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*and the response of
American Women*

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THE MOSCOW WOMEN'S
ANTI-NAZI MEETING AND
AMERICAN WOMEN'S
RESPONSE



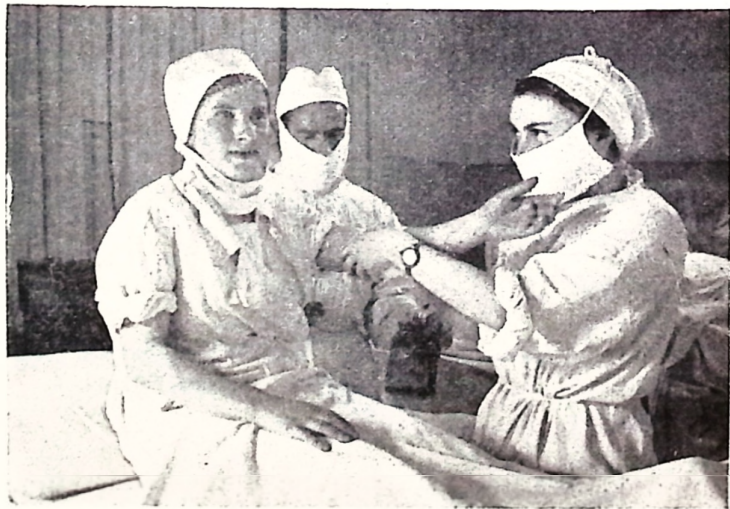
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A collective farm
woman guarding
the harvest

Below: A factory
woman blood donor
has given blood for
wounded Red Army
man.



SOVIET WOMEN TO THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD

This Is No Time for Tears!

“**W**OMEN of America and all freedom-loving countries! Do all in your power to assist the just war of the Soviet Union and Britain who are fighting not only for their own liberty but for the liberty and independence of your countries too.”

This appeal by the heroic women of the Soviet Union, meeting in Moscow September 7 in a great anti-Nazi demonstration, and carried by short wave to women throughout the world, has evoked a warm response in the women of America.

The freedom-loving women of America carry fresh in their hearts the traditions of our country's fight for independence, of its pioneer days when their strength and courage helped to hew a new civilization out of the wilderness, of their long years of struggle to win full citizenship in the new world they helped to build. And so they understand the blazing courage with which the Soviet women who have shared so fully in the building of their new society, fight side by side with their husbands and brothers, fathers and sons, to defend it today. And they understand, too, that the Soviet people in defending their own land, are also defending ours.

“Dear sisters, women throughout the world!” the Soviet women's call rang out:

“Our liberty, the fate of our beloved children, of our brothers, husbands and loved ones, lies in our own hands.

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"This is no time for tears.

"A bitter and relentless fight against fascism until the complete victory is achieved over Hitler's hordes can alone save our nations and our families from slavery and shame. The Red Army is fighting heroically for liberty and the happiness of the entire human race."

They were not alone, these Soviet women. Messages came to them from the women of America, of England, Sweden and other countries, and with them on the platform were women who have found refuge from Nazi terror in the U.S.S.R.

Carrie Chapman Catt, pioneer woman suffrage leader, cabled:

"American women are standing with you in the hope and expectation of the defeat of Hitlerism and the recovery of the right of every nation to live its life in its own way."

Mrs. Raymond Robins, whose husband headed the Red Cross Mission to Russia during World War I, sent this message:

"Men and women of Russia—you are fighting today for the freedom of the world with a shining valor and heroism bringing light and hope to the people of Europe sitting in darkness, boundlessly giving in the greatness of the Russian spirit."

Mrs. Joseph E. Davies, wife of the former Ambassador to the Soviet Union, hailed the "wonderful courage and stamina and fighting ability of the Soviet people."

During the course of the meeting the many greetings from women abroad were received with tremendous applause. The following message was received from leading British women:

"To the women of Russia. We British women greet the Soviet women as comrades in the struggle of all the free peoples against the menace of Nazism. Like you we stand day and night in our hearths, in plants and the army, shoulder to shoulder with the men in the front lines position.

"We are stirred and cheered by your heroism and staunchness. We are united by the common hatred of Hitlerism and evil deeds of the Nazi regime. We are impatiently waiting for the day when the women of the whole world will play their role in building a free, secure and just future for the whole of mankind."

The women who addressed the Moscow meeting were each a symbol of complete constitutional equality of women in the socialist society they are defending today, as were the ten women Soviet leaders, all of them deputies to the Supreme Soviet, who initiated the meeting, whose names follow:

Klavdia Nikolayeva, Member of Presidium of the Supreme Soviet and Secretary of the Central Council of Trade Unions of the U.S.S.R.; Valentina Grizodubova, record-holding distance flier, Chief of the Foreign Division of the Aeronautical Authority; Zinaide Troitskya, Director of Moscow railroad circuit; Vera Mukhina, sculptor; Olga Leonova, teacher; Dusya Vinogradova, Stakhanovite textile worker, now textile engineer; Pasha Angelina, tractor driver, initiator of movement for women to take men's places as tractor drivers to release men for the front; Abramova, ballerina; Prof. Lena Stern, physicist, Member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The American Council on Soviet Relations, in publishing the main speeches made at the Moscow Anti-Nazi meeting, its call to the women of the world, and the responses of many leading American women, hopes thereby to enlist further support and aid to the people of the Soviet Union as well as those of all countries enslaved or menaced by Hitlerism.

