Sunday evening, Jan. 6th

The columns describe the landing and drive to London and our luxury here, so I will only say that Sen. Connolly kept repeating: "Where is all this destruction I've heard so much about, things look all right to me." I started to point out bombed spots but soon found he just wasn't interested. They all went out to lunch today with Lady Astor and Adlai Stevenson went with them and he told me the Senators made much the same remarks to him. Cliveden probably did nothing to change their point of view. Lady Reading is really grieved that you are not here. She came in for moment and then the Noel Bakers. They were chiefly concerned to impress on me that in my speech at Albert Hall I must not say the League had failed, since it had really laid the groundwork for all that was being done today, etc. He was a great League man and they tell me feels called upon to defend it at every turn. John Winant came in and was sweet. It is hard to believe that whatever his financial troubles are that there is any
lack integrity involved. The tears came to his eyes in talking of Franklin. The rest of the evening was recorded in the column. At nine-thirty this morning Miss Cuddy came and she stayed until nearly one. We did two columns and I dictated some notes and listened to her phone some messages in order to judge what she would do. I think she will do all right, though she is not as good as the one who will be at the office, slower and not as accurate.

I talked to Maude on the telephone and I think they will come over soon, as I told her I will be busier every day. She too was sad that you were not here. She will have to share my room and David will go to a friend’s flat. The hotels are filled to capacity all the time.

Mary Gellhorn left for Batavia the day before I arrived, so I shall not see her as she will be gone six weeks. I am very sorry, I saw Mary Hornaday on the boat, and after the press conference tomorrow afternoon I’ll ask her to tea. I went out to lunch with Louise Morley, then investigated my office and had the LaRue Browns to tea. Dined and stayed late with Mr. Stevenson. Miss Fosdick was there so I won’t have to see her separately for business reasons, but I like her and will try to see her now and then. Four of the state department people dropped in and we talked late, now I must go to bed for I begin tomorrow breakfast at eight. Miss Cuddy at nine and I have to be at a full delegation meeting at the office at eleven.

January 7th

Two letters from you today.

Breakfast here is eatable (Claridges). I wish take tea and toast in the morning. For the rest if I am not going to a friend, I eat at the Embassy canteen which is a four block walk. I have now from nine to ten to do all personal work, columns, notes, telephones, and beginning next Monday I will have to do personal stuff from eight to nine as we have a delegation meeting at the office every morning at nine-fifteen. It is a five minute brisk walk from the hotel but we meet on the seventh floor and the lift runs more slowly, and far less reliably then the one in our old apartment house here. Therefore, I must leave at nine sharp. At ten-thirty we must be at the general meeting place in a church house near Westminster Abbey, nearly a fifteen minute drive. Committee meetings will be there and we do not get back till late. This morning I began work at nine here. At eleven we met at 20 Grosvenor Square, which is our office building, for our first delegation meeting to decide on press policy. Senator Vandenberg is difficult. I was worried about independent action but he doesn’t want to even listen to anyone else. On the boat he circulated a secret memo giving his objections to the working of the Moscow resolution. He gave it to the press in confidence but says, tonight it is on the front pages of New York and London papers. The Times man sent it in and says everyone knew about it. Ten minutes before a scheduled press conference at five-thirty, Mr. Dulles told Mr. Stettinius that he and Mr. V. could not go to a press conference where they could not answer questions, this had been agreed to this morning because Secy. Byrnes arrives tomorrow night and this should be discussed with him. After we had gone up, Sen. V. walked in and took some of the remaining press people up to his room. It seemed to me a pretty shoddy behavior though I was in sympathy with parts of his memo. I think he is right that language
should be clear. Mr. S. seemed to show up well, calm and no apparent anger.

To go back to my diary, our meeting ended at twelve-thirty. I went to my office and went over what had come in there, and at one-fifteen John Winant came to take me with him to lunch at the Churchills. They were charming, the only other guests were the First Lord of the Admiralty and Lady Cunningham. He was at Quebec.

I am on the "Humanitarian and Cultural Committee" and Senator Townsend is put on with me. At three in my office we met the technical advisors, get our home work, a weighty sheaf of several pages, which I still read tonight. Arranged to meet at ten-thirty tomorrow morning,

At four I talked to both United Press people here for an hour. At five I gave a tea party for Mesdames Connelly, Vandenburg, Dulles, Lady Reading came, Dorothy Brown brought the Marchessa Roselli and Lady Salter rang up so I asked her. Ben Welles and his fiancee came in, and also Mrs. Blaidell who is working for UNRRA, and I think I accomplished what I hoped and these ladies will see something of what the war has meant to England and they won't leave thinking this hotel is the way everyone is living. They will have to tell their husbands since together I fear they only dine in good society and visit the Clivedens which still exist.

At five-thirty I was sent for to go to Mr. Stettinius's room and hear the bad news about Vandenburg and Dulles. Then we went to the press conference where all went well till the inevitable question came: "Where are the two Republican members of the delegation? Does their absence indicate a split in the delegation?" Mr. S. said: "Certainly not, you men who were on the boat know that is not so. I think Sen. Vandenburg is probably at a committee meeting." Then we left quickly.

