

MOLLY YARD
1940 - 1944

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March 26, 1940

My dear Miss Yard:

I have felt for some time that it would be an advantage to both the President and some of the youth leaders if they could confer together on some subjects of interest to both.

Of course, it is evident that a meeting of this kind must be entirely confidential. The people who come must agree not to mention the fact that they are meeting with the President and afterwards they may not quote the President. They can use whatever material they have gathered as background for a better understanding of his position on the various subjects discussed at the meeting, clarifying for themselves any subjects which have been confusing where the attitude of the administration is concerned.

I shall be glad to have the group have a buffet supper with me at the White House at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, afterwards to meet with the President for three hours. The President will speak first on certain things which he is anxious to bring up before youth groups and then those present will be asked to question him on the subjects which he has brought up and to bring up any other subjects which they desire to discuss. From then on it will be a discussion meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Molly Yard
Executive Secretary
Washington Youth Council
3009 P St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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April 19, 1940

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My dear Miss Yard:

I think your idea of the summer schools is a grand one and I am glad to hear about it.

I am so pleased that you can come on May 5.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Molly Yard
Wash. Youth Council
1701 - 11th St., N.W.
Wash., D.C.

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April 25, 1940

My dear Miss Yard:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to tell you that the meeting scheduled for May 5th, at the White House has been postponed.

Mrs. Roosevelt will let you know if and when a later date is set.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Molly Yard
Executive Secretary
Washington Youth Council
3009 P Street, N.W.
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June 11, 1940

MEMO FOR MISS THOMPSON:

Miss ^{Molly} Mary Yerd called about the plans for the dinner on the 14th.

It will be held at Barker Hall of the Y.W.C.A. 17th and K Streets. The dinner is called for 6:30 but she suggests Mrs. Roosevelt arrive about 6:45.

There will be no regular speeches, but a grand jury trial of Washington in respect to youth.

The prosecuting attorney will be Me. Le. Pressman, who is General Counsel of the CIO - Mr. John P. Davis, secretary National Negro Congress will be judge. Senator Murray of Montana will be foreman of the jury.

Mrs. Roosevelt will be toastmistress and will start the trial off by explaining it then she will introduce the three people together and then turn the meeting over to the chairman of the Washington Youth Council who will present the case factually, but before Mrs. Roosevelt turns the meeting over to the council names will be drawn for the jury. After presenting the facts the case will be turned over to Mr. Pressman who will question the witnesses. There will be five young people with different problems who will be the witnesses. After the witnesses have spoken Mr. Pressman will sum up the case to the jury.

Senator Murray as foreman will present the indictment. Mrs. Roosevelt will then speak and then give back the meeting to the youth council who will close the meeting.

If Mrs. Roosevelt would care to talk on the Responsibility of adults toward youth she thinks it would be fine

If you wish any further information Miss Yard can be reached at Dupont 6911.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

From the desk of—
Malvina C. Thompson

Mrs. Reed —

after your mother's

memo - return

Cards to me —

W.E.

June 12, 1940

MEMO FOR MISS THOMPSON:

Mrs. Roosevelt will attend
a Washington Youth Council dinner
on June 14th, at about 6:45 p.m.
The dinner will be held at Barker
Hall, Y.W.C.A.

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June 27, 1940

Dear Miss Yard:

I do think the situation with the District Board of Welfare is very discouraging.

I have sent the folder which you enclosed to Mr. Williams, though I am not sure that NYA could do it.

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Molly Yard
Washington Youth Council
1701 11th St., Washington



Washington Youth Council

MAY 22 1940

Office: 1701 Eleventh St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Meetings: First Monday of Month, 8 p.m., Y.W.C.A., 17th & K, N. W.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I do not know whether our Chairman has written you our thanks for your participation in our annual dinner last Friday. In any case I wish to thank you very much for coming and presiding. I was sorry you did not speak at the end of the program but perhaps you felt enough had been said for one hot evening.

I do not know whether anyone has ever reported to you on what has happened on the relief situation since that meeting in May. Actually there is very little to report for we do not seem to have accomplished very much. We have had one meeting with the Board of Welfare, they agree with us but make no recommendations as to what might be done to improve matters. Washington is certainly a very discouraging place to work. If we had political rights I would feel there was some way out, but this way -. It is a very revealing experience to live under such conditions, and I tremble when I think of the state of mind it creates when you add to Washington the poll tax states.

I am enclosing a folder I think you may be interested in. This is the project some of us worked out with Hilda Smith following the NYA conference on unemployed girls. We have made a small beginning in contacting students for the project and I think by fall we may really have something under way. I talked to Kenneth Holland at the Youth Commission about it as I thought they might be able to take it up and really put it on its feet with the work camps program. He said there was a possibility that they might do something with it later on. He suggested it might make a good NYA project. I am hoping to see Aubrey Williams about it, but it seems almost impossible to get an appointment with him these days. If you think the project is a good and useful one, and if you have the opportunity of seeing Mr. Williams, I should appreciate it greatly if you could say something to him.

Handwritten note: I have sent you a folder...

Thank you so much for all you have done for Washington in the past months, and for the Youth Council. I hope you will be here for a long time to come.

Sincerely yours,

Molly Yard

3009 P St. NW
Washington, D.C.
June 21, 1940

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July 30, 1941

My dear Molly:

I think you have heard from Joe that I would be very pleased to have you and your husband come up here next Saturday for the night as long as you are going to be in New York. I have asked Dr. Cohn and Dr. Johnson for lunch Sunday, so I thought it would be easier for you if you meet them together with me.

If you motor, take Route 9G (Violet Avenue) from Poughkeepsie for about five miles and turn right into the country lane marked Val-Kill which is just beyond the Val-Kill Tea Room. If you come by train, let me know what time you will arrive and I will have some one meet you at the station in Poughkeepsie.

Very cordially yours,

Miss Molly Yard
c/o Miss Flossie Yard
I.S.S., 8 W. 40th St.
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INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT  SERVICE

of the United States

September 5, 1941

8 WEST 40th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Washington Student Service Bureau
1155 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The furniture for our office arrived yesterday
afternoon and we were very pleased to receive it.

Thank you so much for helping us out in this respect.

We look forward to the day when you have a free
moment to meet with some of the students who will
make the office their headquarters when they visit
Washington. With our fireplace and the comfortable
chairs we should be able to have a fine tea party!

Sincerely yours,


Molly Yard
Secretary

Washington Student Service Bureau

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Announcement of the Establishment
of a
Washington Student Service Bureau
by
International Student Service

The United States Committee of International Student Service is pleased to announce the opening of a Student Service Bureau in Washington, D. C. The address of the Bureau is 1155-16th Street, N. W.; its facilities are available to universities and colleges, faculty members and students. The broad purpose of the Washington Student Service Bureau is to provide student and faculty members, particularly those in the field of the social sciences, opportunities to study at first hand the operations of our federal government - to make Washington educationally available to the student.

Study of the theory of government without knowledge of actual practice rarely results in adequate comprehension of the role of government in our democratic society. There has been an increasing recognition of this fact by the colleges; nevertheless, there is insufficient opportunity for the student in the social sciences to analyze and reinterpret his classroom knowledge in the light of actual government practice.

To help meet this problem, the United States Committee of ISS is establishing its Bureau in Washington. Certain functions, briefly described below already are in preparation. Before crystalizing the program, however, we are anxious to receive the advice and suggestions of college authorities concerning the way in which the Bureau can be of the greatest service to them. The services already contemplated include the following:

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Institutes of from three to seven days duration on various phases of government activity for students majoring in corresponding academic fields. The curriculum of these institutes is being carefully worked out in consultation with outstanding academic and governmental authorities. The Institutes are being organized to include:

1. A general discussion of the field by leaders in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government, with adequate opportunity for questioning of policy, administration, etc., by institute students.
2. Attendance at committee hearings, if any are being held in the field; an institute session with the committee chairman and special investigator on the purpose of the hearings and how the work of the committee is conducted.
3. Attendance at Senate and House sessions provided legislation pertinent to the subject is being discussed; an institute session with the Senator and/or Representative sponsoring the legislation.
4. A session with the majority and minority Senate and/or House leaders to learn the functions of both in relation to legislation in the field.