To the women of America this moment in history offers an unparalleled opportunity. In extending their support to the Soviet women they strengthen the bond between America and the Soviet Union, and thus strengthen the world struggle against Hitlerism, and bring closer the moment of victory for the forces of democracy and progress.

The Soviet Women Speak

OPENING ADDRESS BY VALENTINA GRIZODUBOVA
CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

WE have gathered at a historic moment of the life and death struggle between all of progressive humanity on the one side and Nazi barbarism and obscurantism on the other.

Throughout its age-long history mankind has never known an enemy more monstrous than Hitlerism. The Nazi cannibals have enslaved the German people, drained its blood and corrupted its soul. These cannibals of modern times have trampled with their dirty boots on nearly all the countries of Europe and drown their cities and villages in blood. Now Hitler's ferocious hordes have attacked our native land and are trying to exterminate our free people.

The women of the world have never had an enemy more ferocious and despicable than fascism.

In no other country are women so downtrodden as in Germany. Even in the days of the Tartars, at the time of the invasion of the Huns, women were not subjected to such outrages as are practiced now by Hitler's bestial hordes. In Soviet districts temporarily seized by the Nazis they perpetrate such monstrous crimes that one's blood curdles and one's mind refuses to believe that these beasts resemble human beings even outwardly.

Women! Until the Nazis are crushed, until the vampire Hitler and his pack are destroyed, your honor and your lives and the lives of your children, are in mortal danger! In this time of war the women of our country have shown to the whole world that their hearts are full of ardent and noble love for their native land.

Thousands of women patriots work selflessly at lathes and machines, operate harvesters and tractors, drive trains and auto-

mobiles, replacing their fathers, sons, husbands and brothers who go to the front. Thousands of women selflessly help the Red Army—working as nurses in field hospitals, carrying our wounded men and officers from battlefields, giving their blood to save the lives of the men of our glorious Red Army.

And to you, women of countries enslaved by Hitler, women of Czechoslovakia, Poland, France, Yugoslavia and Greece, we say: Be worthy of your freedom-loving peoples. Use every means possible to harm your enslavers, make their existence unbearable, exterminate them!

Our ardent greetings to you, women of Great Britain, worthy daughters of the great British people! Together we stand now in the ranks of one army, we fight a common foe for a great and sacred cause—the most righteous cause ever known to humanity. Let us be firm in this struggle, let us give to it all the strength of our heart and mind.

Women of the United States! Do everything in your power to increase your help to our gallant fighters. On the battlefields of the eastern front will be decided not only the fate of our country, but the fate of world culture and world progress. The historic mission has fallen to us to deal a mortal blow to the German barbarians. All progressive and thinking humanity is with us.

We will exterminate the brown viper and restore to the world the joy of peaceful labor, the right to breathe freely, to create, to advance science. Ours is a just cause! The enemy will be smashed!

KLAVDIA NIKOLAYEVA, SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL
TRADE UNION COUNCIL OF THE U.S.S.R.

THE patriotic war that is now being waged by the Soviet Union against Nazi Germany is a war for the liberation of all humanity from the yoke of Hitlerism. Every woman, regard-

less of her social status, political or religious creed, must realize that Hitlerism is humanity's worst enemy. It brings endless suffering, slavery and oppression to peoples of all freedom-loving democratic countries of Europe and America.

We firmly believe that in this war of liberation the common front of all freedom-loving peoples of Europe and America will grow stronger and stronger in the struggle against the common enemy.

Women! We know that war is no easy thing. But is it possible for a mother's heart to remain calm, when Nazi bandits shoot defenseless children, attack girls, kill old people, plunder and pillage?

What kind of army is it whose men stuff their knapsacks with such booty as women's lingerie and linen? What kind of army is it that plunders whole populations and outrages women?

What are German women thinking? Have not many of them mothers' hearts? Do they not see, do they not understand that Hitler has dragged the German nation far back into the past? Hitler has robbed German mothers of their children, instilled them with the morals of wolves, turned them into wild beasts, morally corrupted them.

Can the words "humanity" and "civilization" be used of such Nazi innovations as the organization of breeding stations for girls to preserve this supposedly higher race? Is it not an insult to women's self respect? Does it not destroy the sacred feeling of love for husband, sweetheart, family and fatherland?

Not only we, the women of the Soviet Union, but the women of the whole world, including the women of Germany, must realize that Nazism must be exterminated.

It is for this reason that women of the Soviet Union have risen as one in defense of their mother country. They know what they are defending. They know what our people fight for so heroically. Never will they surrender their freedom, their happi-

ness, to anyone. Women of the whole world must fight for the joy of motherhood and for their native land.

Today, when danger hangs over our country, millions of Soviet women in all spheres of life, in the rear and at the front, are working hand in hand with our men in defense of the fatherland.

Everything for the war! To destroy the enemy we need guns, planes, tanks, machine guns, shells and bullets. We are producing them in the quantities that are needed by our Red Army and Navy. We are not allowing our lathes and machines to stand idle when our husbands, brothers and sons leave for the front. We are replacing those who leave and mastering the art of production, working heroically on railways, in mines, everywhere our country needs us.

