the Democratic Convention I've wanted to write to you and tell you how delighted I was that the President consented to stand for re-election. All through these years he has met one crisis after another in the affairs of the nation and he has done it superbly. The war of course has been a terrific strain but I hope the worst is nearly over and that the next four years -- though serious and complicated -- will bring their compensations in the achievement of a real peace and world betterment.

I am sure you are smiling to yourself. I speak as though the elections were over but you see I am very optimistic about the outcome. I have faith enough in the American voters to know that they could not possibly hand over the affairs of our country at this time to a man like Dewey who is so inexperienced and ignorant so far as international affairs are concerned and the problems facing our country.

We have taken a play by Raphaelson "The Perfect Marriage" in which Miriam Hopkins is going to star. The date is Tuesday evening, November 14th. We have been assured of its success and we understand it is along the lines of "Voice of the Turtle." Would you be an angel and again serve as Honorary Chairman? We will be sending letters out to our patronesses before long and before having letterheads printed, etc. we should like to know that you will again favor us by acting as Honorary Chairman and of course if you could be with us on November 14th we would consider it a great privilege.

I am so glad that you have had your grand-children with you this summer and while they may be a hardship, nevertheless I am sure that you have enjoyed every minute that they have been with you.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening at the dinner of the Liberal Party.

With fondest love, I am

Faithfully yours

Rose Schneiderman  
President

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*Thanks very much  
I'll be there*

*Yes  
I'll be there  
6 seats  
3 seats in front  
to go!*

*No. 1000  
just from*

August 6, 1944

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Dear Rose:

Thank you for your note about Missy. I appreciate it very much.

We shall miss her always but she had suffered so much with little hope of recovery that death was for her a release.

Affectionately,

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Miss Rose Schneiderman  
235 E 22, NYC

235 East 22nd Street, N.Y.  
August 2, 1944

Dearest Eleanor:

I was shocked to read of Missy's death. Only the other day I was glad to read in the newspaper how much better she was and that she was soon to resume her duties.

She was a sweet and devoted person and I am sure that you will all miss her terribly. I read the President's message about her passing and I can imagine how difficult it will be to fill her place. It does seem a pity that one so young who had so much to give and who gave it so willingly should be called to her Maker, but then we do not question the "whys" of such happenings.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

To you, the President and the  
associates of "Missy" we send our  
deep condolences.

Faithfully yours

*Rose Schneiderman*

Rose Schneiderman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
New York

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August 23, 1944

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

X I am very happy to report that Mrs. Myron I. Borg has again graciously accepted the chairmanship of the Benefit Committee for this year. She has always proved a very active and capable chairman and we are looking forward to a successful outcome of the play -- The Perfect Marriage, by Raphaelson, in which Miriam Hopkins will star. The date is Tuesday, November 14th.

You will hear from Mrs. Borg in early September as to the next meeting date of the Committee.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

*Rose Schneiderman*

Rose Schneiderman  
President

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Dear Eleanor: The above is a form which we have sent to the Committee.

August 25, 1944.

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Dear Rose:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to  
thank you for your letter and to tell  
you how very much she appreciates your  
confidence in the President.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
New York Women's Trade  
Union League  
247 Lexington Avenue  
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BLANCH FREEDMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 21, 1944

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Val-Kill Cottages  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County  
New York

Dearest Eleanor:

Just got back from my two weeks' vacation and found your letter of August 5th. It does my heart good to know that we can always count on you. I am very grateful to you for accepting the honorary chairmanship for the League's benefit, and a thousand thanks to you dear for your reservation. I sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us. Mrs. Borg, like an angel, has again taken the chairmanship. She is a good worker and I look forward to a successful undertaking.

I am most optimistic about the results of the campaign which is about to start. I feel that the great mass of people realize the seriousness of the next four years and will vote for a candidate who is best qualified to handle the grave matters both at home and abroad. I am sure that those of us who have loved ones in the service will cast their votes for the President for a number of reasons -- the main one being for a peace that will be enduring and lasting for generations to come. Looking at Dewey's picture is enough to convince anybody that he is young and inexperienced in the ways of Government as well as in the ways of diplomacy. Of course we all must work hard -- I shall be happy to do my humble bit.