5. Sessions with administrative personnel working in the field to learn the practical application of legislation, the problems an agency faces in carrying it out, etc.
6. Sessions with representatives of citizen groups which devote time to the analysis of and dissemination of information on legislation in the field. Such groups might be the United States Chamber of Commerce, the American Federation of Labor, and the American Association of University Women.

Adequate opportunity will be provided at all times for students to ask questions and to enter into the discussions. Institutes are contemplated in the following general fields:

- Government and Business
- Government and Labor
- Government and International Relations
- Government and Youth
- Government and Agriculture
- Government and Social Security
- Government and Housing
- Government and Health
- Government and Civil Liberties
- Government and Culture

The first institute scheduled is directed at the most qualified student, graduate or undergraduate, in the field of economics. The purpose of this institute is to show how different economic theories are reflected in government policies as well as what the operations of the government are, and how the economist functions in relation to them.

II.

In addition, the Washington Student Service Bureau is prepared to collaborate with professors and colleges in organizing conferences or field trips of one to three days duration for miscellaneous groups of students desiring to visit the nation's capital to see their government at work. Such trips or conferences will be planned for students according to their particular interests, and will include:

1. Meetings with government personnel heading up the work of Departments or Agencies in which the group is interested.
2. Attendance at Senate and/or House sessions and committee hearings; meetings with the committee chairmen to learn the work of a committee.
3. Meetings with Congressmen sponsoring legislation in which the group is interested.
4. Visits to places of particular interest, such as a tour of Greenbelt for sociology and architectural students, or a tour of the National Institute of Health for public health and medical students.

III.

The Bureau will aid students and classes to collect materials for term papers, etc. It will provide general information to those interested in opportunities open in government service as a career.

IV.

Our offices will always be open to the individual student when he or she is in Washington, and we hope college students will make the Bureau their headquarters.

The United States Committee of International Student Service is not a pressure group. Its conferences and other activities are organized with an eye to making it possible for students to explore all phases of their problems under the steady light of study and criticism. The only credo of ISS is faith in the democratic process. Through the Washington Student Service Bureau, ISS hopes to give students an immediate and exciting appreciation of what democratic government means.

In conclusion the Washington Student Service Bureau is interested in the reactions of faculty members to this announcement and would appreciate any suggestions to implement and improve its proposed services.

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR FIRST WASHINGTON INSTITUTE

Current Problems in the Defense Program and Their
Relation to Fundamental Economic Issues

Problem Number 1 - Priorities

First Day - Morning - General Session

Can we equip our citizen army, be an adequate arsenal for the countries actively resisting the Axis, and still provide the consumer with the goods he needs and wants, without an extensive re-adjustment in the economic life of the nation?

Speakers and discussion on:

1. Shall and can we build additional plant capacity, or should we resort to plant conversion to obtain increased output of planes, tanks, guns, etc.?
2. If we resort to plant conversion, what consumers goods shall be reduced or eliminated?
3. How shall production orders be allocated so as to meet the needs of small business as well as big business?

Suggested speaker: Lauchlin Currie

First Day - Afternoon - Laboratory

The group will be divided into sections:

Section 1. Problems of Small Business. Visit to Senator James E. Murray, Chairman of Special Committee to Study and Survey Problems of Small Business Enterprises. Attendance at Committee hearings, if any.

Section 2. Allocation of Contracts. Visit to Senator Harry S. Truman, Chairman Special Committee to Investigate Contracts Under the National Defense Program. Attendance at Committee hearings, if any. Conference with research personnel of Joint Army and Navy Munitions Board.

Suggested speaker: Colonel Ayres, Director of Research, Army and Navy Munitions Board.

Section 3. Consumers and what the government is doing to meet their problems. Visit to Consumers' Council of AAA. Conference with representative of Office of Civilian Supply
Suggested speakers: Don Montgomery & Harriet Elliot

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Section 4. The relation of the Office of Production Management to the problem of priorities. Conference with research section of OPM.

Suggested speaker: Copeland, acting head of research

The group as a whole will attend Senate and/or House sessions if any legislation pertaining to above is on the floor for discussion.

First Day - Evening - General Session

Each section will report to the group as a whole what it learned in the afternoon meetings.

Problem Number 2 - Inflation

Second Day - Morning - General Session

Will the defense program mean a great inflation of commodity prices? General discussion of problem, with special reference to Office of Price Control, the program of the Federal Reserve Board with respect to installment buying, and the work of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice in preventing monopoly prices.

Suggested speakers: Richard Gilbert - OPA
Ken Golbraith

Second Day - Afternoon - Laboratory

Visit to Senator Glass and Representative Steagall to discuss with them and General Counsel of OPA the Steagall-Glass price control bill.

Attendance at committee hearings and Senate and House sessions if matters pertaining to this day's or previous day's sessions are on the calendar.

Problem Number 3 - Labor's Participation

Second Day - Evening - General Session

Speakers and discussion of

Employment, training, fair labor practices in relation to defense.

Suggested speakers: Brooks & Harrison - OPM

Third Day - Morning - Laboratory

The group will divide into sections:

Section 1. Visit to Representative John H. Tolan, Chairman,

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Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migration,
Attendance at Committee hearings, if any.

Section 2. Visit to C.I.O. and A.F.L. headquarters. Conference with their representatives on problems of labor in relation to defense program.

Section 3. Visit to Farm Bureau Federation; discussion on farmer's attitude toward labor participation in defense program.
Suggested speaker: Fred Ogg

Section 4. Visit to U. S. Chamber of Commerce; discussion on business view of labor participation.

Third Day - Afternoon - Free

Third Day - Evening - General Session

Each section will report to the group as a whole what it learned in the afternoon meetings.

Problem Number 4 - Agriculture and Defense

Fourth Day - Morning - General Session

Speakers and discussion on the relation of agriculture to the defense economy.

Suggested speaker: David Meeker, head of Agricultural Defense Office

Problem Number 5 - Appropriations and Taxation

Fourth Day - Afternoon - General Session

Can the defense program be financed without an enormous increase in the public debt?

Speakers and discussion of:

Maintenance of regular non-defense expenditures versus drastic reduction of such expenditures.

Suggested speakers: Senator Byrd
Emil Des Pres, Federal Reserve

Fourth Day - Evening - General Session

Speakers and discussion of:

Taxation: The tax base, excess-profits tax, relation of taxation to price control.

Suggested speakers: Gerhard Colm, Budget Bureau
(price control)
Senator La Follette
Senator George

Fifth Day - Morning and Afternoon - Laboratory

The group will divide into sections:

Section 1. Meet with Bureau of the Budget officials to learn how recommendations are arrived at and made to Congress pertaining to appropriations. Visit to House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Attendance at committee hearings on appropriations bill, if any scheduled, as well as House and Senate sessions, if any appropriations being discussed.

Suggested speaker: Gerhard Colm

Section 2. Meet with Treasury officials to learn how their tax recommendations are arrived at and made to Congress. Visit to Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee to learn processes through which a tax bill must go. Visit to Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation; conference with its Chief of Staff to learn function of this committee. Attendance at pertinent committee hearings and House and Senate sessions.

Suggested speakers: Dr. Harry White
Ray Blough
Colin Stan

Fifth Day - Evening - General Session

Session with Majority and Minority Congressional leaders to learn the function of each in relation to legislation.

Sixth Day - Morning - Free

Suggestions: Visit Congressman and places of interest in Capital.

Sixth Day - Luncheon - General Session

Luncheon with Washington columnists; their attitude to defense program.

Suggested speakers: Sullivan
I. F. Stone
Lindley
Straight

Sixth Day - Afternoon - Laboratory

Attendance at pertinent committee hearings and House and Senate sessions.

Problem Number 6 - What of the Future?

Sixth Day - Evening - Dinner Meeting and General Session

Speakers and general discussion:

Is economic collapse inevitable at the end of the emergency?

