

3411 Powelton Av., Phila., Pa.  
October 14, 1948.

Miss Alice Paul,  
National Woman's Party,  
144 B Street, N.E.,  
Washington 2, D.C.

Dear Alice:

I received three letters from on the 12th and two on the 13th which certainly indicates, I think, that something is wrong with the delivery of mail. These letters were dated Oct. 7, 8, 8, 11, 11. I mention the dates so that you may remind me if I fail to reply fully in this letter to all five letters. from you.

However, before anything else, I must tell you a bit of good news. I went, by appointment, to see one of the loveliest women in Philadelphia and one of the most sincere suffragists during our campaign--MRS. THOMAS ROBINS. I did not know how she stood on the E.R.A. and was delighted that she is whole-heartedly in favor of it and cannot understand how there could be any opposition! She is a friend of Mrs. Hilles' and inquired about Mrs. Hilles. Although she lives at The Barclay which is a very expensive hotel, she says they went there before it was such a high-priced place and it suits them so well that they have continued to remain. Her husband is ninety years old and Mrs. Robins is not young, although I think she must be several years her husband's junior. She said she will mail me a cheque for \$50. tonight and will send another \$50. Nov. 1st. I think that was the date for the 2nd cheque, but am not perfectly sure. She said I might take \$10. from what she sends for her annual membership. Another cheque has come to me from an old worker in the N.W.P. when the teachers became active. This is for \$10. but, as you will see from the enclosed letter from Mrs. S [Stevenson]. she called it a little contribution. I'm waiting to hear from her if I may use it for an annual membership as I had invited her to be a \$16. member. I should get a reply in a day or two.

In this letter, I am sending the following cheques: (Phila.  
[Mrs. Evelyn Aronson Margolis, Majestio Hotel, Broad St. & Girard Av.-  
\$1.[/u])  
(\*This is for an annual membership. She is a prominent woman, but  
(is too busy to be active) #19  
[Miss Irma V. Marvel, 7003 Greene St., Phila./An.Membership.....\$1.[/u])  
(Note the E in Greene St. I met her by chance on the St. today

(and that accounts for the pencilled slip. I am sending my cheque  
(to cover the dollar that Miss Marvel handed me.

[Fredk P. Gruenberg, 1315 Walnut S., Phila.--a contribution.....\$3.]  
(Mr. Gruenberg was Secretary of the Municipal Research Bureau for years.

I hope to have a few more small memberships and cheques soon.  
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Frankly, I am sorry that I wrote to you about the criticism I  
have recently heard about the N.W.P. because I see that it has caused  
you more worry than it deserved and has put you to much trouble ex-  
plaining what the insurgent group and its lawyers did to cause this  
criticism. I trust you know that I have superlative confidence in  
you and in what you do. You know my attitude, when you ask my ad-  
vice about some plan, is to try [~~to try~~] to be normally intelligent  
and then to say, if we should disagree at all, that you must know  
best. That is my sincere judgment. This reminds me of some spec-  
tacular thing that the N.W.P. did in Washington many years ago. We  
were having some suffrage meeting on the lawn at the old Winsor home  
in Haverford, and a reporter came up to ask what I thought of the  
Washington occurrence. My reply was to this effect: "Although I  
know nothing in advance of the Washington demonstration, I have such  
confidence in the judgment of Miss Paul and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis that  
I feel perfectly safe in saying that they were justified in what they  
did". (I do not recall what the demonstration was.)

Like you, I was for so long out of touch with the details of  
the work of the N.W.P. that I felt a bit "new" when I began to be  
active some months ago. The criticism that I wrote to you about  
came from just a very few persons, but as they were, I thought, in  
a position to know the truth, I was surprised and thought I should  
apprise you. You wrote in your letter of Oct. 7th last, ["We are  
hopeful that in time it will be uncovered as to who brought the suit  
against our National Council and as to what forces were responsible  
for the suit."] You and Anite had, in talking with me  
expressed this lack of information and that was what I meant when I wrote that  
"The law suit is a subject that I do not like to bring up when this  
can be avoided because I cannot explain it to persons." If I am  
ever forced to go into all the details, your letters and enclosures  
that came this week will, of course, be very helpful. Many thanks

for them. And I shall use what you wrote to try to correct the misinformation that has recently come to my attention. I have not seen either Mary Winsor or Mrs. Schnabel for a long time and shall make no effort to see them.

I talked yesterday with both Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Taylor about the pledges from candidates for Congress. Mrs. F. said she will write to the six from Phila. As Mrs. Taylor did not know them, I promised to look them up and let her have the names. As Miss Ranck is in the hospital, I do not think we should trouble her; do you? I fear there is no legislative chairman in Pennsylvania. I asked Mrs. Ferguson and she feels we are very poorly organized in this State. I am not in a position to help with this and do not know persons to suggest for the work. I'm sorry.

I have received 9 copies of Equal Rights, the one for May, June July & August. But the pamphlet on the Alva Belmont House and the other literature that you said had been sent have not come. Maybe they will soon.

The possibility of a special session of Congress is exciting news and I can understand that you are bending every effort to be ready if and when it is called. ---Thanks for the letter that Miss Griscom has sent out for the Council meeting Nov. 13th & 14th--- the copy you mailed me. I'd like to be with you, but simply can't.  
Affectionately yours,

P.S. I have written this letter under pressure and apologize for it.  
(Enclosures)