My tea party was still going on so they seemed to have a good time. At seven I joined Frank Walker and his daughter, we met Louise Merley and as I wanted the two young people to meet, I asked her to come along to the canteen with us and we had a pleasant dinner. I saw Josephine Roche there and to my surprise she greeted me warmly. She is over here on coal and has visited many of the mines. Many people came up to speak and seem glad that I go to the canteen so I guess my hunch was right and it was a good thing to do, besides the fact that the food is better. Since my return at eight-thirty I've written several long hand notes. One of the Queen who sent me today a sweet note of welcome. I am sending home by slow mail carbons of all columns, letters that we should keep or you might like to see. Everything is ready for tomorrow morning and I must go to bed and read. It is 12:30.
January 9th

I didn’t write last night because it was too late after I got back from Mrs. Larue Brown’s where I went for dinner and got things tidied up so I could go to work this morning. Miss Cuddy comes at 8:30 and apologizes for being late, when I just barely manage to drink my tea and get it taken away!

Yesterday morning I worked with Miss Cuddy till 10:30 and from then till one I attended a meeting in Mr. Stettinius’ room, going over the people the delegations was to back for the various positions with the reasons for the choices. They now want Spack of Belgium for President of this session of the Assembly. The Big Five are not asking for any of the elective positions so as to avoid being thought to want too much domination! The British and ourselves would like Pearson of Canada for Sec. General but that will take Canada off the Security Council. This type of choosing runs through all the positions but all may change at a moment’s notice so I won’t tell you any more.

I went to a Red Cross ceremony which I described in my column, all except the fact that I had to make an extra speech to the British staff to tell them how much we appreciated their work. I got home barely in time to go to the Browns. Mr. Brown came to get me and we walked as it was only three blocks and the rain was just the usual drizzle. I got home about ten and worked till 12:20.

Secy. Byrne got in on time yesterday and Mrs. B. came with him. Mr. Bevin called on him in the evening and he saw the Senators and Mr. Stettinius and all seems to be serene on the atomic bomb statement which stirred up such a rumpus with Sen. Vandenburg. I am not sure the gentleman does not like a little newspaper publicity. The mail is heavy on every conceivable subject as it was last time, so I keep both secretaries busy though there has been no work for the conference yet for Miss Norton to do.

I went at eleven-thirty today to the delegates and alternates meeting here in the hotel with the Secy. He talked pleasantly to us till one and then we had a picture taken and I lunched with the Dulles. At three I was at the office, signed mail, dictated all she had and the first draft of my Albert Hall speech, was home at 4:15 for a photograph for the paper which will carry my column, got rid of them and of Miss C. and at five Mr. van Kleffens of the Netherlands came to tea. You will remember him as the Minister of Foreign Affairs but he is now not very popular with the new government and has had a breakdown which sent him to Switzerland for a month and apparently eliminated his name for consideration as Sec. General. Louise Morley, Frank Walker’s daughter, a Lt. Woodstock, a friend of Mrs. Woodward, Miss Fosdick and Mary Hornaday came in too, and I think every one had a pleasant time. Mary Hornaday has been to Yugoslavia and Greece and is deeply stirred by what she has seen. I had dinner alone tonight, read a long memo on the refugee question which we must try to put off till the next part of this session and still be prepared on if Great Britain insists on having it taken up.
A new type of political refugee is appearing - people who have been against the present governments and if they stay at home or go home will probably be killed. Britain is supporting most of them and would like the expense shared - the budget for the job might run to double what is contemplated for the whole of UNO. I have a few more things to read tonight.

January 10th

Today has been a rush. Committee meeting at 11, column and mail before that. Hurry call to meet Mr. Byrnes in his room with delegates at 12:45. Soup in room for lunch. Mail. Went with Stettinius to first meeting. I broadcast tonight and will write column about it tomorrow. Frank Walker went with me to Bevin reception in the House of Lords gallery. Then dinner alone at hotel, a half hour with Miss Norton who went with me to broadcast and took it down, so I'll send you in case you did not hear it.

Am tidied up now and must go to bed after 12. Maude and David get in at ten but I must be at meeting so can't see them till dinner.

January 11th

The columns today and yesterday were very full so I'm just sending this personal note and news. The sessions were short so I got home and found Maude and David here and we then had lunch together. They are unchaged and it is grand to be with them. They are, at least Maude is, hungry for news and very anxious that I at least go home that way, so I'll try. We had dinner and the evening together and David went home early and Maude to bed about 10:30 and now I've cleaned up my desk and am ready for tomorrow.

We have to get the columns in at night and they are making me write at length so I suppose it will be greatly cut at home, but I'm sending you full copies slow mail which you can later send to all those interested.

A delegation of G.I.'s came today to ask if I could find out a definite policy for 45 to 60 point men in this area so I agreed to write Gen. "Ike." I think told them I wouldn't carry weight but I think I'll write the President too.

I'm liking old Sen. Townsend and I'm going to see his giant farm in Delaware some day!
January 13th

I won't need any money from him, I imagine, as I find I have some in my account here with Barings. I must have left it there since the trip I made with the boys. I can't take it out of the country so I might as well use it.

Yesterday was the first day of voting, which means that we just go and sit. I felt I had to go or something might come up and I would not be there for consultation. You know I don't like sitting and doing nothing. I wrote the President about the G-I's complaint which seemed to me entirely reasonable.

I will only be with WNO through the second session of this session. The government only pays me on the days I work and I only have a secretary while I am working. She will be of no use for regular work. Remember in getting some one that we will be away a good deal, or at least I will, since I want to do some lectures and go to the coast soon, next if the session is not held till summer, I will go to Russia in the spring. If the session is held in April I will probably go to Russia in the early or late summer, whichever fits in best with Elliott's summer plans, as I do want to go to Campo with them and be at Hyde Park when the children are there.