Suggested speakers: E. J. Coyle
Mordchai Ezekieli
Senator Taft

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Seventh Day - Free

Arrangements will be made by WSSB for any students desiring to visit places of interest.

Eighth Day - Morning - Laboratory

The group will divide into sections:

Section 1. Meet with officials of National Resources Planning Board; discuss with them their report: "After Defense - What?"
Suggested speaker: Tom Blaisdell

Section 2. Meet with officials of Public Works Reserve; discuss with them their inventory of public improvements needed in this country.
Suggested speaker: Jacob Baker

Section 3. Meet with officials of the Economic Defense Board; discuss with them the relationship of economic defense to the problems of post-war reconstruction.

Eighth Day - Afternoon - General Session

Each section will report to the group as a whole what it learned in the morning meetings.

Problem Number 7 - The Relation of the Public to the Defense Program and Its Policies.

Eighth Day - Evening - General Session

What are citizen groups doing?
Discussion with representatives of business, labor, consumers.

Ninth Day - Morning - General Session

Students will discuss Institute as a whole

Ninth Day - Luncheon - General Session

Speakers and discussion

Economic theories of defense and post-defense programs.

Suggested speakers: Dr. Alvin Hanson or
Gerhard Coln
Dr. Moulton or
E. G. Mours of Brookings

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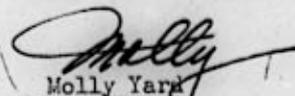
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I want to thank you for having the sub-
committee of ISS on the Washington Student
Service Bureau meet at the White House and
have lunch with you there. The arrangement
was a very pleasant one and I know we all
appreciated it. I especially was glad to
have a comfortable chair and a peaceful room
in which to sit through a somewhat turbulent
session!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Molly Yard
Secretary

Washington Student Service Bureau

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December 9, 1941

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My dear Molly:

I think the conference was perfectly grand. I wish I could convince Dr. Cohn of just how grand I thought it was.

I look forward to all the things you do in the Washington Bureau and I enjoy my contacts very much. I hope you will call on me to do anything at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Molly Yard, Secretary
Washington Student Service Bureau
1155 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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(signed by Mr. Magee)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES



WASHINGTON STUDENT SERVICE BUREAU

1155 SIXTEENTH ST., N. W. ● REPUBLIC 3362 ● WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 5, 1941

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I do think the conference we had for economics majors was quite successful. I know that one of the highlights of the conference for the students was the Sunday luncheon at the White House and the program that followed it in the afternoon. I certainly appreciate very much your entertaining the conference so splendidly. It was a great help to me particularly because I was afraid I was going to have to eliminate the Sunday lunch altogether.

I would like you to know that both Sylvester and I thought the picture on women in civilian defense was very good. We saw it some time ago when there was no script with it and frankly did not think much of it at that time. Now, however, we think it is quite impressive.

We are receiving the most varied kinds of requests for help from this office. I am finding it a lot of fun in answering these requests. The Social Action Commission of the Student Christian Movement in the Middle Atlantic Region is asking our help in planning a Citizenship Seminar in February here in Washington. I am looking forward to this as well as getting our next conference underway.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Molly
Molly Yard
Secretary

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December 23, 1941

Dear Molly:

I will get the government personnel officers, the Civil Service representative and a representative of the government employment office together either right after Christmas or during the busy days when the executive committee and the college group are here so that Joe can also be at the meeting.

I will do whichever you think best, perhaps you think we ought to have a preliminary meeting first. Please telephone Miss Thompson your decision.

I have spoken to Miss Blackburn and she will telephone you to make an appointment.

Very cordially yours,

Miss Molly Yard
Washington Student
Service Bureau
1155 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.

We have the list
but the request did
not come to me.

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December 9, 1941

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

Dear Miss Thompson:

The White House called our office for the names of four
ISS students in Seattle, Washington for Mrs. Roosevelt. They
are as follows:

Philip Austin, 9005 Roosevelt Way, Seattle, Washington
North Burn, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Hildur Coon, 4706 20th Street, N.E., Seattle, Washington
Ray Mongrain, 7718 82nd Street, N.E., Seattle, Washington

Sincerely yours,

Molly Yard
Molly Yard
Secretary

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*Mrs. Meyer -
! Rem's this complete -
ask for it
Don't you think
how about this plan?*

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES



WASHINGTON STUDENT SERVICE BUREAU

1155 SIXTEENTH ST., N. W. • REPUBLIC 3362 • WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 11, 1941

Dear Committee Member:

Enclosed is a brief report of the first conference held by the Washington Bureau.

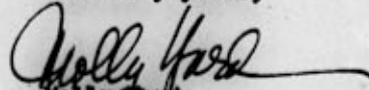
I propose that the next conference be held from February 20-24. This is the Washington Birthday weekend and a good many colleges are giving February 23rd as a holiday. The topic for the second conference might be chosen from one of the following:

1. The Government and Civilian Defense: What plans does the government have; how are they to be executed; what part does the student have?
2. Government Services to Youth: What are they; what is the philosophy behind them; how will the present emergency affect their development?
3. Recent Developments in Administrative Law and Judicial Procedure and Their Affect on Civil Liberties.

The first two topics are, of course, general in nature and would appeal to many students; the last topic is one in which political science majors would be interested, especially those planning to study law.

In order to discuss the next conference, as well as other matters relating to WSSB, the subcommittee should meet soon. Enclosed is a card with various dates and places for such a meeting. Please check the card and return to me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Molly Yard
Secretary

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Report of First Conference Held By The
Washington Student Service Bureau

*See letter to
Bureau*

The first conference of the Washington Student Service Bureau, held for economics majors on the topic "Current Problems in the Defense Program and Their Relation to Fundamental Economic Issues", took place Nov. 28 - Dec. 2nd and was attended by 53 students and 7 faculty members from 25 colleges in a geographic area extending from Massachusetts to North Carolina to Ohio.

The cooperation of government officials and private individuals with WSSB in the planning and conducting of the conference was superb and insured the success of the conference. In planning the program, Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, Dr. Lauchlin Currie, Mr. Morris Llewellyn Cooke, from the government, and Mr. E. J. Coil of the National Planning Association and Professor Arthur Burns of George Washington University, were very helpful. Dr. Paul Douglass of American University, Mrs. Helena Glassey of International Student House, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Morris Llewellyn Cooke, Mrs. L. Corrin Strong, and Representative Tom Eliot, were all of great aid from the housing of the students to planning teas and conferences at which students could meet government people.

A copy of the conference program is attached. Mr. Stacy May spoke at the opening session using as the basis of his remarks a most stimulating manuscript which is to be published in the January issue of the Atlantic Monthly. The second general session was a lively one with Howard Doty of the National Association of Manufacturers speaking for business, Robert Handschin of the Farmer's Union speaking for the farmer, and James Carey of the C.I.O. speaking for labor. The session on price control had Dr. Charles Hardy of Brookings Institution and Dr. Richard Gilbert of the Office of Price Administration. Dr. M. L. Wilson spoke on "Agriculture and Defense" while Dr. Gerhardt Cola, Dr. Harry White and Dr. Lauchlin Currie conducted a most interesting discussion on "Government Fiscal Policy". The closing session heard Mr. Alfred Friendly of the Washington Post.

The section meetings on the whole were good and the students appeared to get a good deal out of them. The many government people who helped arrange these meetings and who took part in them fully demonstrated the willingness of such personnel to take time to meet and discuss problems with students.

The comments of the students on the conference indicated they considered it a worthwhile experience. Letters have been written each of them asking for their evaluation of the conference and their suggestions for improvements. The seven faculty members have been asked for their critical comment. *See copy enclosed.*

There are a number of failings which we can note. The conference lacked a permanent chairman who could lead the discussions and tie the various sessions together. Students did not take as much part in discussion as they might have. The sessions at which the various section groups reported to the conference as a whole were much too routine and lacked participation of students who were not reporters. How these faults can be remedied should be carefully studied, and it is hoped that the students and faculty members who attended the conference will assist in this.