We are learning to wield the weapons of war—the rifle, machine gun and grenade, so as to be able to strike and wipe out the enemy. Hundreds of thousands of women have become nurses and stretcher-bearers.

We who have lived for so many years in the sunshine of the Soviet Constitution will never surrender our happy life. The hearts of Soviet women are filled with a profound sense of responsibility to their country, with a holy wrath against the accursed enemy. This sentiment must fill the hearts of women of Great Britain, America, Czechoslovakia, Poland, France and other countries too.

Nazism is progressive humanity's most ferocious enemy. Women everywhere can make tremendous contributions to the struggle against Nazism. He who helps the Soviet people in their war against Hitlerism is primarily helping himself, his country and defending the honor and independence of his own people and aiding the fight for culture and for civilization, for the honor of women, mothers and girls, for the happiness of his own children.

The will of our women, of our people, for victory is indomita-

ble. Let us form a common front of women of Europe and America for the utter destruction of Nazism! Long live our glorious Red Army and Navy! Long live the armies fighting against Nazism! Muster all energies to smash Hitler! Forward, always forward and only forward to victory!

KUZNETSOVA, STAKHANOVITE METAL WORKER

DEAR sisters, women of the whole world! What does the bandit Hitler and his gang want of us? Why this inhuman destruction of men, women and children? Why do they ruin cities, culture created by human labor in the course of years?

I am a metal worker of the Stalin auto plant. I spent 25 years working at a machine. Think of all the work we put in to build this bright, happy life! Can we permit that this life should halt even temporarily, that the peoples of the Soviet Union become slaves of the fascist gang? Can we permit people, the women of progressive, cultured, freedom-loving countries of France, England, America, Czechoslovakia, Poland and others to be trampled under foot by the fascist barbarians?

No, this shall never happen! We women have our own accounts to square with Hitler: fascism is women's greatest enemy. The fascists are not only killing and mutilating our husbands, brothers and sons on the fronts, but they brutally outrage the dignity and honor of mothers, wives and girls. To them women are not human beings, but cattle.

Dear sisters, women of England, America, Poland, Czechoslovakia, France, women of all liberty-loving countries, I appeal to you: tell your husbands, brothers, sons that only after crushing and exterminating the fascist vermin will we be able to move forward to a bright and happy life. I send my motherly greetings to the men and commanders of all armies who are courageously fighting against the fascist barbarians for the happiness and freedom of mankind!

ANNA KARAVAYEVA, WRITER

THIS great hall is flooded with brilliant light, but beyond its walls our beautiful city, our Moscow, is already enveloped in precautionary darkness. This darkness teems with life; thousands of cars speed through the streets, night shifts are at work in factories, scientific work goes on in laboratories and institutes.

In moments like these it is of you, Soviet women, that I think. How much energy you put into every field of activity, especially in this great, patriotic war!

But now I think of the women of the whole world. We are separated by vast distances, by mountains and seas, but we are close to each other because we are bound by a common purpose: to combat Nazism, that cursed brown plague which has drenched nearly all of Europe in blood and polluted the air with the miasma of death and decay.

Our unity of purpose is all-embracing and independent of social or economic status, political or religious convictions. You are convinced that Hitlerism is progressive humanity's most ferocious enemy and especially that it is the enemy of women. That makes us one.

You are filled with passionate wrath when you hear of the countless sufferings of women and children in Nazi countries, of the violation of women and girls, of the slaying of children before their mothers' eyes. That makes us one.

You feel and you know that as long as Nazism exists on earth the life of women is in jeopardy. The lives and the future of your children are in jeopardy, your personal happiness is in jeopardy; for Nazism destroys marriage and the family, robs woman of all opportunity for intellectual development and turns her into a miserable slave, deprived of all human rights. You realize this danger, and that makes us one.

But, dear women of Britain, America and other freedom-loving countries, unity of thought and sentiment becomes a force only when it is consummated in action. As long as the Nazis are

allowed to exist, peaceful work cannot advance; for its path of development is blocked by brigands who are dragging humanity back to barbarism, to the destruction of all cultural values.

I am a writer; words are my weapons. To you, dear companions-in-arms, women writers of Britain, America and all freedom-loving countries, I address my appeal: let us work together to place our ardent words at the service of the struggle against Hitler. Together let us expose the bestial visage of Nazism, its filthy lies, cunning demagoguery and sanguinary crimes.

There are still people who, living in safety, look with indifference on the sufferings of millions of human beings. Although possessing vast opportunities, they are in no hurry to assist us, believing erroneously that there are enough fighters on the battlefield without them. Let your earnest words break down their indifference and unconcern. Call upon everyone to help this just and great struggle in every way. Tell them delay spells death.

Women writers and journalists! Let your words of truth evoke in every section of society noble aspirations and courage in the struggle against fascism; let your words rally the people in one common urge to assist all fighters against Nazism, including our Red Army, and provide them with everything necessary for the battle. Appeal for wider collections of funds, medicine, warm clothes and presents for men at the front. Disseminate anti-Nazi literature more widely, arrange anti-Nazi meetings.