Maude and David and I lunched with Dorothy Elmhirst today. Leonard, one of the boys, and Dollivet were there. I did a March of Dimes recording at 3:15; at four three newspaper girls came to see me. Then at five the Wadsworths came to tea and I think enjoyed themselves. You might drop Mrs. Mack a note and tell her I asked you to tell her that her daughter looks well and that David Gray was so pleased to see her. Belle Roosevelt's sister and her boy came and she looks well so telephone Belle. Lastly Commander McNallan (who was with us in Panama) came in and Maude had some swank friends, so everyone was happy though they had to sit on bedroom chairs.

We dined tonight with Lady Salter and Gil. Winant took me. I had to leave at the end of dinner and go to NBC and do a four minute broadcast, then I went back for twenty minutes. Now Maude has gone to bed. Tomorrow we begin meetings at the office at 9:15, so I leave here at nine. I have Miss Cuddy come now at one and try to do the column while I drink a cup of soup for lunch and go through the mail. If I can't get it done she has to stay until I get home and then I do it and send it off to get it passed and sent by messenger to the United Press.

Maude and David go home on Tuesday and I must try to go there before I go home. I will know soon whether they want me in Germany.
January 16th

Your nice letter came this morning after what seemed like a long silence and I was beginning to worry. How long my letters were in reaching you!

I heard today that the Army does want me in Germany and now I shall plan to go to Ireland the day after the conference ends, spend one night, come back here and leave for Germany at once. The Army will deliver me in New York. I am glad to be flying back but I'll probably send my big bag by boat with one of the others.

I am doing my column from 8:30 to 9:30 every morning and if I don't finish I dash back and dictate while I drink my soup for lunch. The dinner last night was interesting as a sight, and I liked Peter Fraser who sat on one side of me but the old Belgian Ambassador sat on my other and I never liked him when he was in Washington. I'll tell all about this dinner in my column.

Today I lunched with the Noel Bakers who live in Lord Robert Cecil's old London house and he was there. He is very deaf but has transferred his allegiance from the League to UNO. He went to the first session but no one recognized him and he could hear nothing so he goes no more. Old age is pathetic. Noel Baker is for the English what Mr. Stettinius has been for us. I watch our delegation with great concern. Secy Byrnes seems to me to be afraid to decide on what he thinks is right and stand on it. I am going to try to tell him tactfully that everyone has to get the things they need from us and that is our ace in the hole. We could lead but we don't. We shift to conciliate and trail either Gr. Britain or Russia and at times I am sure a feeling that we had convictions and would fight for them would be reassuring to them. Secy Byrnes is afraid of his own delegation. He has held very few meetings and now we begin to need them and yet we have to ask to see him in separate groups. It isn't that he is leaning me out, for the others complain to me.

I spoke to the agencies having representatives here tonight from six to seven. Saw the Associated Country Women of the World for ten minutes and then Molly Flynn of UNRRA came in and we went to the Embassy canteen for dinner. She told me much about the refugee question which I needed to know, but I didn't get to my desk as early as I should. Now I must go to bed.

So

The men are all anxious to go home that I think we may finish by the 3rd, and then I'd be home a week later. I'd like to go west about two weeks after I get home and do four lectures. If the next part of this session is in the spring then I'd like to wait a month before going west because Russia will be out till late summer.
January 17th

A Mr. Russell flies home tomorrow so this is just a line as I wrote last night.

We were all in our seats for Mr. "evin's speech this morning at 10:30. I'm sending you a copy thinking you may be interested. The other papers I send of the meeting you might like to look over. How long does it take these envelopes to reach you that I send by pouch? Throw away any letters and carbons you don't think we need to keep, answer those few I mark for you. I haven't time to go through and weed out and think anyway you may be interested to see. Miss Norton makes me sound like a state department official!

Speeches went on till 1. Miss Goddy and I had lunch here and I dictated part of tomorrow's column or rather finished it. At two I had my hair washed at last. Bathed, dressed and left at 4:45 for session which closed at 6:15. We had it late because the security council held its first meeting.

The big meeting in Albert Hall at which I spoke began at 7 and ended at 9:30, but I'll describe that in my column. Then I went to the Byelorussian dinner and arrived at the end, but I think they were grateful I went and understood why I could not go earlier. I said some pleasant things and got on well with them. Tasted Vodka and don't like it.

Home at 11 and have just finished the mail, rather light tonight and I think I'll get an extra hour of sleep.

I saw that Jimmy took the job with the citizens' committee. It does not sound a wise move for him but then I may be prejudiced. How did he look and what did he say?

How is Elliott's book coming and has any part of it gone to the publisher.
January 21st

Thanks for the hair nets. These will see me through since I have been much less hard on them than I was on the ship. I will cable the minute I have an inkling of anything definite as to the closing of the conference.

We made very good progress in our committee today and it goes as well on Weds, we will be able to make a report to the plenary session which is called for Thursday. Of course, I am told that some of the committee’s are having a much harder time.

Tell Esther that it is not the patter of the League which she needs to worry about, but the statesmen continue to cling to their jobs. Too many gray hairs like my own on the floor.

Today has been rather easy. Meeting of Committee #3 lasted until 1, then I lunched and dictated tomorrow’s column, at 3:30 there was a meeting of advisers in my office. We had a funny incident. Sol Bloom sent me word that he was ill, and would I take his place at his committee meeting at five. I was to go at 5:30 and receive with Secy. Byrnes at his cocktail party to the delegates so I said to ask his secretaries what he would like me to do. Word came back to let one of the advisers go and to be at the party. My buddy, Sen. Townsend and Dulles went to Germany on Sat. a.m. and today I got a message they were grounded in Paris. The boys, no matter what their age, can’t resist a good time. I saw Mr. Russell (of the United Press) to say goodbye and thank him for all the trouble he has taken about the column, but he tells me he does not want to leave till I am through as it is going so well. He will probably have to go anyway, but he does seem to feel I have done a good job. Five-thirty to six-thirty I spent shaking hands with the Byrnes’ guests and I discovered they hope to fly home at the end of the week. Major Meyers and some of the crew were at the tea so I am going to try to have them in. (Major Meyers was the pilot on the Caribbean trip.)