*Truman*

With much love to you, I am

Faithfully yours

Rose Schneiderman  
President

Copies sent to Mr. Flynn and Miss Burne

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BLANCH FREEDMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 16, 1944

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Eleanor:

Rose Schneiderman

The ILG locals are having a desperate time with their Italian members. They refuse to listen to any arguments on the re-election of the President because he sent their boys overseas when he had promised that no American boy would fight in Europe or elsewhere. It may be that back of it all is the Fascist influence that lingers on in our Italian population, and I suppose they are worried about their relatives in Italy as well.

One of the locals whose membership is 45% Italian is eager to have you at a meeting any night that you may choose this month or early next month -- just so that it is before election. You wouldn't have to speak about the campaign but they want you to talk about the war and why we had to send our boys across the seas.

The local that especially wants you is the Ladies' Neckwear Mks. (Joseph Tuvim is the Business Manager). Mr. Tuvim led the fight on the floor of the State Federation of Labor as well as the Central Labor Union in New York for the endorsement of the President and Wagner. Do you think that you could speak at their meeting? I spoke to Trude Pratt this morning and she told me you would be in town on Wednesday and would speak to you, but I thought I would write you in the meantime to explain the situation. Tuvim feels that you could turn the tide in his union. They will not call it a political rally. They will call it an anniversary meeting -- this happens to be the eleventh year of their existence.

I feel terribly let down that I will not be able to be at the dinner where the President is going to speak Saturday night. Foreign Policy is over-subscribed and they turned me down even though I am a member, so I will have to content myself with listening to him on the radio. So many people are complaining about the New York campaign. They say it is dead and we try to tell them that maybe they are doing fundamental work in the district. Certainly outwardly there doesn't seem to be much doing. I have sent in my name as a possible speaker. So far I have not heard. However, next week I shall speak at a rally in Brooklyn for the Waiters' Union. The invitation came from the Union --

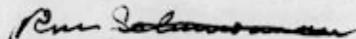
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not from the Party. It seems as though the PAC and the Liberal Party are waging the major part of the campaign. We certainly are distressed about it. Of course there may be reasons for it which none of us know or perhaps the campaign has taken on new techniques which aren't apparent and still inscrutable.

We took the opportunity afforded us by our Annual Conference to raise the question of LABOR'S STAKE IN THE 1944 ELECTIONS. In case you haven't had a chance to see this, I am enclosing the announcement. The three speakers that we had did a marvelous job -- especially Dr. Lindeman and Dr. J. Raymond Walsh who were wonderful. Raymond Walsh didn't mince words about what should happen on Election Day. Perhaps you saw the write-up in the second section of the "Sunday Times."

With fondest love to you darling, and don't worry about Election Day. The answer will be the right one.

Affectionately,



Rose Schneiderman  
President

# 22nd Annual Fall Conference

of the

## NEW YORK WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

HOTEL ROOSEVELT, 45th St. at Madison Ave., N. Y. C.

Saturday, October 14, 1944

### Program

#### Morning session: 10:00 a.m. **EQUAL PAY — What Is It?**

*Chairman:* MABEL LESLIE, Vice-President and Chairman, Education Comm. WTUL, Director, Art Workshop

#### Discussion Leaders

HON. ESTHER D. LONGSTREET, Deputy Commissioner, N. Y. State Labor Department

LILLIAN POSES, Regional Attorney, War Manpower Commission

PAULINE M. NEWMAN, Vice-President, WTUL, member Equal Pay Advisory Committee of N. Y. State Labor Dept. representing State Federation of Labor

KATE PAPERT, Dir. Division of Women in Industry, Child Labor & Minimum Wage, N. Y. State Department of Labor

#### Luncheon: 12:30 p.m. **LABOR'S STAKE IN THE 1944 ELECTIONS**

*Chairman:* ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN, President, WTUL

- **The General Issues**

DR. EDUARD C. LINDEMAN, Prof. of Social Philosophy, N. Y. School of Social Work, Col. Univ.