Dear sisters, women in Nazi-occupied countries, we call upon you to display courage, unrelenting hatred and indomitable resistance to the enemy. Women of France, Belgium, Holland, women of the blue fjords of subjugated Norway, resist the enemy! Sabotage all undertakings of the ruthless occupants, do not let your husbands and sons be devoured by Nazism!

Wives, sisters, mothers of the Slav peoples, women of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, resist! Give your blessings to your sons and husbands when they take to the forests and mountains. Help them form guerrilla detachments, wipe out Nazi troops,

blow up railroad tracks and trains, wreck and burn down enemy equipment—let the life of the robbers in the countries they have seized be made unbearable! They shall not crush a thousand years of Slav history under their heel, they shall not tear out our fiery, free heart!

The free word of the true artist is crushed in Nazi Germany. The immortal treasures of Goethe, Heine and Schiller, have been burnt in bonfires together with the works of the best writers of modern times, Lion Feuchtwanger, Heinrich Mann, and other progressive writers who are now exiles but who have not abandoned the struggle against Nazism.

Women writers of England, America and all freedom-loving countries, Hitler's bandits fear the inspired and mighty word of the true artist because it calls for equality, friendship of peoples, for truth and beauty, and love for mankind. Let the free and truthful word of women poets and women warriors for happiness and victory over the Nazi monster resound through the world like a battle cry! We women who constitute half of humanity are a tremendous force. Let us rally still closer, dear foreign sisters, let us act swiftly and unitedly to hasten the destruction of the Nazi hordes!

NURSE OLGA SOKOLOVSKAYA, Recently Returned From the Front

THE Nazi beasts want to reduce the world to dust and ashes. This will never be. We women will help our husbands, brothers and fathers destroy Hitler's savage pack.

I must tell you what I have seen with my own eyes: Violating international convention, the Nazi barbarians fire on ambulance planes and bomb ambulance trains and trains carrying refugees—old folk, children and women. I myself have seen a Nazi plane machine-gunning a woman and her child. I have seen Kolya, a 12-year-old boy, severely wounded. I have seen 13-year-old Lena with a lacerated breast.

The senior doctor of our unit's field hospital is a woman, Dr. Paley. She does not abandon the operating table for days at a stretch. She performs operations under enemy fire and always with a kind word or a joke to cheer the wounded men. Bogdanova, tank unit surgeon, fearlessly scours the battlefields in her armored car, picking up the wounded. Our nurses carry the wounded together with their weapons to safety under a hail of lead.

Our Soviet women—pilots, surgeons, nurses—have no fear of death!

Women of countries seized by the Nazi scoundrels, we hear the moaning of your children, your daughters outraged by Nazis. When one hears these children's groans one does not think of danger; one thinks of only one thing—how to revenge these crimes and to get rid of the Nazi cannibals as swiftly as possible.

As a Soviet nurse I call upon all honest women of the world to rise and fight Nazism. All possible arms, food, winter clothing and medical aid for the armies engaged in fighting Hitler!

Tomorrow I shall return to the front. I give you my word to devote all my strength to restore our wounded men to the ranks of the Red Army.

VALERIA BARSOVA, Opera Singer, People's Artist of the U.S.S.R.

DEAR sisters! Friends! I, an artist, a Soviet singer, address myself to you. I address my words to you, mothers, wives and daughters of those who are now waging a life and death struggle against despicable Hitlerism.

Nazism, like a tornado, is sweeping the whole world, spelling doom and destruction to freedom-loving peoples. For two years now this war, unparalleled in the history of humanity, has been going on, a war aiming at the enslavement of free peoples, at the destruction of culture, progress and art. The enemy ferociously

set out to attack our lands, our homes and happiness. The enemy wants our fields to blossom for him, our factories to work for him.

This shall never be! Nazism brings only death and destruction to all living, creative activity, to all the culture that has been created on the earth throughout the ages. The Nazis make bonfires of the creative work of the world's foremost artists and thinkers. They exterminate everything that is beautiful on earth.

In our country art has attained a level of development never dreamed of in old Russia. Our country, like a loving mother, cherishes and fosters talent. We who are artists know how highly our Government and our people value the theater, literature, painting and music. Shall we lose this precious right to a free, creative art? Never! This shall never be!

I am a singer and I want to sing to my beloved people. I will sing to them, and if need be I will help defend my people, as they are now being defended by our Red Army. We men and women artists have something to defend from the Nazi hordes!

I address you, my colleagues in art, you women artists, with an ardent appeal to give all your creative forces for the struggle against Nazism. By your flaming words and your passionate songs, inspire the people to fight against the sworn enemy of humanity and culture.

Hitlerism is the disgrace of our age! Hitlerism means the doom of culture and progress! It wants to deprive us of human dignity, of our right to think, to do creative work.

Women, sisters of the whole world, rise against the Hitler evil, against the barbarism, brutality and boundless arrogance of the foe! Shoulder to shoulder with our men, let us wipe out the Nazi hordes. With all our means, with our labor in the factory, fields, laboratories and hospitals, with our art, let us help our brothers and fathers in this great struggle for the happiness of peoples. Let us unite our strength, to wipe Hitlerism off the face of the earth now and forevermore!

MARINA RASKOVA, Aviatrix and Hero of the Soviet Union

HAVING plundered and enslaved dozens of European nations and converted them into national prisons, Hitler was still not sated with blood. Made arrogant by the easy victories of his Nazi hordes, he perfidiously attacked our country.