I dined with the Cripps. He told me of some interesting housing experiments in aluminum but his picture of the British economy is not very cheerful. Lady Reading will be over in late May or June.

January 23rd

They now say the second part of this session will not be until early September, so we will probably go to Russia in early May and return the end of June and stay at Hyde Park except for a motor trip to Campobello. Tell George Bye I will start the autobiography when I go west.

Today has been rather a long one. Meetings at 10:30 to 1:00. Mostly unnecessary speeches. Lunch with the Atlee’s, pleasant. Came back with the Ambassador and he took me to dinner. I stopped at his home and saw our old maid (girl who took care of us in 1942 when we had Winant’s apartment)

We’ve just had an unpleasant time with Noel Baker who agreed with me to put in a certain kind of resolution on refugees this morning and this evening told Winant (who did not know what he was talking about) that he’d changed his mind and wouldn’t go along. Tomorrow a.m.
I'll have a talk with the Secretary and then I hope he'll agree to my talking to Mr. Baker. Everyone says it is the way he often behaves. I think I remember similar things said about him in the past.

The afternoon session was cancelled so I stopped at the office and then worked here and at five had Col. Meyers and the two other crew officers to tea, a corporal, nephew of Governor Lehman who is going to London University and Louise Horley. At 6:30 Lady Pathwick Lawrence (nice old lady) and Mrs. Gram Swing (very high powered) came to persuade me to back a woman's group in UNO with special privileges and I was non-committal as I don't think it should be done but I must, of course, look into it. 7:30 I went to dine with Mr. and Mrs. George Catlin (Vera Brittain) A pleasant dinner, usual three courses and a very cold house. Lots of people in afterwards.

Now I must go to bed.

January 24th

I could bring any number of maids back with me from here.

Mr. Pascal came to see me today. He has a farm and sends me eggs which I give away. This is more important than his production of Caesar and Cleopatra which is causing much talk. I'd rather leave March 15th for as short a time as possible (lecture trip) Home during April and leave for Russia to ard the 20th, and try to get home June 15th.

The UNO Council went through beautifully this morning. No speeches against so one and a half hours of oratory got the atomic commission set up. Then the conditions for a Secretary General took half an hour, just the report of the committee and the vote. Tomorrow we have a committee meeting and I finally discovered Noel Baker wasn't making trouble for me but for Bloom on the UNO resolution. Byrnes left after the vote. Vishinsky came yesterday and looks like a middle western banker.

I lunches with Hilda Fitzwilliams and her husband, both nice. (Mrs. F., a former school mate in London.

Mr. Pascal, Jean Martineay and her husband and Mrs. Wellington Kep and Roxburgh came to tea. Louise Morley and I had a quick dinner here and then went to an American Red Cross meeting of some 500 GI Bridges. I spoke and was home at 9:30 and ever since I have signed mail and marked letters for Miss Norton and Miss Cuddy. I got part of tomorrow's column done this afternoon which is lucky as I can only work from 8:30 to 9:30 with Miss Cuddy in the morning, Stettinius having called a delegation meeting at 9:30 and my committee meets at 10:30.

I have to find out what I do with my column when I go to Germany.

How glad I will be to get home!
January 25th

Friday is over and I really think we may be through by the 2nd. It was decided today that when we went home this session would be declared ended and the autumn session would be a new annual session, so my labors will be ended when I come home and in that case it might be better not to rush things so much. I could stay home and go to Russia in late August.

Delegation meeting at 9:30 a.m. Before that the column. Returned at 10:45 dictated all of tomorrow's column and wrote Johnny, Sen. Townsend and I lunched with Bevin as you will see in the column.

Lie, the Norwegian, is going home for Sunday to consult his government and I think he resents being considered a tool of Russia's. I think some of our men are wrong for I believe we can wield as much influence on Russia as she can on Norway.

Did mail for an hour in p.m., then a short committee meeting and reached the Natl. Council of British Women's reception at 5:30. Frank Walks and I met here and went to the Brazilian's reception given here and then for once I dressed leisurely and Alger Hiss went with me to dine with Baron and Baroness de Gauflers at a dinner given to celebrate Mr. Spaak's birthday. He flies home tomorrow as he is in the midst of an election and he also returns Monday. The house belongs to a man with an American fortune and connections. I did not like him but I loved his pictures and knew about them and I enjoyed hearing him talk about them.

I forgot to say that our dinner host who is Belgian is married to a charming Chinese woman. She was married from Mrs. F. Louis Slade's house and went to Bryn Mawr and treated me as if I were Queen Victoria come to life!
January 27th

Yesterday was busy and I didn't write. We met at 20 Grosvenor Square for a delegate meeting at 9:30, so I had to finish the column before leaving. Sen. Vandenberg is funny about his committee, says they won't agree to anything and he doesn't know how long he'll be here, but I think he does it to be important.