The Bureau was happy to have the help of the following Executive Committee members who attended the conference - Mrs. Eliot Pratt, Alan Gottlieb, Kenneth Holland, Flora Mariotti, Mrs. Roosevelt, and Jane Seaver. We only wish others might have been there. The Bureau appreciated the work of ISS staff members Joe Lash, Louise Morley, and Harold Lash in the running of the conference.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE

It is the purpose of the United States Committee of International Student Service:

1. To help students towards a fuller comprehension of the origins and meaning of American democracy.
2. To encourage active participation in the solution of the problems of democracy.
3. To promote closer cooperation between faculty and students in the solution of these problems and other problems concerning the American campus.
4. To develop international cooperation among students and scholars.
5. To succor the student victims of oppression and disaster.

ISS espouses no specific political or economic doctrines, but attempts through democratic discussion to bring a variety of views to the attention of students.

To further these principles, ISS carries on a manifold program: Activities on the campus, intercollegiate conferences, voluntary work camps, a Summer Student Leadership Institute, a Washington Student Service Bureau, aid to refugee students. These services are supplemented by the publication of *Threshold*, a magazine devoted to the presentation of the best writing and thinking of students.

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ARRANGEMENTS

The headquarters for the Conference will be the office of the Washington Student Service Bureau, 1155 16th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Lectures will be held in government auditoriums and/or university lecture halls. Section meetings will be held in committee hearing rooms and government offices. Full details will be given each student attending the Conference on his or her arrival.

Housing will be arranged for all students desiring it for the four nights, Friday, November 28 through Monday, December 1. If you want housing you *must notify the Washington Student Service Bureau to this effect immediately.*

Meal arrangements will be left to each student except in those cases when the Conference meets as a whole for a luncheon or dinner session. The Washington Student Service Bureau will, of course, inform students of inexpensive, good places to eat such as government cafeterias.

The cost of the conference for food, housing, and registration fee will be, at a minimum, twelve dollars. Additional money for transportation and entertainment will be needed.

Further questions on arrangements should be addressed to the Washington Student Service Bureau, 1155 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

CURRENT PROBLEMS IN THE DEFENSE PROGRAM AND THEIR RELATION TO FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

Speakers

STACY MAY, Office of Production Management
GERHARDT COLM, Bureau of the Budget
LAUCHLIN CURRIE, Administrative Assistant,
Executive Office of the President
M. L. WILSON, Department of Agriculture

A CONFERENCE for
SELECTED ECONOMICS MAJORS
at Washington, D. C.

November 28 — December 2, 1941



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 28, 1941

2:00 P. M. OPENING SESSION—THE BALANCE SHEET OF PRODUCTIVE RESOURCES OF AXIS AND ANTI-AXIS COUNTRIES

For our country to become the arsenal of democracy, how much of our economy must be geared to defense production? How much is now? What are the problems in going all-out on defense production?

4:00 P. M. SECTION MEETINGS ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS

Section 1. Small Business. Four out of five industrial establishments are "small industry". They will not continue to operate unless they can obtain materials and machine tools. What is the government doing to meet this problem? Can we get adequate and prompt defense production without the participation of small industries?

Visit to Senator James E. Murray, Chairman of Special Committee to Study and Survey Problems of Small Business Enterprises. Attendance at Committee hearings, if any. Conference with the Office of Production Management's Division of Contract Distribution.

Section 2. Plant Expansion and Conversion. What problems have been met in increasing the production of steel, aluminum and other basic materials? Could the Reuther plan help in meeting them?

Visit to Senator Harry S. Truman, Chairman of Special Committee to Investigate Contracts Under the National Defense Program. Attendance at Committee hearings, if any. Conference with personnel of RFC Defense Plants Corporation.

Section 3. Consumers. Will consumers continue to be able to buy the goods they need? Will standards be maintained? How shall the consumer be protected against the rising cost of living?

Visit to Consumers' Council of AAA. Conference with representative of Office of Civilian Supply, Consumers' Division of OPA.

Section 4. Labor's Participation. What is the government doing to train defense workers, to alleviate "priorities unemployment", to establish fair employment practices?

Visit to Representative John H. Tolan, Chairman of Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migration. Attendance at Committee hearings, if any. Conference with Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

7:45 P. M. GENERAL SESSION — LABOR, BUSINESS AND FARM GROUPS LOOK AT DEFENSE

NOVEMBER 29, 1941

9:30 A. M. CONTINUATION OF SECTION MEETINGS

1:00 P. M. LUNCHEON—GENERAL SESSION

Each session will report to group as a whole what it has learned in section meetings.

7:45 P. M. GENERAL SESSION—PRICE CONTROL AND WAGE CONTROL

What are the issues involved in price and wage control? Should the Henderson plan or the Gore plan be adopted? What other methods have been invoked to curb inflation: Federal Reserve Board's restraints on installment buying, the Department of Justice Anti-Trust Division's fight against monopoly prices.

NOVEMBER 30, 1941

1:00 P. M. LUNCHEON—GENERAL SESSION AGRICULTURE AND DEFENSE

What steps are being taken by agriculture to produce the needs of anti-Axis powers as well as to supply domestic needs? What are the implications of this increased production program for the post-war period?

7:45 P. M. GENERAL SESSION — GOVERNMENT FISCAL POLICY

Has expanded production been a result of deficit spending—in other words, a result of the enormous increase in the public debt due to defense expenditures? Should we reduce non-defense expenditures? What is the present defense tax program? What is its role in fighting inflation?

DECEMBER 1, 1941

9:30 A. M. SECTION MEETINGS

Section 1. Appropriations. Meet with Bureau of the Budget officials to learn how recommendations are arrived at and made to Congress pertaining to appropriations. Visit to House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Attendance at Committee hearings on appropriations bill, if any are scheduled, as well as House and Senate sessions, if appropriations are being discussed.

Section 2. Taxation. Meet with Treasury officials to learn how their tax recommendations are arrived at and made to Congress. Visit to Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee to learn processes through which a tax bill must go. Visit to Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation: conference with its Chief of Staff to learn function of this committee. Attendance at pertinent committee hearings and House and Senate sessions.

Section 3. Price Control. Meet with personnel of Office of Price Administration and Members of Congress to discuss price-control legislation.

2:00 P. M. CONTINUATION OF SECTION MEETINGS

7:45 P. M. GENERAL SESSION

Each session will report to group as a whole what it has learned in section meetings.

DECEMBER 2, 1941

1:00 P. M. LUNCHEON—GENERAL SESSION THE JOURNALIST LOOKS AT THE DEFENSE PROGRAM

Information as to speakers for the program as a whole can be obtained by writing the Bureau in Washington.

REGISTRATION BLANK

If you plan to attend the Conference for Economics Majors on Current Problems in the Defense Program and Their Relation to Fundamental Economic Issues, fill in this blank and return it immediately to the Washington Student Service Bureau, 1155 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Name -----
College -----
Class -----
College Address -----

Please answer the following questions fully.

1. Do you want housing arranged for you? -----

2. What is the maximum you can afford to spend per night? -----

Arrangements for housing are being made with American University and International Student House. Minimum cost is usually \$1.35 per night per person, including breakfast. The number of rooms at this price is limited and registrations received first will be accommodated first.

3. Do you want the Washington Student Service Bureau to arrange a tour of public buildings for you during free time? ----- (Cost approximately \$1.25)

(Delegates will be expected to pay registration fee of \$1.00 on arrival.)

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WASHINGTON STUDENT SERVICE BUREAU

1155 SIXTEENTH ST., N. W. ● REPUBLIC 3362 ● WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 10, 1941

Dear Conference Member:

International Student Service enjoyed very much having you participate in its conference on the defense program, sponsored by its Washington Student Service Bureau.

This was the first conference held by ISS in the nation's capital. We were very gratified with cooperation given us by many different people whether as private individuals or government officials. We hope you felt the conference was worthwhile and that the time taken by you to attend it was well rewarded.