Hitler miscalculated! The Soviet people, creator of a happy life on its own native soil, tempered and united in fierce battles, has risen in wrath and formed a wall of steel defending its land, rights, liberty and honor.

The Soviet woman represents millions of self-sacrificing workers, toiling day and night on collective farms, in factories and workshops, displaying miracles of heroism and energy in order to hasten victory.

The Soviet woman represents hundreds of thousands of highly skilled workers in gigantic plants where our war planes, tanks, artillery and machine guns are being produced in the thousands.

The Soviet woman represents hundreds of thousands of automobile drivers, tractor drivers and air pilots, ready at any moment to mount their machines and dash into battle against the enemy.

The Soviet woman represents hundreds of thousands of surgeons, stretcher-bearers and nurses who are displaying staunchness and heroism on the battlefield and together with their brothers and husbands are mercilessly combatting the hated aggressor.

The Soviet woman represents thousands of scientists, inventors and designers who work untiringly to strengthen the power of our arms.

Dear sisters, our friends in Europe and America! The hour of stern retribution is at hand. Join the ranks of the fighters for liberty against the aggressor and the violator. The enemy will be smashed. Our just cause will triumph.

YERSHOVA, RED CROSS NURSE

I was for forty-five days behind the German lines, and wish to tell the world about the horrible crimes committed by the fascist barbarians. When the war broke out I volunteered for service at the front and helped evacuate the wounded Red Army men from the battlefield.

Once I was cut off from my unit. I put on peasant clothes and decided to work with our glorious women guerrilla fighters. I became one of their scouts and decided to find out the strength and location of the fascist troops and bring this information to our units. This I succeeded in doing and I am happy that my work was of aid to the Red Army.

I saw how the German officers and soldiers insulted the peaceful population, how they plundered the villages and killed small children in cold blood.

Children were passing along the road. The fascists had deprived them of their parents, shelter and food. The children could hardly walk for hunger and fatigue. But this did not concern the fascist murderers. A German plane descended to a low level and began machine-gunning these defenseless orphans. Not satisfied with one attack, the pilot returned and opened fire again. When I saw these nightmarish fascist misdeeds, I pledged myself to avenge their victims.

Hundreds of our girls, women from the occupied towns and villages, have joined the guerrilla detachments. Making their way through dense forests and marsh paths, they destroy the German headquarters, lorries, airdromes with hand-grenades and fuel bottles.

I am twenty, and love life. But I am prepared to give my blood to the very last drop and perish to avenge my dishonored country women, murdered children and tortured mothers the world over.

MARTHA ARENDSEE, Former Member of the German Reichstag

FOR eight years the minds of the German women have been befuddled with lies and deception, but their consciousness shows signs of awakening.

In Berlin many women try to prevent the departure of their husbands for the Eastern front. In Linz, women are advancing from protests to participation in strikes. The German women are beginning to prove that they will no longer tolerate in silence Hitler's monstrous crimes! The German women have only one way out of the war—overthrow Hitler.

Wives and mothers the world over are expecting of the German women to show that they will no longer remain submissive slaves. Wives and mothers the world over are siding with the great Soviet people in the struggle against bloody Hitlerism.

You too German women, German mothers, join the ranks of the anti-Hitler front. Use all means to hinder the production of armaments for Hitler's war. Organize mass action to halt trains with your husbands and sons headed for the Russian front. Urge your husbands to go over to the Red Army side.

Uniting with the women of the whole world, German wives and mothers will succeed in destroying fascism and thereby secure themselves peace and freedom.

DOLORES IBARRURI (LA PASSIONARIA)

The final speech of the meeting was made by the great Spanish woman leader, whose son Ruben has been decorated for bravery in the fighting on the Eastern Front.

DURING my country's war for independence I appealed to women of all countries on many occasions to aid the people of Spain in their valiant and heroic struggle against the fascist hordes. The women of Europe and America wholeheartedly

responded to the call of the Spanish women, extending to us a sisterly hand of aid and heartfelt solidarity.

Today my message merges with the call of the British and Soviet women who declare to the world their unyielding will to struggle, their firm determination not to give up the fight until Hitlerism, the insidious and brutal enemy of mankind, is crushed once and for all.

This gigantic struggle between the forces representing slavery, poverty and terror and the democratic forces bearing on their bayonets freedom for all peoples, is by no means a matter of concern to the belligerents alone. No, it is a war in defense of civilization, a war in defense of culture and independence of the peoples. It is a struggle for human dignity and freedom.

Mothers hate war more than anyone else, for war spells death for their children. But mothers want to see their children free and happy, not slaves, and that is why mothers everywhere support this just war for liberation with all their hearts. They not only encourage their sons to take up arms and inspire them to struggle and sacrifice, but they themselves actively participate in the great struggle for the liberty of their country.

The British women are proud to serve in the auxiliary forces, they work in munitions plants and staunchly endure the sacrifices demanded by the war. The Soviet women, who have experienced the endless brutality of Hitler's hordes, are inscribing glorious pages of heroism and self-sacrifice in the annals of the war waged by their country. Soviet women do not flinch from the hardships of the struggle for they know that there is no time for tears when the fate of their country hangs in the balance.