I didn't go to the plenary session. Our committee report as far as we've gone in, but there was nothing controversial so I went to speak to the Army officers and men in this area at a movie theatre. I spent an hour with them and it went well, I think. Had a call at the office from Sir Campbell Stewart who came from Lord Derby to ask me to a dinner the Pilgrims wanted to give for me. I said the 4th was the only safe date so I hope I can leave on the 5th for Germany and so they are having it that night. The Larue Browns brought a Mr. Berman (Democratic Argentinian) to lunch. He came with the committee who brought the trophy to the apartment and that reminds me that I'd never sent it on. Will you attend to it? He is here I gather hoping they will expel the present Argentine government delegation but I just told him his case would have to go to the committee on Human Rights when the Economic and Social Council sets it up.

At 2:30 Sidney Hillman came and seemed hopeful labor would come out well from the present struggle. He's gone to Germany. At three, Mr. Stettinius called a surprise meeting to go over again our position on Secy. General. Vandenberg's position is funny and I am interested in the way all the Legislators react. I think not having strong convictions they doubt their ability to defend a position which they may take so they can not decide on any position and go on arguing pros and cons endlessly.

At 3:30 I gave my vote and left for a trip to see some new housing down near the docks and I got the Mrs. Connelly, Vandenberg and Dulles to go and left them there when I had to come back to have Frances Archer-Shaw (who flies home next week) Helen Gifford (an old school mate) and a Dr. Husbaum, for tea. The latter is interested in freedom of religion and says the Charter is too broad but I again said "Go to the Committee on Human Rights not to me". They left at 6:15 and I dined with Arthur Murray. He read me a chapter in a book he is about to publish. It is about FDR and very nice. Then he told me how he saw the world scene and I was interested. He was active in Washington with Grey and Tyrrel (during the first World War) and has been in Parliament and in business and more or less in touch right through the years. His opinion of Winston except for the period after Dunkirk is none too high.

I got home at 11, but I had so much mail to sign and go through that I wrote no letters. This a.m. Sunday, I didn't breakfast till 9 and I left at 10 for Oxford. Bad fog nearly half way then it cleared and was lovely. The country side is not so badly damaged and Oxford itself has few signs of harm and is serene and beautiful. The Willert's house is small and comfortable and Wanda (Willert's grandchild and Mrs. R.'s Godchild) came home from school to lunch and is a nice child. Arthur Willert gave me his views after lunch. He thinks much better of Winston though he too is a liberal. Arthur Murray and he agree on their views on Russia and I think they agree fairly well with mine though I have a reservation. I'm not so
convinced that Great Britain and ourselves must line up to keep
the Russians in hand. I think we must be fair and stand for what we
believe is right and let them either or both, side with us. We have
had that leadership and we must recapture it.

I got home in time to dress and go up to Frank Walker’s for sherry to
meet Lady Gowen’s daughter-in-law. When Jay Krane came in with Louise
Morley for dinner and Mr. Sandifer, my chief adviser. Jay Krane’s
picture of the refugee situation was helpful (he had been in Germany
with the US Army) to both of us for reasons which he did not know,
since one phase that he pictures strengthens the Russia position.
The whole question I’ll tell you about, any of you who are interested
but it is too long to write.

After they left Ben Cohen came in and he and Mr. Sandifer and I talked
for sometime. I said many things which I hope go back to the
Secretary and the President.

January 26th

I want no speaking or dinner engagements ahead. I’m going to write.
I may, when the President gets home, have to go down for a few hours
to report. Joe’s dinner is the first place I will speak on UNO.
I will have to go to Mrs. Levy’s lunch but what I know on refugees
will be used there. In Poughkeepsie it is just local and I think
you might break it as if the weather is not good I will not go up.

Fala sounds spoiled by happy!

This a.m. at 9 usual xxx delegates meeting. Saw a woman with her little
girl for a few minutes and had my hair and nails done during which time
I dictated a statement for the afternoon committee. Pauline Fenno
(Lady Reading’s assistant and an American) came to lunch and promised
to try to find me some little gifts to take home. Went to a committee
meeting at 2:30 and the battle is on about the refugee resolution.
We will go on with it on Weds. and I hope finish. We have one new
question from the Cubans.

I don’t think we will leave till next week, but I hope to go to
Germany by the 7th.

At five I went to tea with Mary Hornaday who is sharing a flat with
an English girl (a lawyer) and they seem to be enjoying it. Dressed
in a rush and went to the Lord Mayor’s for dinner. Gil Winant
took me and it was to be a little family party. There were 40 there,
mostly men and about 5 women and I had to make a speech.

Tomorrow, Weds and Thurs. are awful days, but one always does get through.
I am seeing all the deposed Kings this week. Greece and Yugoslavia the
same afternoon!
January 29th

A friend of Johnny Roosevelt's and his wife came to tea, both were very nice and brought me eggs which I gave to Sol Bloom and Sen. Townsend who are always overjoyed!

Your long letter of the 25th came today and also one from Elinoor Morgenthau and one from Hick and one from Grace Tully, so it was a red letter day.

I am glad the Ladies Home Journal contract was renewed.

A wire from Louise Hopkins this morning saying that Harry was failing rapidly and about six the United Press called me to say he had died. I'm sorry they couldn't have had a few happy years.

The day has not been as crowded as I expected. We had no 9:30 meeting so I finished the column and then went to Waterloo station to see some GI brides off. Then back and worked till I went to lunch with Sir John and Lady Anderson. I was surrounded by conservatives except for Lord and Lady Roseberry and you remember he was a liberal! (Lord Roseberry was civilian defense director for Scotland and he and Mrs. R. had violent discussions about labor, etc. in 1942) I explained again that I couldn't go to Scotland. The head of MacMillan publishing house was there. He is an M.P. (Sir) and I gather they regard him highly. I thought him attractive and I'd be glad to know him better but I'm not sure I'll like him.