In order to improve our future conference programs we should appreciate hearing from you to know your evaluation of this first conference. Particularly would we like answers to the following questions:

1. Were your section meetings so conducted as to encourage lively discussion? If not, do you think they should have been? What suggestions have you for making such discussion possible?
2. What did you think of the general sessions where each section reported to the group as a whole? What suggestions have you for improving these sessions, or would you eliminate them?
3. Do you think the tenor of discussion at general sessions would be improved if section meetings were held prior to rather than following such sessions - i.e., section meetings on price control prior to the Hardy-Gilbert session rather than following, as was the case?
4. Were your housing accommodations satisfactory?
5. Would you prefer having all meals planned together rather than just two or three?
6. Was transportation around the city much of a problem to you?
7. Did you have free time enough?
8. What suggestions have you for improvements in the planning of future conferences?

I do hope I may hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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January 23, 1942

Dear Molly:

I can have the meeting on Saturday,
the tenth, and will speak either time.

If there are not more than a hundred,
I can have ~~the~~ meeting ~~and~~ lunch here if that
would be agreeable. *M*

Sincerely,

Mrs Molly Yard
1562 33d St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Molly Yard (ISS)

I should have told you that I looked over the plans for the Wash. Bureau conference with Joe and decided that it would probably be nice for you to bring them all to lunch on Friday March 6th and have a discussion at the white house after if you wish. I will speak for you on Sat. night March 7th as you planned at whatever time you wish.

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Lunch at
Friday - Mar.
at 6 -

Sat night

8 pm.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1942

Miss Thompson:

Mrs. Raftler called about the attached. There seems to be some misunderstanding.

Does Mrs. Roosevelt wish to have the lunch on Saturday March 7? If so, does she wish it to be here at the White House?

At which time does Mrs. Roosevelt wish to speak to them - at 8 p.m. on the 7th, or Noon on the 8th - they would prefer Saturday evening. Where does she wish that meeting to be held? At the White House or where they will have their meetings.

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Glad to speak at the Monday, Jan. 19
at 1-23 term Garfield Hospital
with the parent kind & interesting here lot

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt - if you like -

I want to thank you for
taking the time to see Mr.
Malady on Saturday. He naturally
was most happy by your
generosity. I spoke to him
briefly after he had seen
you, and he said there was

surprise to have her there
early, but very enjoyable!
I got an hilarious telegram
from the old staff saying they
expect to see her at the
next old conference!

I have asked Margie Miller
to send you a copy of the
draft program for the next WSSB
Conference. We will want your
comments on it; also you will

only one thing he could say -
that you are magnificent. I
always find it exciting talking
to people like Evelyn - having
lived in a feudal country, his
appreciation of democracy is very
thrilling.

Well, here I am with a
baby daughter - Joan Wickox
Garrett. It was quite a

note that we want you to
close the Conference as the speaker
at the last session. This session
can be either Saturday evening,
March 7, or Sunday noon March
8, according to your convenience.
I hope one or the other will
be a possible date for you.
You can let Joe know about this.

Yours with love,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1942

MEMO FOR MR. CRIM:
MRS. HELM:
MRS. KNIGHT:
MR. TOLLEY:
MISS THOMPSON:

Y. J. L.

The Washington Bureau of the I.S.S. will have a conference and Mrs. Roosevelt will speak at the meeting on March 7th, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Y. W. C. A. - 17th and K Streets, N.W.

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January 21, 1942

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a copy of the preliminary program for our second conference. It is, of course, not nearly complete and will probably be discussed at the next meetings of both the Executive Committee and the WSSB Committee.

We have made a few arrangements for the conference and housing is almost definitely settled.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie K. Miller

Marjorie K. Miller
Office Secretary

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THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT YOUTH PROGRAMS

A Conference for Student Body Presidents and College Editors

Sponsored by Washington Student Service Bureau of International Student Service

Washington, D. C.

March 5 - 8, 1942

March 5, 1942

6:00 P.M. Opening Session - "The Responsibility of Higher Education in the Present Crisis"

What is the role of the Government in helping colleges to meet their present responsibility? What affect will this role have on long term educational policies?

Suggested speaker: Dr. John Studebaker

March 6, 1942

9:30 A.M. Section Meetings

1. U. S. Office of Education - to learn how it aids education.
2. NYA - to study student aid program.
3. Legislative Committees on Education.
4. Committee on Higher Education and National Defense.
(Joint committee of American Council of Education and NEA)

11:45 A.M. General Session - Report on Section Meetings.

1:00 P.M. Luncheon - General Session - "How Has the War Affected Employment Opportunities for Young People?"

What is the government's program today in fitting young people for useful employment?

Suggested speaker: Mr. Aubrey Williams

2:30 P.M. Adjournment for attendance at sessions of Congress and/or other meetings of interest

4:00 P.M. Section Meetings

1. NYA Defense Training
2. Civilian Conservation Corps
3. U. S. Employment Service
Training Division of OPM
4. Vocational Training Division of Office of Education
Apprenticeship Training - Labor Department
5. Department of Agriculture

I think this is good.
W. H. ...
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Conference Program - 2

8:00 P.M. General Session - Report on Section Meetings

March 7, 1942

9:30 A.M. General Session - "How is Youth Meeting Its Obligation to Participate in the Common Defense?"

What contribution should young people make to the war effort? And how? What is ones personal responsibility? What of the areas over which one has no control?

Suggested speakers: General Hershey
Miss Pauline Redmond

11:00 A.M. Section Meetings

1. OCD Youth Section - to include:

Four H Club - Department of Agriculture
Civilian Morale - U.S. Office of Education
Federal Security Agency - Recreation program

2. Selective Service

3. Navy

1:00 P.M. Luncheon - General Session - Reprot of Section Meetings

Afternoon free.

8:00 P.M. General Session -

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Recognizing that government has obligation to ensure full employment, education, health, recreational opportunities to young people, what is likely to be the future of government programs for youth?

What kind of security can youth look forward to? Will there be security for youth? What place will they have in the community? What is the government doing to anticipate problems and plan for them?

Suggested speaker: Mrs. Roosevelt

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February 25, 1942

Dear Molly:

Since you say that this is the only
copy of Michael Karolyi's statement, I am
returning it to you. Mrs. Roosevelt was
glad to have the opportunity to read it.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Molly Yard
Washington Student Service Bureau
1155 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

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Should we return the memo.
since they said it was the
only copy ?

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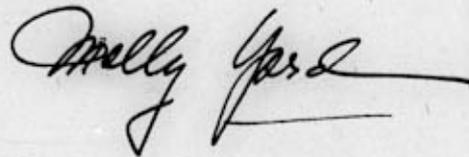
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Enclosed is Michael Karolyi's statement to the Hungarians in this country. This is the only copy of the statement in existence but I know it is safe with you!

I have told Mr. Moholy to be at the White House at 3 p.m. today. Needless to say he is deeply appreciative of the time you are giving to this matter, as am I.

Sincerely yours,



January 17, 1942

Returned to
1/26/42

March 11, 1942

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Dear Miss Thompson -

I want to thank you
for returning Michael Karolyi's
statement which I sent to
Mrs. Roosevelt to read. I
have sent it back to the
people in Chicago who had
up the Free Hungarian
Movement. I know they
will be glad to have it

as it is their only copy -
for some reason!

Sincerely,

Molly Gard

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March 31, 1942

Dear Molly:

I have your letter of March 24th.
Joe is coming down next week, the 7th
and 8th, and if you wish, you can arrange
for the meeting here on either day.

Sincerely yours,

+ Miss Molly Yard
Washington Student Service Bu.
1155 16th St.
Washington

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1942

MEMO FOR MR. CRIM:
MRS. HELM:
MR. TOLLEY:
MISS THOMPSON:

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Mrs. Roosevelt will go to a
meeting of the I.S.S. at their
office 1155-16th Street, N.W.
on April 8th, at 4 p.m.

M.T.L.

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March 2, 1942

Will her Joe is coming down get to the can for meeting time

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You will remember that we tried once or twice to plan a meeting with personnel officers and a representative of the United States Civil Service Commission to discuss the problems which college students face in finding jobs in the government. We never completed the plans for such a meeting because we were waiting for a time which would be convenient for Joe.