The women of great Russia have always played an outstanding role in the struggle for the freedom of their people. Today, surpassing any examples of courage ever known, they have proven themselves worthy of the boundless heroism of the Soviet Union's armies. In many occupied areas the Soviet women fight hand in hand with the partisans against Hitler's thugs, against

the murderers of their brothers, against the enslavers of Europe. They are moved by one ardent desire—to help in every way so that the world may be free forever of the disgrace of fascism.

Soviet women are donating their blood to save the lives of wounded soldiers; they are themselves displaying miracles of heroism at the front. In noble competition with the heroic Red Army they never lag behind, rescuing the wounded under terrible bombardments, amidst bursting shells and the hail of machine gun bullets.

In industry Soviet women and girls have replaced mobilized men. Often with superhuman energy they surpass the men's output in their patriotic zeal to provide the army with all that is necessary to defend the country. They have shown themselves capable of working day and night. On collective farm fields they have contributed in no small share to gathering in the harvest and are now preparing for the autumn sowing so that both the front and the rear may never suffer a shortage in foodstuffs.

Soviet women are our pride, the pride of their own people, an example to women the world over. Our response, women of all countries, to the heroism and effort of these sisters of ours must be a sincere determination to fight the common fascist foe with equal heroism and self-sacrifice.

I call upon all the women of the world regardless of their political convictions, religious creed or social status to demonstrate effective solidarity with the Soviet and British women. With all my heart I call upon all women to render aid to the nations embattled against Hitlerism. Solidarity with the Soviet and British people in their sacred struggle against Nazism means creating in each country a barrier against this diabolical enemy of mankind. Our response to the enormous sacrifices made by these two great nations must be unlimited support of their fight by the peoples of all parts of the globe, it must take the form of aid and solidarity by women and mothers everywhere and primarily the women of the great American Continent.

In every country, in every town and village, there must be a movement for aid to the Soviet Union and Great Britain, uniting in its ranks all women, regardless of political affiliations. Nothing should divide the women at a time when civilization, liberty, independence and the very existence of nations is imperiled.

May the Nazis feel the wrath and hatred of the masses and may the fighters for the world's freedom feel the glowing warmth of solidarity!

When the day of victory over the fascist monster comes, let every woman be able to say with pride: I helped destroy the deadly enemy of mankind, my efforts helped to break the shackles of the conquered peoples! I have done my duty as a woman and a mother in fighting against blood-thirsty Hitlerism which degrades womankind; I have done my duty as a citizen in fighting Nazism which has condemned men and nations to slavery and death.



GREETINGS FROM SWEDEN

From Stockholm a group of women members of the Swedish Soviet Society, including lawyers, doctors, writers, artists, and working women, sent the following telegram to the women's meeting in Moscow:

Heartfelt greetings from Swedish women championing the freedom and independence of their country to the heroic women of the Soviet Union.

We love you because you are courageously and selflessly fighting together with the entire Soviet people for the complete annihilation of Hitlerism. We firmly trust and believe that we shall attain an early and complete victory by the combined forces of the Soviet Union and of the world fighting for democracy against Hitler oppression.

The Appeal

WOMEN of the world! Whatever your political convictions, your religious beliefs or social status, we address you on behalf of millions of Soviet women. In the face of the common danger that menaces all civilized humanity, we appeal to your feelings and your reason.

It is not only against the Soviet Union and Britain that Hitler, the monster who has drenched all Europe in blood, is waging war today. He wants to subjugate all freedom-loving nations of Europe and America. His fascist hordes know neither faith nor right nor law nor ethics nor honor. They know only one thing: the murder of human beings.

Hitler has told his hordes, those dregs of humanity, that they are a "superior race" called upon to rule all nations and peoples. They are demolishing peaceful cities and turning villages into heaps of charred ruins. They are murdering women and children. Before the eyes of frantic wives and daughters, they are killing and torturing their husbands and fathers. In their airplanes they go hunting and machine-gunning refugees.

In remuneration for the crimes they have perpetrated, the German soldiers are allowed to loot private homes and outrage women, girls and mere children.

Mothers, wives and sisters! Hitlerism is the most deadly enemy of the women of the world! Boundless are the sufferings of the women in countries occupied by fascism. Wherever the fascist bandit's boot has trod, you may hear them sobbing and moaning.

How many lives have they destroyed and how many suicides have they sown in the Poland they have covered with blood! Never have the women of France known blacker days. Hitler has deprived them of their husbands and brothers. The fascist soldiery has robbed their children of their last crust of bread,

their last drop of milk. What mother's heart does not ache at the knowledge of the horrible child mortality in France, Belgium and other occupied countries!

Homeless and starving, mothers are wandering with their children over the roads of Yugoslavia and Greece, living off alms. Drunk with blood, the fascist barbarian hordes are trampling on the religious sentiments of the Catholic and Protestant women, desecrating and plundering their churches.

No words can describe the monstrosities perpetrated on the women by the fascist brutes in the parts of the Soviet land they have temporarily seized. Their sadism knows no bounds. These white-livered cowards drive women, children and old people before themselves to escape the fire of the Red Army.

In Germany itself, Hitler has stolen from the German mothers their sons, by converting them into a gang of bestial criminals and murderers. The German women have been humiliated and degraded to the status of female slaves. The woman in Hitler Germany is a man-power bearing machine. The Hitler state treats her like a breeding animal.