- **Labor's Stake on the Home Front**

DR. DAVID KAPLAN, Chief Economist, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, AFL

- **Labor's Stake in the International Scene**

DR. J. RAYMOND WALSH, Dir. Economic Division, CIO

*(At both sessions there will be opportunity for questions from the floor)*

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October 14, 1944.

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Dear Rose:

Your birthday card brought me a great deal of pleasure as I always like remembrances from my old friends.

I hope all goes well with you.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
New York Womens Trade Union League  
247 Lexington Avenue  
New York (16), New York.

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Miss Rose Schneiderman  
247 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

October 18, 1944

How about Thursday evening October 26 for union meeting?

Eleanor Roosevelt

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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UNION MEETING ANY OTHER EVENING WILL DO THANK YOU

ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN.

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How about Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> -  
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October 28, 1944

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Dear Rose:

Do you know of any toy manufacturer now who would sell Mrs. Roosevelt toys for the big White House Christmas party? We usually give to children up to ten or twelve years of age and there are about two hundred children - boys and girls.

If there is anyone who can supply these toys we will be able to give them the number in each age group later on when we have our lists made up.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
Women's Trade Union League  
247 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

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October 31, 1944

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Dear Rose:

Many thanks for your letter and for the kind things you say about my speech. I am so glad that you got the ticket to the Foreign Policy dinner, and I am interested in what you tell me of the rally in Brooklyn.

Affectionately,

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Miss Rose Schneiderman  
247 Lexington Avenue,  
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BLANCH FREEDMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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October 27, 1944

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
27 Washington Square, NYC  
(Washington, D.C.)

Dearest Eleanor:

You made a wonderful speech last night, and all the girls were tremendously impressed. It was the kind of speech that went straight to the heart. I saw any number of them with handkerchiefs to their eyes while you spoke. When Pauline Newman and I went into the cafeteria to have some supper a lot of the girls were there and they came over and shook our hands because we had shaken hands with you.

I was successful in getting a ticket for the dinner last Saturday because someone had turned in a reservation to the Foreign Policy Committee, of which I am a member, and they were very kind to let me have that reservation. Then Saturday, at about four, Monroe Goldwater called me and said he had a memoranda from your secretary, that he was to try and get me a reservation, and that he had picked one up and did I want to go. I, of course, told him that I already had a ticket. With all the things that you have to carry on your mind, it was darling of you to think of me. I am deeply touched by your friendship and consideration.

I attended a big rally in Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, called by the Restaurant Trade Unions. It was most heartening to see a meeting of from five to six hundred men and women attend after a day's work. They were most enthusiastic about the President and Senator Wagner. I think that the unions are really doing an outstanding, political, job this year, and if we can get out the vote, that seems to me the next big job. There is no question as to how New York State will go. I suppose the same thing is true of all states that are not predominately Republican.

Blessings on your head, dearest, and on that of the President's. He looked as chipper as ever last Saturday evening, and his speech was a master piece.

With fondest love.

*Rose*

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November 4, 1944

Dear Rose:

I find now that I cannot be  
in New York City on November fourteenth  
and can't go to the play.

Thank you so much for tickets.

I will give them to some friends.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
Women's Trade Union League  
247 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

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my wife on 14th +  
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November 14, 1944.

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Dear Rose:

Many thanks for your letter.

It was good of you to write me and both  
the President and I deeply appreciate  
your congratulations and good wishes.

I am so sorry I could not get  
to the benefit performance.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
New York Women's Trade Union League  
247 Lexington Avenue  
New York (16), New York.

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BLANCH FREEDMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 10, 1944

*Thank ER*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Eleanor:

Congratulations -- it's grand to know that you will continue as hostess of the White House for another four years. The results of Tuesday's election are so overwhelming and so heartening that one feels exhilarated in spite of the nervous strain that we were all under during the campaign. We need have not doubts now as to the future of the war and the peace which is to follow.