From 4:30 we had a plenary session then I stopped for two minutes at Mrs. Bevin's tea fest for ladies only and came back to have tea here for Princess Ribesce (the one who writes) Gladys Hopswood, Capt. and Mrs. Ide (Betty Wins or's sister Dora) Johnny's two friends, Dr. Miles, Richard Miles brother, a doctor in the Navy just back from Australia. At dinner, Dorsey Fisher, Louise Morley Roxburgh and Commander McMillan.

At 10:15 I had to go to a meeting with Stettinius who wanted to tell us the Security Council has chosen Lie of Norway for Sec. General it was well done I think and we took the lead though our first choice was Pearson of Canada when we found the Russians wouldn't consent but would compromise, we proposed Lie. The papers should not be pessimistic, progress is being made. Vandenburg and Dulles are largely responsible for pessimism, I think. These representatives of ours don't build friendship for us. They have no confidence so they are rude and arrogant and create suspicion. Honesty with friendliness goes down but they haven't the technique. Jimmy Byrnes' over cordiality isn't right either. Why can't we be natural and feel right inside and just let it come out?
January 31st

Your letter of the 26th and 27th came today and I was glad to hear. I assure you when I don't write I'm just too busy and if I am ill I'll let you know.

Tomorrow we begin three sessions a day and I had to give up going to Mande as we have them Saturday. This means I'll be going at the end and then to Germany. They say definitely we'll end on the 9th. Weather permitting I'll go to Mande Sunday and from there to Germany and then home, but the earliest I can get home I imagine is the 17th or 18th. You should cancel all dates — Phila. on the 15th and Fouchkelsie on the 24th.

Yesterday was the usual pattern. 9:30 delegates meeting; at office, 10:30 committee meeting. Ate and dictated column, saw a doctor on national health organization, went to BBC and did two recordings, one for Infantine and one for Amer. Broadcasting program. Had yea fir a Swedish woman and a Jewish refugee; went to Fort of London Authority tea and Turkish Embassy. Frieda Miller dined with me and I had all the women delegates here in my room.

Today 9:30 delegates meeting and we were not through till 11:15. Excitement over Polish political murders. Saw Sir Campbell Stuart and speak on radio from Pilgrims dinner Monday. Then three Yugoslavs over their resolution on refugees and lunch with Hirshe. Attending a ceremony at S. Andlay library we gave some children s books and they gave us some. Several people in here and from 6 to 7 received with delegation at a tea. Mr. Stettinius gave to whole staff.

At 7:30 five soldiers who asked me to dine came for a drink and I got rid of them at 7:55 and was at the Norwegian Embassy at 8:30 for dinner in honor of Mr. Lie. Now the mail is done and I must go to bed.
February 2nd

I heard tonight that Stamford, Conn. was the favored site for UNO. The committee arrives Sunday, tomorrow night and rumors fly fast and furious.

For two days I've had no voice. No cold, just no voice. I hope it returns by Monday night when I have to speak at a dinner.

I gave up going to Ireland and then we only had a morning session. Both of my secretaries are ill, however, so I was glad of a quiet afternoon to get through the mail and prepare for Monday when I hope they will come back well. Next week I'm sure will be very busy.

I've been notified to mail in two extra columns to cover the return trip but they can be short ones.

The diary isn't very interesting. Yesterday I had a delegation meeting at 9:30, and a committee meeting at 10. Another whole meeting of speeches on refugees. During a translation I went out to talk to the Dutch delegate, a woman economist, frail looking, able and fine. She wants to put in another resolution which I think will delay us so I talked to Peter Fraser about getting an agreement on sending all speeches to the appointed committee as an index on the thinking of all the countries but trying to cut down on endless new resolutions to be debated.

I was supposed to go to a buffet lunch but our driver couldn't find the place and I was so late I gave it up to come home and get today's column started and telephoned my apologies. Worked till 3:30, saw the King of Greece who didn't come the other day. Then a man from Luxembourg, Peter of Yugoslavia and his bride. The King looks (can't read the word) and Peter younger than ever. They all want to come to the U.S.

At 5:45 we were back at the session and excitement was great over Vishinsky's and USSR Bevin in the Security Council. Of course, it was really good, this organization is the right place to air these questions.

I went to two cocktail parties in the hotel on getting back, one the Sam Domingo people and the other given by Frank Walker. At nine I went to the stage door canteen and back at the hall for 9:30 to midnight listening to speeches on UNERA. Everyone agreed with Sol Bloom, praised his speech and patted him on the back and he was as pleased as a little boy and went off today to board the ship tonight and sail for home feeling a hero. I think he felt kindly toward me though he hated not being a full delegate. He is able but so many foibles! All these important men have them, however, I'm so glad I never feel important, it does complicate life.

Miss Cuddy couldn't come this a.m. so Miss Horton struggled to the office by 9 in spite of a sore throat. We finished the column and I gave her what mail I had ready and left for the session at 10:45. She got through at one and left two girls to finish and they sent me the letters to sign tonight. A girl came from the Embassy and we
worked from 1:30 to 3:30. The session this a.m. was quite impressive. At five Peter Vaughan and his wife and Leonie Gifford came to tea and this evening Mr. Rothwell came in to talk and we started on definite plans for going home. The Connollys want to go to Germany with me so Gen. McNarney sends his plane Monday a.m. the 11th. We leave Frank Walker and his child in Paris and he'll take her to her husband's grave and we'll pick them up on Monday Thursday. I'll go to Ireland Friday and from there home by air. I'll know the exact dates soon. Frank Walker may stick with me. The Connollys go by boat on the 15th. My bags go the 15th and won't get home till the 61st or 22nd. I hope to be back the 17th or 19th.