Mothers! The blood of the children slaughtered in Warsaw and torn to pieces calls out to you! Yesterday the fascist air-planes were bombing children in London, Riga and Pskov; tomorrow they will be attacking and murdering little children in New York.

Sweethearts and wives! Fascism is robbing you of love and family life; it is exterminating your husbands, brothers and loved ones. For the sake of your nation's liberty, for the sake of your children's happiness, arise, all of you, for the sacred war on Hitlerism.

Never will the fascist monster break the spirit of the Soviet woman. Shoulder to shoulder with the Red Army which has borne the brunt of the blow of the Hitler hordes, the Soviet women stand steadfast at their posts. The wilder the enemy rages, the firmer their hearts and their will to victory. In the front lines

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under the enemy's fire, they are dressing the wounded. They are extinguishing the fires the fascist planes have sown. They are working in the factories producing equipment and munitions. They are fighting in partisan units by the side of their husbands and sons.

Dear sisters, women throughout the world! Our liberty, the fate of our beloved children, of our brothers, husbands and loved ones, lies in our own hands.

This is no time for tears.

A bitter and relentless fight against fascism until the complete victory is achieved over Hitler's hordes can alone save our nations and our families from slavery and shame. The Red Army is fighting heroically for liberty and the happiness of the entire human race. The future of the world is being fought out on the battlefields of the Soviet Union.

Women of Poland, Czechoslovakia, France, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Norway—women of all the lands occupied by German fascism! We call you to battle for your countries, for honor, for the lives of your children, for your homes. Be loyal helpmates of your fathers, husbands and brothers in the sacred war on Hitlerite butchers! Refuse to starve! Demand bread, clothing and coal from the Hitlerites who plundered you! Resist the requisitions! Conceal your provisions! Wreak vengeance by all means in your power on the Hitlerite murderers of your husbands and sons, or the tormentors of your daughters!

Women of Germany! Yours is the gravest charge of all! It will be a shameful, black page in the history of the German people, this monstrous time of Hitler's rule. Women of Germany! Join in the fight of the freedom-loving nations, the fight against fascism. Stop troop trains from going to the front! Demand bread for your hungry children! Obstruct war production by every means you have!

Women of Britain, you who so courageously defend your country against the barbarous raids of the fascist monsters, wreak

vengeance on your sworn enemies, avenge your ruined cities, your orphaned families, avenge the bombardments of London, of Coventry, of Birmingham!

The Soviet Union has rendered Great Britain important assistance by drawing off the main forces of the Hitlerite army to the east. We believe that in reply to this you British women and the entire British people will render the most resolute aid to the Soviet people and its heroic army.

Women of America and of all freedom-loving countries! Do all in your power to assist the just war of the Soviet Union and Britain who are fighting not only for their own liberty but for the liberty and independence of your countries, too.

Help to increase war production and supplies to the armies fighting Hitlerism. Expose the Hitlerite agents who are disrupting the united front of the freedom-loving nations fighting against fascism. Send medicaments, warm clothes and gifts to the splendid fighters who are stamping out the fascist hordes.

Women of the world! Build a common front of struggle against blood-thirsty Hitlerism! In our union lies our strength and the pledge of our victory.

Ours is a just cause. The enemy will be routed. We will triumph!

Signed by VALENTINA GRIZODUBOVA, Hero of the Soviet Union, VALERIA BARSOVA, People's Artist of the U.S.S.R., VERA MUKHINA, sculptress, ANASTASIA GASTELLO, mother of the noted flier, ANNA KARAVAYEVA, writer, KLAVDIA NIKOLAYEVA, Secretary of the Central Council of Trade Unions, MARINA RASKOVA, Hero of the Soviet Union, CLAUDIA KUKUSHKINA, surgeon at the front; OLGA SOKOLOVSKAYA, nurse at the front, DOLORES IBARRURI, ANNA PAUKER, GOLUBOVA, weaver, P. VAVILOVA, worker in the Yeatsev factory, M. ANDREYEVA, director of the Scientists' Club, KOROSTILEVA, engineer in the Fresner factory, V. KRESTOVNIKOVA, M.D., PROFESSOR L. SMIRNOVA, Master of Biology, LENA STERN, Member of the Academy of Sciences.

American Women Respond

PROFESSOR MADGE MORGAN BENGERT

Associate Professor of English, University of West Virginia

"Congratulations on your superb heroism. All our hope for your continued success against Hitlerism."

RITA ROMILLY BENSON, *Writer*

"Congratulations on your country's superb resistance, its remarkable display of courage and strength. We hope the offensive already begun will become ever more powerful and destructive to our common enemy."

ALICE STONE BLACKWELL

Writer and Pioneer Woman Suffrage Leader

"We should all do our best to beat Hitler."

DR. DOROTHY BREWSTER, *Professor at Columbia University*

"Hitlerism in theory and practice seeks to deny women any function except that of bearing soldiers for the state. The Soviet government has from the beginning sought to open every opportunity to women and encourage their complete development as human beings and citizens of a democratic community. Greetings to the Soviet women, who are at this moment demonstrating magnificently the rightness of the Soviet policy towards women."