I shudder at the thought of what might have been if Dewey had been elected. The turmoil among the United Nations in having to deal with an unknown quantity, so to speak, would have been terrific. Then too, they would have thought us stark mad for electing an untried and unpredictable person at this very crucial time when the world is looking to us for leadership and good judgment. The faith in our democracy and the faith in the women's vote has been vindicated.

Of course I am terribly disappointed that you won't be able to be at our benefit on Tuesday. It would have been lovely to have you with us even though the play did not get a good send-off.

With all kinds of good wishes for the future, I am

Yours -- with fondest love --

*Rose*

Rose Schneiderman  
President

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November 15, 1944

Dear Rose:

I have checked over our lists and find we will need about fifty stuffed toys and twenty dolls.

This of course will only take care of a small number of the children who come to the White House party. I wonder if there is any concern who could supply games and puzzles at not more than fifty cents, two five cents preferable? I think we could use about one hundred and seventy five of these.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
Women's Trade Union League  
247 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Nov. 6, 1944

MISS THOMPSON:

I can only figure that we will need about fifty stuffed toys, that is on the basis of giving them to boys and girls up to 4 years.

I think we can use about fifteen dolls for girls up to 8.

This of course leaves the boys from 4 to 8 out and then the rest of the children.

Mr. West asked about the limit on age and I said 12 - o.k?

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Mrs Lund

Could you guess  
how many dolls we  
might need + how  
many stuffed animals  
for children?

Tell her this book  
if she can get games  
+ puzzles - not more  
than 50¢ - 25¢  
preference

Mrs Lund

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October 30, 1944

Dear Malvina:

Re your note about the toys -- I telephoned Mr. Esposito of the Plaything & Novelty Wks. and he tells me all he can get are dolls and stuffed animals.

Does Mrs. Roosevelt want to go with him to pick them out? If not, I should be glad to undertake to do this and he could then send the bill on to you. He would need to know of course how many, etc.

11/2/44 We are sending the tickets Mrs. Roosevelt ordered on to the White House, but have also sent a note to Washington Square to tell her that we have done so. *HNK*

With kindest regards to you --

Affectionately,

*Rose Schneiderman*

Rose Schneiderman  
President

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November 20, 1944.

Dear Rose:

Many thanks for your letter  
of November 17th.

Of course the arrangements can  
wait until you return from New Orleans and  
I think your suggestion is fine.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
New York Women's Trade Union League  
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November 17, 1944

Miss Malvina Thompson  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malvina:

I am very sorry that the man at the head of the Playthings & Novelty Workers' Union has left for Chicago where he is going to be all of next week attending the CIO Convention, and I myself am leaving today for New Orleans to attend the AFL Convention.

I hope you will feel that the arrangements can wait for a week. I promise you that I will get on the job as soon as I get back, and if necessary I will pick some firm from the Red Book. I am sure one of them would be willing to help so far as the games and toys are concerned.

With affectionate regards,

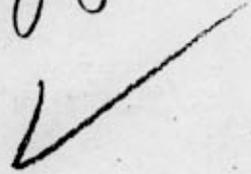
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Rose Schneiderman  
President

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December 9, 1944

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Dear Rose:

ANTHONY H.

X Thank you for letting me know of Mr. Esposito's generous offer to send the dolls and stuffed animals as a contribution from the union. I deeply appreciate this and am writing to thank him.

Affectionately,

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Miss Rose Schneiderman  
249 Lexington Avenue NYC.

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December 11, 1944

Miss Malvina Thompson  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malvina:

I hope by this time the toys, dolls  
and puzzles have arrived.

Will you be an angel and ask  
Mrs. Roosevelt to write Mr. Esposito a  
special note because of his efforts to  
secure the dolls which were sent as a  
contribution from the union? He can be  
addressed:

*Handwritten note:*  
Jed. 12-7

Mr. Anthony Esposito, Manager  
Playthings & Novelty Wks. Union  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York City

With kind regards, I am

Affectionately,

Rose Schneiderman  
President

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December 29, 1944.