February 3rd

In reading the Times of the 31st I saw a notice of McDuffie's death. Will you send the enclosed note to Lizzie.

My voice is a little better but none too good. I had breakfast at 9:15 and read papers, etc., till 12 when the Philippine delegate came to talk about his resolution on free press. We talked about his country too and I hope in some way I can help them. He left at 12:30 and then Sen. Townsend and Jay Krens came to lunch. We then went to the service at St. Paul's for the delegates from which I have just returned. It was a nice service and to my surprise they sang Cecil Spring-Rice's hymn which I think lovely and which Jay was very much impressed by.

Soon I shall have Mr. Russell and Mr. Watson for tea. The latter has bought my column while I'm in Germany and Mr. Russell seems pleased. It will be my last visit from him. He has been helpful though he's given me a lot of extra work.

Mr. Stettinius comes to dine and I hope to learn a few things. I'm going to bed early.
February 4th

I'm glad you all went to Harry Hopkins' funeral. I read about it and it sounded horrible to me.

I learned some things from Mr. Stettinius last night but too long to write. The Security Council is having a field day and we in Committee #3 should have some fireworks as we come to voting tomorrow. Today meeting 10 to 1. Lady Spring Rice came to lunch and looks much as ever. Worked till 4:30 with Miss Cuddy, then my own advisers. Jack Fahy and Mrs. Passal Butler for tea, then two cocktail parties in the hotel given by the Venezuelan delegation and one our own military staff. Then dressed and a short speech at the Women's Press Club and the dinner given for me by The Pilgrims. Frank Walker seemed pleased with my speech. I was the only woman. Worked with advisers and have done the mail and now must go to bed. These are busy days.

Cable received February 10th.

"Last mail c/o American Embassy Monday Cable care Maude Thursday.

E.R."
February 6th

Your letter of the 29th came yesterday after your letter of the 1st by a whole day, but it was very welcome as it told me so many things I wanted to know.

I will write my column each day from Germany and this Sunday I am writing three extra, short, home ones to cover journey home. If I am in Ireland, I’ll file from there.

There is delay here. We may not get done till Sunday or Monday. That delays Germany. I will cable when I leave for Germany and when I leave Ireland for US. You will then have to keep in touch with air lines for news. When you know when I get in make a hair appointment and a dentist appointment for the next day.

I will make no engagements except Washington on way to Phoenix if I go down for day, with the Women’s Press Club if Bess Furman wants me for lunch or dinner. No other engagements until I get back from the west.

I am sorry I couldn’t get a letter off yesterday so here is the diary for Tuesday and Wednesday. Column 8:30. Delegates meeting 9:30, reported on refugee troubles and left for 10 a.m. committee meeting leaving Sen. Townsend with the boys in the delegation meeting which he loves. He joined me about 11. Committee meeting was one long wrangle. Finally at one I asked for a vote, the Russians who always play for delay asked for a sub committee to try to get a resolution we could agree on. It is hopeless as there are fundamental disagreements but Peter Fraser is fair to the utmost. He asked if I would withdraw my motion and then appointed a committee. I was a half hour late for lunch with the Anthony Edens in the House of Commons. At 2:30 I opened a doll show. At 3:10 we sat down in the sub-committee at Church House and we got up at 6 having agreed on 25 lines! Then I went to the ceremony of the Women’s Appeal which I hope got some play in the U.S. Was home at 7 and dined with the Grenfells at 8. At 10:45 when I was back and working, the advisers came down to show me a compromise paragraph they hope we might get agreement on. I finished the mail at 2:30 and was too weary to write.

At 8 a.m. we started on the column while I ate breakfast. No delegates meeting because the boys couldn’t agree up to 11 last night in the Security Council and so they couldn’t have a meeting at 9:30 thank goodness!

At ten we went to work in the sub-committee again and at 12:45 the Russians and Yugoslavs on one side, the British, Netherlands and U.S. had agreed to disagree on all new points brought up! Lunch with Miss Bernadine for women delegates and some others. Plenary session at 3, election of judges and I was not needed. Left at four. Lady Gripps and her International Youth Group came just six in the group. Gave me a memorial resolution to FDR and we talked till 5:10.
Dictated tomorrow's column till 5:30, was called for and went to staff meeting of UNRRA office in London. Talk and question till 7. Dressed, dined at 8 with Winant who has had bad flu and was up for first time. We had a nice time, alone and I left at 9:45 and have now finished mail and am going to bed.

Tomorrow we are trying to meet with an even smaller group before the sub-committee meets but I think we cannot agree. I will tell any of you who are interested what I have learned in these meetings. It is a liberal education in backgrounds and personalities but one thing stands out. Since the Civil War we have had no political or religious refugees fleeing our country and we forget to take it into account. No European or South American forgets it for a minute. Next it seems to take years of stability to make you look beyond your own situation and consider that there are human rights that operate for those who think in a way that you think wrong!

My voice is back and fine!

