

A Great Lady Has a Great Day; Congress Eulogizes Mrs. FDR

By Marie Smith

THE LATE Eleanor Roosevelt was eulogized in the House of Representatives yesterday as a "friend of the oppressed and dispossessed" whose life of "goodness, kindness and compassion will live through the ages as a continuing inspiration."



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Two hours were set aside by special order, obtained by Rep. William Fitts Ryan (D-N. Y.), yesterday for eulogies to the former First Lady who died last November 7 when Congress was not in session.

Representative Ryan, who had been aided in his campaign last summer by the energetic, 78-year-old Mrs. Roosevelt, led the tributes, and asserted that "the voice of Eleanor Roosevelt was a voice of reason and hope,

speaking out against injustice and for freedom."

He pointed out in his 30-minute oratory that "no First Lady ever matched Eleanor Roosevelt for causes espoused, crusades launched, precedents shattered and distances traveled. It has been said that in seven years, between 1933 and 1940, Eleanor Roosevelt traveled some 280,000 miles, wrote a million words, earned and gave away over a half a million dollars, shook as many hands, delivered several hundred lectures and radio speeches, attended to her colossal mail, 150,000 letters in the year 1939—and in between times knitted sweaters for nine grandchildren."

"She became the President's eyes and ears, touring the country . . . and she helped to mould the fighting liberalism of her husband," Ryan said.

WHEN she was 61 years of age, her husband died, and "any other First Lady might have retired to a life of ease, but for Eleanor Roosevelt that was only the

beginning of a life she called 'On My Own,'" he noted.

She served as a delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations and was elected Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights in the U. N.'s Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

It was her work in the U. N., Ryan recalled, that she considered "the most wonderful and worthwhile experiences in her life."

When she resigned from her post in the U. N. in 1952, she became active in the American Association of the United Nations, and a "tireless campaigner" in the battle to "revitalize the Democratic Party in New York."

"She lived 78 years bravely, excitingly, and imaginatively," he said, and added that "if her life has meaning for us, it is that regardless of race, color or religion, humankind is one family and the welfare of each member of that family deserves the interest, concern and labors of us all."

ALSO PAYING TRIBUTE to the "First Lady of the World" was Rep. W. Donlon Edwards (D-Calif.) who expressed confidence "we will at last have a peaceful and just world" due in "no small manner" to the noble life and works of Mrs. Roosevelt.

Rep. B. F. Sisk (D-Calif.) called her a "great champion of human rights" and said she "has not left us . . . but will remain in our hearts forever."

Report Luncheon

Campaign workers are hoping to report collections of 100% at the National Symphony Sustaining Fund Campaign's final report luncheon Tuesday, in the Terrace Room of the Shoreham Hotel.

The residential goal is \$92,000 and more than \$36,000 had been collected in the first two weeks of the drive.

Speaker at the luncheon Tuesday will be Rep. Frank Thompson

Hi Sweetie, I didn't know whether you had seen this or not—
That you'd like to have it. All are well. Love to you
Marquante