Dear Rose:

I have a 12:30 luncheon engagement on Tuesday, January 23rd, at which I must speak so I might not get away until 3:30. Would you care to have me drop in at the commencement exercises for a few minutes when I get away? I have to be home in Washington Square at 4:30.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
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December 19, 1944

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

Dearest Eleanor:

I write you in behalf of the Needlecraft Educational Commission. This Commission made the Needle Trades High School possible. It's the same school where you spoke before the Ladies' Neckwear Makers' Union in early November.

The Needlecraft Commission is very eager to have you speak at the commencement exercises which will take place on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, at 2:30 p.m.

I am a member of their Advisory Committee and think very highly of the work they are doing. If you can possibly fit this function into your schedule, I know that Max Meyer, who is the Chairman, and Mortimer C. Ritter, who is the Principal of the School, will be most grateful to you.

I was so sorry to read of the death of your aunt -- Mrs. Stanley Mortimer -- in yesterday's "Times." Next to one's immediate family, aunts are the nearest of kin and I am sorry darling that this grief has come to you.

I hope that the toys, games, dolls, etc. arrived and I am sure they will be a great joy to the children attending the party.

With fondest love and all kinds of good wishes for the New Year, I am

Affectionately yours

*Rm*

Rose Schneiderman  
 President

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January 31, 1944

Dear Malvina,

I will be delighted to bring a few industrial women to Mrs. Roosevelt's apartment on Friday at 3:00 o'clock. This letter is sort of an answer to a prayer -- I was about to write Mrs. Roosevelt and ask whether such a meeting would be possible. It will be good for our girls to be there together with the girls Anita Pollitzer will bring.

My best regards to you.

Affectionately,

*Rm Columbus*

*[Signature]*

*[Handwritten mark]*  
Miss Malvina Thompson  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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January 1, 1945

Dear Rose:

Many thanks for the lovely handkerchiefs  
and for your thought of me. It is good of you to  
remember me always and I appreciate it.

With best wishes, I am

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
80 Center St., NYC

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May every joy be yours this Happy Holiday Season



ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN



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247 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
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January 3, 1945

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Eleanor:

Thank you so much for your letter in connection with the ~~Central~~ Needle Trades High School. The commencement lasts until 4:30 so that if you can come any time between 3:30 and 4, I know Mr. Ritter and the Advisory Board will be most grateful to you.

With deep appreciation for your willingness to come, I am

With fondest love -

Rose Schneiderman  
President

P.S. The address is 225 West 24th Street, between 7th and 8th Aves. N.Y.C.

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MORTIMER C. RITTER

*Pending*  
January 5  
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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt;

We were delighted to learn from Miss Rose  
Schneiderman that we are to have the great  
pleasure of your addressing the graduating  
class of January 1945, at our commencement  
exercises.

This is indeed an honor and a privilege,  
and we are looking forward to having you  
as our guest on Tuesday, January 23.

Our best wishes to you for 1945.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mortimer C. Ritter*  
MORTIMER C. RITTER  
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December 20, 1944.

Mrs. Malvina Thompson  
C/o Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
39 Washington Square West  
New York 11 N.Y.

*I Answered yes  
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pending*

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

Will you, at the earliest convenient moment, put this question to Mrs. Roosevelt? It has been put to me as a person who might know, by the Dinner Arrangements Committee of the Refugee Relief Fund, of the Coat and Suit Industry.

Has Mrs. Roosevelt any objection to speaking at the Dinner on January 23, 1945, on the same platform with Governor Dewey?

I am sure I need not enlarge. The answer may be treated as entirely confidential, and I need not quote you or Mrs. Roosevelt at all. I need only express my own opinion and advice to the Committee.

When you have the answer, please phone or wire me. "Yes" or "no" will suffice. I shall understand.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Monroe Goldwater*

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March 24, 1945

Dear Rose:

Many thanks for your letter of March 20 bringing me up to date on the things the League is doing. I will send my contribution next month.

The President and I appreciate your thought of us on our wedding anniversary.