February 7th

This has been a fairly easy day. Started work at 8:30, delegates meeting 9:30 to 10:45. Sub-committee meeting 11 - 1:30. Came back to find Marjorie Vaughan and Mrs. Larue Brown's nephew and Miss Guddy halfway through lunch as I had invited them for one. Enjoyed talking till 2:30 when they left. At 3:30 Jay Krane brought Gen. Morgan in to prove he was nicer than I thought but I am not convinced. At 4 Mr. Osborne of Time and Life came in. He was very sweet in a note about my Pilgrim speech. At 5 old Mme. Hussy (Strachey) came for tea. She has moved here from N.J. and having endured starvation things the British are sissies. She left at 5:30 and I did a little on tomorrow's column, dressed and at 6:30 Louise Morley went to the broadcasting place with me. Did 10 minutes to the armed forces, this is what I had to give up when I lost my voice. Then a record in French and two in English, one for Norway and one Czechoslovakia. Was through at 8:45 and Louise had dinner with me at 9 in hotel. She left and Ben Cohen came in to go over the final draft of the refugee resolution. Since then I have done the mail and after writing a while I'm going to bed.

Tomorrow I'll send you a cable to send your last letter to the Embassy Sunday and cable care of Maudie Thursday so I'll know all is well. I'll have Miss Guddy pick up mail here and send it to Embassy after I leave. By Saturday I should know if the Assembly can end Sunday or Monday. I'll cable when I leave for Germany.
February 8th

Your letters of the 3rd and 5th came today and were so welcome.

Now there is to be a second part of this session so I'll have to be in the U.S.A. somewhere September 10th.

We are delayed again and probably won't end till Tuesday night or Wednesday. The site question may be re-opened. Hyde Park is out for the Republicans but they want free government owned land so they may come back to it.

I'm sorry you all assumed I had the flu. I never had a cold. My voice just went from fatigue and two nights of rest, 11:30 to 8, and 12 to 9, and I was o.k. Don't worry, I'll cable if I am ill.

The day has been busy. Column 8:30 to 9:30. Delegates meeting till 6:11:45. Visit to Embassy Library. Lunch with Mrs. Bowby who wanted to be warmly remembered to you. She is retired as Lady in Waiting (to Queen Mary) but still fills the gap. Committee #3 from 2:30 to 7:30. Fraser could have shortened it by two hours at least - debate was endless and so many words. We defeated the Russians on the three points we disagreed on. They were all fundamental. Wise Mr. Sander of the state department seemed pleased but whispered "The Russians won't like that." I'll enclose the papers.

I was giving a party at six for the workers who have helped Sen. Townsend and me but most of them were with us, the others waited our return and we have 15 varieties all together and then I went to dine with Lady Reading alone. We have one more committee meeting tomorrow a.m. and I hope we get through but the printing will mean Monday before it gets into the Assembly. I hope the Russians don't make us make the fight all over again then.
February 10th

The three short columns to mail back for use during my trip home are done and will go tomorrow. They are trivial but they may not use all though I'd like them printed! We went to work at 9:45 and at 10:45 I had to go to a committee meeting. We never got out till 1:30, so I was late for lunch with Mrs. Carnegie. She is an old friend of the Peabodys and the Charlestonians and knew "Allenswood". It was nice, then I went to see Frances Le Benvier in her little house so I could tell Alice about it. She lives down a "mews" and I had a hard time finding it so only had a short time with her.

At four Louise Morley brought her father and mother-in-law to tea and they are very nice people, an old couple, Dr. and Mrs. Scott came. Elinor Morgenthau would remember "Scotty" who sang at all Farm Bureau banquets. This is his brother, very old but nice. Mr. Winchester also came and he is Mrs. Robert Patterson's brother, so prepare a letter for me to send her saying I enjoyed him and he looked well.

At 4:45 went to a plenary session and got home at 8:30. The Adlai Stevensons and Alger Hiss came to dine. They are all nice. Frank Walker and Laura Hallie came in to say goodbye. His committee work is done so they go to Paris tomorrow and on Thursday join the Cardinal's plane and go to Rome.

We must have a party when they come home for they've been so nice to me and I've got a much more "personal" feeling about them. Mr. Tom Blairdall also came to talk to me about Europe and his picture is disgusting. I'm getting a better understanding of the problem all the time and our lack of understanding at home is what troubles me.

The enclosed acrostie was given me by my Chinese co-delegate on Committee #5 when we'd been talking about UNESCO and he'd said it made him think of Nabisco and I said "Oh - no U-need - a NESCIO!"

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I'll be fairly busy tomorrow so I hope to get my hair done and my nails which begin to look horrible!

I was glad to get your letter of the 5th, and so glad you heard my talk.
February 11th

I won't leave till Wednesday a.m. and only then if the report of my committee is passed tomorrow. We had no sessions today so I got my hair done and worked all day. At intervals people came to see me. Mr. Heath who wants English rights to work, so I referred him to George Eeke. Mr. Rothwell and the boy about the trip to Germany and back to Ireland. Miss Urquart from South Africa who has been working in a D.P. camp in Italy. Mrs. Mortimer's old friend, Mrs. Annasley and her daughter came to tea, then the Italian Ambassador. The picture of Italy is awful, less than 1,000 calories a day and the social crumbling Mr. Maisdell talked of last night. I don't look forward to seeing Europe. I am afraid it will be a haunting horror.

The Fellowes-Gordens and Mr. Sandifer came to dinner and we had a nice evening. I thought I might not get a chance to thank him tomorrow and he has been a brick. I asked him to bring his wife and daughter up for a week end to Hyde Park later on.

I forgot, at six, Sen. Townsend and I went to Saudi Arabia party. Two visits tomorrow a.m. and much work to do since Wednesday's column must be filed before I leave. Plenary sessions p.m. and evening. I'll cable Wednesday if I really leave. The Connellys go with me and perhaps Adal Stevenson.

It is wonderful to feel my job is nearly done and I'll soon be seeing all of you.

I fly home on the American Export Line.