I do not know when Joe will be in town next but I am anxious that we go ahead and arrange for the meeting. I would prefer to have the meeting when Joe can be present but if he will not find it possible to come down for such a meeting in the near future, I would suggest that we go ahead. What do you think?

I know that Mrs. Rafler has thanked you for all you did to help make our recent conference a success but I would like to add my thanks. I do think the students found the conference very worthwhile and we certainly all appreciate your cooperation in making it so.

Sincerely yours,

Molly Yard
Molly Yard
Secretary

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May 8, 1942

Dear Molly:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you this letter from George Fischer, of the University of Wisconsin. She will appreciate your explaining the possibilities about which he inquires, and your writing to him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Molly Yard
Washington Student Service Bureau
1155 16th Street
Washington, D.C.

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May 19, 1942.

Dear Molly:

Mrs. Roosevelt has a letter from Betty Strevig in which she says:

"A friend of mine asked me the other day if I knew of any plan being formulated to bring college juniors to Washington this summer to get job experience in government. He had understood that you were interested in the program and he wants to learn more details -- he's in the personnel division of O.G.R. so I imagine he is thinking of the possibility of getting some kids in there. I told him I'd ask you if you had heard of such a program -- it sounded to me like an extension of the Student Aid idea."

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

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Washington, D. C.

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June 18, 1942

Miss Malvina Thompson
c/o Mrs. Lund
White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Miss Thompson:

The following persons have been invited to the meeting at the White House at 5:30 on Saturday, the 20th of June:

Dr. Floyd Reeves
Dr. George Zook
Mr. Kenneth Holland
Dr. Alvin Eurich
Mr. Wilbur Schram

In addition to these individuals, Mrs. Eliot Pratt, Joe Lash, Louise Morley, Hildur Coon and I will be present.

I do not know how many of these people will definitely be able to come. Dr. Zook, for instance, is out of town until Friday morning. I will call Mrs. Lund Friday noon and tell her definitely who is going to be present.

We are delighted that Mrs. Roosevelt finds it possible to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Molly Yard
Molly Yard
Secretary

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Hyde Park, N.Y.
July 25, 1942

Dear Molly:

I find on my book that Trude suggested that Shaeffer be at Campobello on the afternoon of July 30th, so that he could leave there either on the 31st or the First of August, as you wish.

He will therefore, arrive on that day and you might send me a wire when you know what the young people decide to do - to go straight through to New York or to come to Hyde Park for the night.

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed being with you. I think they are a grand group of young people and you have done a swell job with them. I told both Joe and Trude, and they hope as I do that you are encouraged and feeling happier about your summer's work.

Do stay on for a while if you feel like it. With the happiest of remembrances of my two days, I am,

Affectionately,

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July 28, 1942.

Dear Molly:

Before you leave, you must get Murray Johnston to haul the Vireo into the boat house, and if you have the dinghy belonging to Franklin Calder, which Medley can identify, please be sure that it is put away too. The sails should be thoroughly dry before the Vireo is put away.

Very sincerely,

Miss Molly Yard
Campobello Island
New Brunswick
Canada.

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July 13, 1942

Dear Molly:

I am delighted that you are using the boat. Just warn whoever uses it to be careful as those waters are dangerous.

If all goes well, I will arrive in East Machias on Thursday morning the 23d.

Will you ask Mulholland to meet me and also arrange for the ferry? I have to return on Friday by the night train from East Machias and will want Mulholland to take me to the train. I will, of course, pay both the ferry and the taxi both ways.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Molly Yard
Campobello Island
New Brunswick
Canada

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8 WEST 40th STREET
NEW YORK CITYALVIN JOHNSON
ChairmanJOSEPH P. LASH
General Secretary

Tuesday

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt -

Just a note to tell you how beautiful everything is up here at Campobello. I love my room and find it delightful in every way.

We had a great launching of the boat the other night - I hope it is alright to use it. Virginia Taylor of U. of Washington and John Bidgley of Occidental painted it and took the

responsibility of seeing that everything necessary to be done was done.

Everyone is looking forward to your arrival. I do hope you plan to be here for more than just a day or two. Of course, I realize how many things you have to do and that we shall have to be content with what time you have to spare!

The students are quite good, I think. I am not very satisfied with the management of the Institute to date and therefore feel very uncertain about what we can accomplish. Following Joe is very difficult - I keep wishing he was here.

Sincerely yours,
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Miss Thompson - For your information.

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M. Yard

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May 11, 1942

Mr. George Fischer
439 North Murray St.
Madison, Wis.

Dear George:

Mrs. Roosevelt has sent me your letter of April 27 concerning a job with the Government where your knowledge of Russian would be useful. I have gathered together a good deal of information for you. I hope you will find it helpful and that something satisfactory to you will come of all this.

First - Mrs. Roosevelt and I met with a group of Government officials the other day in this office to discuss ways in which this Bureau might be of help to the Government during the war. It was during this discussion that your "case" (!) was brought up. Mr. Millard Billings of the War Department expressed interest in you and your abilities and he was going to investigate whether there is any place in the War Department where you might work. I have given him your address and if there is anything he will get in touch with you.

Second - With your knowledge of Russian and German you could work as a translator in various agencies. For most jobs, however, you need civil service status. A translators exam will be given May 16, but unfortunately you are too late to apply to take this examination. However, I suggest you write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C. and asked to be placed on the mailing list to receive notification of the next translators exam so as to be able to apply to take it.

Civil Service tells me that placements are made sometimes without examination standing, and that your name for this purpose should be on the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel. They are sending you a form to fill out. The Roster has a language section.

Third - There are a good many agencies which use translators. One such agency which would be particularly interesting is the Coordinator of Information. There are no jobs open at present in the Washington office but Personnel thought it might be worth your while to write to their New

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York office at 270 Madison Ave., New York City.

Fourth - The most hopeful suggestion I have to make to you is that you write immediately to Mr. Harold Graves, Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. Tell him about yourself - your age, your education, your knowledge of Russian and German - how expert and how acquired. The Monitoring Service listens in on foreign broadcasts and translated them for the use of our Government. *

Fifth - All of the suggestions above will lead to paid, full time jobs - if they lead to anything. If you are interested in doing volunteer work during the summer the Library of Congress has a most interesting project and they need Russian translators desperately. This project is a WPA one and consists of translating material from many countries having anything to do with civil defense. Because funds are limited they can use volunteers. The information is being used to help this country in establishing its civil defense. If you are interested in this I will help you in getting placed as this must be done through the Volunteer Placement Office in this city.

Sixth - If you have ideas about any other Government agencies I suggest you consult me first as I did talk to several others. Since the information they gave me was of a negative nature I have not passed it on to you. But there is no use your getting the same information, so if you have any questions please ask them!

Please forgive the mistakes in this letter due to my poor typing. My secretary, alas, has left me to work in a defense factory and so you must suffer. I hope you are well.

Sincerely yours,

Molly Yard
Secretary

* a job with FCC would not necessarily be in Washington

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November 25, 1942.

Dear Molly:

I am having a small luncheon party for Joe Lash, on December 2nd, at the White House, to celebrate his birthday, and I hope you and your husband will join us. It will be at one o'clock and as I know the men are busy, we will not make it too long.

Looking forward to seeing you,

I am

Very cordially yours,

Miss Molly Yard
Washington Student Service Bureau
1155 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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*Memorandum
from the Desk of*

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

*Really good without
husband ^{any} hands held.*

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8 WEST 40th STREET

NEW YORK CITY

March 17, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am sending you the OPA material, and I have asked the OWI to send you a set of the material which they are getting together for the students. As you know, they have put out a good deal of material on the anti-inflation program.

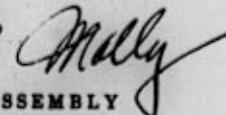
It is wonderful of you to have the delegates for tea on Sunday at four o'clock. I know they will be very thrilled. I am enclosing a list of all the names of the delegates who have definitely registered to date. I will send you the other names just as soon as I get them.