Affectionately,

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Miss Rose Schneiderman  
247 Lexington Ave. NYC

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March 20, 1945

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dearest Eleanor:

We are again turning to you, our good and generous friend, to ask for the renewal of your gift of \$100 this year. We are having a very busy legislative year. Knowing of your interest in the domestic servants' problem, you will be glad to know that our workmen's compensation bill to bring full time domestic workers under the Workmen's Compensation Law will finally go through this session of the Legislature, we hope. The bill has already gone through the Senate and we hope very much that it will pass the Assembly. The Governor mentioned this bill in his message so it ought to have clear sailing. Blanch Freedman has been going to Albany every week and is there now for the duration of the session to make sure that the bill will finally pass. Should it become law, it will be the first time that domestic workers will come under any of our labor laws. We are also trying to secure legislation that will limit the number of hours that children may work after school. Right now they can work any number of hours and some of them get so tired that they fall asleep in the classroom. We hope this bill too will be made into law this year. We introduced another bill affecting young children working on farms in order to counteract the scandalous conditions prevailing on commercial farms in our State.

The League has held two very good conferences -- one in New York and one in Syracuse. The one in Syracuse was very rewarding because there we had a group of influential local women sponsor the conference, with Mrs. Peabody -- the wife of Bishop Peabody -- presiding. We discussed postwar problems for working women, and one of the practical things to come out of that conference was the formation of a committee to press for retraining of women in war industries to peacetime trades, and also to see to it that where they are entitled to seniority that they be kept on the job.

We hope very much that you will feel that we merit your generous support.

I thought of you all day Saturday -- your 40th wedding anniversary -- and if my thoughts could have been conveyed to you, they would have brought many more years of happiness to you and the President.

With all kinds of good wishes, I am

With fondest love,

*Rose Schneiderman*

Rose Schneiderman, Pres.

*Handwritten notes:*  
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March 30, 1945.

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Dear Rose:

I am sorry but I can not  
accept the invitation to become  
Honorary President of the A.W.V.S.  
I do not think they should go on or  
have a charter.

Affectionately,

Miss Rose Schneiderman  
New York Women's Trade Union League  
247 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York.

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March 28, 1945

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Eleanor:

Thank you a thousand times for your note saying that you will send your contribution next month.

I am also very grateful to you for finding time for the National Women's Trade Union League delegation which will meet in Washington. You are a darling to have us for tea on May 11th, and we appreciate your graciousness more than words can tell.

The Board of Directors of the AWVS voted yesterday to ask you to become Honorary President of the organization. I hope very, very much that you will consent to do this. I doubt whether you would have to attend every meeting if you do accept the office, but it would do them the utmost good to have you there every once in a while, if you are able to manage it. I am a member of the AWVS Board of Directors. I went on the Board two years ago primarily so as to give them an idea of what labor is and what it stands for. One result is that they carry a union label on their printed matter because I told them I would not have my name on anything that didn't bear the union label.

Mrs. McLean who is very liberal and has given of herself and her money towards the work of the organization is very anxious to have you accept as Honorary President. There are a great many Republican women on the Board. They have been trying to get a charter from Congress and I think Congress rightly postponed the matter until after the war. Many of the women would like to continue the organization after the war. Personally, I see no reason for its continuance unless the Republican ladies want to build up a women's organization for political reasons. I dare say, however, that in the various states where the AWVS has units, they have a mixture of both Republicans and Democrats. I know, darling, that consenting to become Honorary President will add an additional burden -- nevertheless, I feel

that for tactful reasons it would be very, very worthwhile for you to accept.

We are very sad at the League because our compensation bill for domestic workers did not get out of the Assembly Rules Committee. The Republicans on the Committee who are the heads of various committees are in revolt against the Governor. They have had to swallow the anti-discrimination bill, also the Unemployment Insurance Merit Rating bill which they didn't like and they just would not allow the domestic workers' bill to get on the floor. I will say that the Governor through his secretary and his legal advisors tried to get it through. Jane Todd also tried to help -- but to no avail.

The war news continues to be wonderful and we pray and hope that victory will soon be with us.

With fondest love and all kinds of good wishes for a Joyous Easter for you and the President and all your dear ones, I am

Affectionately yours



Rose Schneiderman  
President