I do not want to interfere in any way in any program you may have planned for Sunday, nor do I want to impose in any way on your time. However, I would like to suggest, and you can do with the suggestion as you please, that if it is possible we see some of the OWI movies. I went to the OWI Movie Division to find out what movies they had that might be suitable, as I want very much to have the students see a few of them not only so that they would know what type of thing the OWI is doing, but also how they could get the use of Government movies. My idea had been that the OWI could arrange to have students see the movies in their own projection room. However, they have never done this for a private group before and the idea seemed to present many impossibilities to them, and the only suggestion they could make was for me to arrange to have the movies shown by a private distributor. Since this would be fairly expensive, and since USSA has no funds to speak of, I dropped the whole idea. However, if the students could see two or three of the OWI movies Sunday afternoon, I think it would be excellent.

The OWI suggested that of their various movies, the better ones from which to choose are CONQUER BY THE CLOCK, HENRY BROWNE, FARMER; LISTEN TO BRITAIN, THE PRICE OF VICTORY, WESTERN FRONT, and THE SPIRIT OF '43. The latter is the only one which has to do directly with the stabilization program, but the others are a good type of movie to use for many different programs.

With best wishes and many thanks for all your help,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

OWI is lending us all of these films
They take about 10 minutes each
and you may want to make a selection
if you do not want such a long
program.

There are six films in all.

Get ready to see V. H. Anderson

Mrs

April 13, 1943

Dear Molly:

You were more than kind to send me the
beautiful flowers, and I appreciate your thought
of me. Many, many thanks.

Sincerely,

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Miss Molly Yard
1562 33d St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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May 10, 1943

Dear Molly:

I had not read your letter when I saw you in New York. It was sweet of you to write and I did enjoy the flowers. They are a real treat now that we have so few of them.

If I have been of any help to you I am very glad and I shall always be happy to see you.

My best wishes to you and your husband and your little girl.

Affectionately,

Miss Molly Yard
2402 Pine St.
Philadelphia, Penna.

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2402 Pine St.

Philadelphia

May 6, 1943

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt -

You must have been puzzled by the arrival of flowers with no note - I had intended to send a letter but after I ordered the flowers I became sick and went to bed. What I wanted to say was how much I appreciated everything you had done for me while I was in Washington here past few years - not only the Washington Bureau and the students who came to our conferences, but also the many enjoyable occasions at

The White House to which you invited Sylvester and me. I called before we left the city to say goodbye but since you were away Miss Daw was kind enough to tell me you would return on April 12. I remembered once your saying how much you enjoyed flowers and how you would miss all those that were once provided by the White House greenhouse, so I hope that the flowers I sent might have expressed - though very inadequately - my deep sense of gratitude to you, my great admiration for you, and Sylvester's and my conviction that we as American citizens are

extremely fortunate in having you
as our First Lady.

Please give our best wishes to
the President and to Miss Thompson.
With many thanks to you for
everything,

Yours with love,

Molly

P.S. I almost forgot to tell you that
I saw my Father briefly the other day.
He knows Dorothy and Harry Gottlieb and
told me how very pleased and grateful they
were for your visit to them in Chicago.

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New York, N.Y.
May 30, 1943

Dear Miss Yard:

Mr. John Golden sent Mrs. Roosevelt the following checks, made out to the American Friends Service Committee. I am sending the checks to the Friends Service Committee, asking them to send you a check for the money.

Harry Brandt	\$500.00
Mrs. Albert Lasker	500.00
Elsie Hyde	500.00
Nellie J. Hynes	500.00
W. F. Carey	250.00
Thos. H. Roulston	1000.00
John Golden	650.00

\$3,000.00

I have asked Mr. Golden to send me the full names and addresses of these people so that you, or some one for the USSA can thank them - as Mrs. Roosevelt says - effusively.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing the more or less completed program for our conference this coming weekend. You know, of course, how very glad we are that you are going to be the closing speaker. I hope you will come to any of the other sessions that you are interested in.

The session at which you will speak will take place in the fourth floor assembly room of the Y.W.C.A., 17th and K Streets, N. W. We will have everyone at the Y.W.C.A. by 11:30 and will not have any delay in starting that session. I do hope it will not rush you too much for your appointment in Hartford to come this late in the day.

We are getting together Government material on the whole anti-inflation program for the students. If you would like to have any of the material prior to the conference, please let me know, and I will be glad to see that you get it.

With best wishes,

Molly
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Molly Yard
1562 33rd Street, N.W.
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UNITED STATES STUDENT ASSEMBLY
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INFLATION OR STABILIZATION?

A conference, sponsored by the United States Student Assembly, for selected college students to study the government program to achieve economic stability, to lay plans for campus participation in this program, to become acquainted with government resources as aids to these plans.

Friday evening, March 19, 8:30 p.m. at The American University

- I. The Inflationary Threat: maximum production and employment - rising income and declining supply of civilian goods - inflationary pressure on prices; black market - significance of stabilization

Speaker: Dr. Gerhard Colm, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Bureau of the Budget

Saturday morning, March 20, 8:45 a.m. at International Student House, 1708 N.H., N.Y.

II. Price Ceilings: Their Four Walls

1. Price Control: Price Legislation and its Administration

Speaker: Mr. Bernard Haley, Director, Textile, Leather & Apparel Price Division, Office of Price Administration

The Farmer and Price Control

Speaker:

The Rationing Program

Speaker: Mr. Herbert P. Sioussat, Assistant to Deputy Rationing Director, Office of Price Administration

Saturday morning, March 20, 11:00 a.m. at International Student House, 1708 N.H. Ave., N.Y.

What College Students Can Do on Price Control: Government Aids

Speaker: Mr. John Cornohlsen, Chief, College Section, Educational Services Branch, Office of Price Administration

Saturday lunch, March 20, 12:45 p.m. at YWCA, 17th & K Sts., NW 476 Floor Dining Room

2. Savings and Taxes

Speakers: Mr. Ben Cohen, Assistant to the Director, Office of Economic Stabilization

Mr. Henry Murphy, Assistant Director of Research and Statistics, United States Treasury Department (invited)

Saturday afternoon, March 20, 3:30 p.m. at the Treasury Department

Government resources to aid in war bond campaigns on campuses and in communities

Saturday evening, March 20, 8:30 p.m. at The American University

3. Wage Control

Speakers: Mr. Sylvester Garrett, Chairman, Regional War Labor Board, Philadelphia (invited)

Mr. Ray Walsh, Research Director, C.I.O. (invited)

Sunday morning, March 21, 11:30 a.m. at The American University

4. Taxation: present proposals - the pay as you go controversy - comparison with Great Britain

Speaker: Dr. Roy Blough, U.S. Treasury Department

Sunday afternoon, March 21, 2:30 p.m. at The American University

III. Post War Aspects of Stabilization: how much control and for how long - to what extent will the stabilization program prepare the way for full employment after the war

Speakers: Dr. Harry White, Assistant Secretary, United States Treasury
Mr. Marriner Eccles, Federal Reserve Board (invited)
Dr. Richard Gilbert, Office of Price Administration (invited)

Monday morning, March 22, 8:45 a.m. at Dupont Circle apt. Room 1132

IV. Workshop: work with the community - surveys - OCD block plan - consumer groups

Speaker: Mr. Louis Olom, Special Assistant to the Chief, Organizational Service Division, Office of Civilian Defense

Monday morning, March 22, 11:30 a.m. at YWCA - 476 1/2 11th St. assembly room

V. The Responsibility of Students for the Stabilization Program

Speaker: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Monday lunch, March 22, 1:00 p.m. at the YWCA, 17th & K Sts., N.W. - 476 1/2 11th St. assembly room.

The United States Student Assembly

Speaker: Miss Irene Murray, General Secretary, USSA

Monday afternoon, March 22

Appointments for those students wishing to make plans for the holding of local conferences on the stabilization program. (If you wish an appointment please notify USSA as soon as possible so that appointments may be made with appropriate government officials)

NOTE: There will be open discussion by the delegates after each speaker.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Send to USSA, 8 West 40th St., New York City)

Name _____ Collego _____

Address _____

Do you need housing? _____ Housing is at The American University @ \$1.00
per night; meals at the University are
cafeteria style.

Registration fee enclosed _____; Will pay on arrival _____

(Registration fee is \$2.50 - this includes the price of the two luncheons at
the YWCA)

Copy given to Mr. Crim and Mrs. Nesbitt

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United States Student Assembly

AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY

8 WEST 40TH STREET
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June 10, 1943

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

Dear Miss Thompson:

I believe Mrs. Pratt has spoken to you about the furniture which is stored in the White House. Because Student Service of America has notified us that they will need the furniture which we have been using in this office, we are now making arrangements to move the furniture from Washington to New York.

This morning I called the Aere Mayflower Transit Company, and they will notify their company in Washington that the furniture is to be picked up at the White House and shipped to us. As soon as they know the exact date when the furniture will be picked up, they will let us know, and I will then send you a telegram so you will know when to expect them.

I am sorry to put you to all this trouble. I know it is a nuisance, and that you are very busy. We are very appreciative.

Since I am leaving the office tomorrow, Miss Margot Haas is the person at USSA to contact if you have any questions or any instructions to give us.

Very sincerely yours,

Florence

Florence Yard

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Pending.

November 16, 1944.

Dear Molly:

I am glad to have your letter
and of course I will come to Philadelphia
to talk to your group. I will come on
December 6th, leaving here at 7:00 p.m.
and then going on to New York by train
around 10:00 p.m.

Joe looks so well.

Affectionately,

Miss Molly Yard
2402 Pine Street
Philadelphia (3), Pennsylvania.

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W. J. ...
come box 6 - ...
2402 Pine St.
Philadelphia 3
Nov 28, 1944
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt -

Needless to say I am
thrilled at the results of
the election. I keep thinking
how wonderful it is that
we have you and the President,
and I am thankful that
both of you were willing to
take another four years at
the head of the nation.
I had a tremendously

I am irritated that it took me so many years to actually work in this way. I know now, of course, how completely right you are.

I worked with the Independent party - right down in the wards. Eight years ago it would never have occurred to me to work as I did this time, but if I have learned anything about how to work politically in this country for a progressive cause, I have learned from you that one must work in wards - at the ward level.

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had never worked in a political campaign, but was felt so strongly that the President must be re-elected that they were willing to take on any job assigned to them. They are now so enthusiastic about this type of civic activity that they are anxious to keep organized to work in local elections.

I am, of course, very thrilled by this reaction and am now working on possible course for the future. I wonder if you could help me?

While enthusiasm is high
and experiences are fresh in
all our minds, I would like
to get the group together
and have you talk to them.
I want you to talk to them
the way you have so often
talked to students about
entering politics. I remember
vividly the time, in your
Washington Square apartment,
you talked to the Cahvill
and Campbell students along
this vein. To me that night
you were inspiring and it

and when one takes a stand on principle.

Our group needs a talk like this. If it is really going to stick at the job of getting a good city government the group needs inspiration, and above all, good realistic talk about what to expect when you really put your teeth into politics. For instance, I noticed a good many shocked faces when our Democratic ward leader openly said many times "the last election

was shown that the question of how I was going to work politically was settled in my mind. You not only talked about how necessary it is to work for good primary nominations, to see to it that good committeemen are elected, etc. but you also talked about the mistake political reformers have made when they sat back after a victory and let the political boss take over again. You talked about the art of compromise

may not have been honest,
but this one will be - I'm
not saying what the next
one will be. Or again, when
he handed out money to his
Committeemen. Or when he talked
about how to fool a person
who wanted to vote a split
ticket into voting a straight
Democratic ticket.

I hope this is not too vague
to give you an idea of what
we need; and I hope above
all that out of your busy
life you can spare a night
for Philadelphia - could it
be in two or three weeks?

I shall wait anxiously
to hear from you. In the
meantime, best wishes to
you and the President, and
please remember me to Miss
Thompson.

Sincerely,

Melby Ford

P.S. Perhaps you knew that
Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt spoke in
Philadelphia for us - she
did a wonderful job. She

results were fine and show
how much can be accomplished
with intelligent effort. The
tragedy is that if we had
only begun much sooner we
could have accomplished
much more.

Isn't it exciting that
Joe is back? G.H.

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December 1, 1944

Dear Miss Yard:

Mrs. Roosevelt has your letter of November 20, and wants me to tell you that she will look for you at the 30th Street Station in Philadelphia at 6:08 on December 6.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Molly Yard
2402 Pine Street
Philadelphia, 3
Pennsylvania

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Independent Voters for Roosevelt

1420 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA 2, PA.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thankyou so much for your letter. We are all thrilled that you will come on December 6. I can hardly contain myself both because you are coming and because I think there are real possibilities of continuing the Independent Voters in Philadelphia as an active group. In light of the latter I think it would be very helpful if, when you speak, you would say what you think Independents should do. Some of us think we should all work within the Democratic Party; others of us think we should work in both parties.

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We shall meet your train at the 30th St. Station at 6:08 pm on December 6. I am not sure just where we shall hold the meeting but will send you all details later.

Handwritten: Joe [unclear]
- [unclear]

We shall, of course, pay your traveling expenses. The Independent Voters have some money left! Would you like me to send your train ticket to you, or how do you want it handled? If you prefer, you can send us a bill for everything after the 6th.

Looking forward very much to seeing you and with many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Molly Yard

Miss Molly Yard
2402 Pine St.
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Locust 7657

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Dec. 4, 1944

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Everything is planned for Wednesday the 6th. We will have an informal dinner with the Independent Committee at 6:15. At 7:45 the meeting begins and will last for two hours. At 9:45 we will serve refreshments and give people a chance to meet you and each other.

to get her.

I hesitate to suggest the following, but if by any chance you hate being on the train at night late, we should love to have you here overnight. I know you'd be much more comfortable at your own apartment in New York and you may have early appointments there the next day, but please stay here if you do hate that late night trip.

There is a train leaving 30th St. Station at 10:04 and one at 10:35. You will please feel free to leave on the earlier one if you wish to - The refreshments at the end of the meeting are to persuade people to stay and talk to each other so they can get to know each other. Much of the campaign work was in small groups and we have never yet had everyone

Mr. Pinclot is coming
to the meeting and I believe
he is coming up from Washington.
I have not yet heard what
train he is coming on but
it is very likely the one
you are coming on.

Looking forward very
much to seeing you

Sincerely,

Molly

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December 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Yard:

The 9th of February would be the only date possible for me and I am not sure I can do that until Christmas is over and other people's plans are settled.

Would the Council be able to pay the expense of the trip?

Sincerely yours,

X Dr. Austin Bradley

Mr. James M. Yard
203 N Wabash Ave
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o/b

X Chicago Council against
Racial & Religious Discrimination

JAMES M. YARD
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CHICAGO, ILL.

December 11, 1944

*Printed copy of my response
to Mrs. W. H. [unclear] only date
particulars must be
can it that time
Denial is our
from other
people from
the date.*

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The Chicago Council against Racial and Religious Discrimination of which Dr. Preston Bradley is the chairman has asked me to write urgently inviting you to speak at a mass meeting in Chicago either February 2, 9 or 19.

As you surely know, Chicago is one of the hot spots where there is a great deal of anti-Jewish and anti-Negro prejudice. The Nisei, so far, have got along fairly well here.

The Chicago Council against Racial and Religious Discrimination is an over-all group which includes practically all agencies working in the field, religious, civic, labor and so forth. As a member of the committee, I know that they need something to give them a boost and make them of greater service to Chicago. Your presence on a program in Chicago will assure us of a large audience and I shall be deeply grateful if you can accept the invitation.

I'm embarrassed to say that they are not prepared to pay a large honorarium; but knowing of your very deep interest in the cause, I am making bold to extend the invitation. Kindly let me know your answer at your earliest convenience.

You will be interested, I am sure, to know that our reading list for young Americans has appealed to many. We have just ordered our third 25,000.

Cordially yours,

James M. Yard

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