CARRIE CHAMPAN CATT

Noted Woman's Leader, Former President National American Woman Suffrage Association

"American women are standing with you in the hope and expectation of the defeat of Hitlerism and the recovery of the right of every nation to live its own life in its own way."

ETHEL CLYDE

"I welcome this opportunity to express to you my heartfelt sympathy with and admiration for the women of Russia. Their courage and efficiency is an example to the world. I greet you all. May their efforts soon be rewarded with complete success."

DR. BELLA V. DODD

Legislative Representative of Teachers Union Local No. 5

"Loyal American women are thrilled at the splendid defense of the Soviet land offered by the Red Army and at the assistance rendered by the women of the U.S.S.R."

MRS. MARJORIE POST DAVIES

Wife of Joseph E. Davies, Former Ambassador to the Soviet Union

"Think this meeting and broadcast splendid idea. We are all so tremendously proud of the wonderful courage and stamina and fighting ability of the Soviet people. My congratulations and personal greetings."

THERESA MAYER DURLACH, *World Peaceways*

"Convinced peace impossible unless Hitlerism overthrown. Important realize however conquest of these tendencies in ourselves as necessary as suppression in others. Women everywhere must take lead demonstrating superiority of spiritual forces over purely physical. Pray that women will unite in this undertaking to bring salvation to the world."

MURIEL DRAPER, *Writer*

"American women will work with head, with hand and heart to support your proud and fearless defense of the great civilization you have created. No enemy is strong enough to take it from you. The people always win."

HARRIET G. EDDY

Former Director Extension Work among Farm Women, University of California

"American women in every field of endeavor, educational, industrial, agricultural, acclaim enthusiastically the unshakeable opposition shown by the Soviet Union to Nazism. We join Soviet women in fight to free world from tyranny. Millions of us have pledged support to our President for all-out aid to the Soviet government. Long live the Soviet Union. I salute the courageous Soviet women."

ALICE WITHROW FIELD, *Writer*

"To the women of the U.S.S.R.: This war unites all women in recognition of your heroic resistance to aggression and your gallant defense of your home. We wish you well and are confident that the right to freedom will be won in the whole world."

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HELEN HALL, *Head Worker, Henry Street Settlement*

"When I think of the spirited resistance of Soviet Russia to Nazi invasion I think of the part women are playing in it. In visiting there in the mid-thirties one could not but be struck with the fact that while Nazism and fascism had repressed women, Soviet Russia had followed the democratic pattern in making women equal participants in the building of the country. I know these women and others like them are playing their part in the struggle against aggression and in so doing they are fighting a battle for the women of America as well as themselves."

MINNA HARKAVY, *Sculptor*

To the distinguished group of Soviet women calling this historic meeting in Moscow I deem it a privilege and an honorable duty as a woman, as a responsible human being, to join you in your heroic fight to destroy the black scourge Hitlerism. Victory to you and the world."

MRS. ALINE DAVIS HAYS

"All Americans are following with hopeful hearts the magnificent fight now being waged by the Red Army with the brave energetic support of Soviet women. We believe that the struggle will destroy Hitlerism in all its forms. We want to see preserved and extended to other countries the status of women in the U.S.S.R. and their many achievements."

HELEN WEST HELLER, *Artist*

"We who have lived always among shadows shout to you who for a score of years looked with strong eyes into the sun. We who have lived thwarted lives leap to help you maintain what you have built for the generations."

LILLIAN HELLMAN, *Playwright*

"There are many times when one feels good about being a woman. One of those times, for all of us who watch your magnificent fight against fascism, must be tonight when you speak not only in the great name of Russian women, but for all decent women everywhere."

DR. PATTY S. HILL, *Professor Emeritus Columbia University*

"Congratulate Russian people on splendid opposition to spread of Hitler aggression. Any move to defeat German dictatorship and help to promote free democracies must win hearty support of all liberty loving people."

RUTH EPPERSON KENNELL,

"Greetings to Soviet women who lead women of world in struggle against Hitlerism. My happiest years spent among you. My most popular stories for American children are about children of new Russia. I am urging all aid to Russia to protect your children and our children from fascist monster."

JUDGE DOROTHY KENYON

"Hitlerism and all forms of human slavery must be eradicated from the earth. Happy to welcome brave Russian people, both men and women, into the ranks of fighters for freedom."

MARGARET I. LAMONT, *Social Worker and Writer*

"History will honor Soviet women and those in other countries under fascist attack for their superb courage in resisting the desperate aggressor. May women everywhere uphold their discipline and determination by intensified effort to eliminate fascist terror from the world."

ROSINA LHEVINNE, *Concert Pianist*

"Watching with intense admiration developments in Russian struggle. Believe strongly as do many other women here that with heroic spirit prevailing among you Russia must be victorious. Rejoice at beginning of closer friendship between our two countries. Have never been prouder of my people."

ROSALIE MANNING, *Social Worker*

"I send greetings to the brave Soviet women. Hitlerism is the most terrible menace to this world and must be destroyed. American women all want to see the destruction of Hitlerism in every form."

MARGARET L. MEAD, *Young Women's Christian Association*

"Deeply interested in your success of the defense of your country and the freedom of the world."

MIRIAM MURPHY

Head of Women's Auxiliary of Transport Workers Union

"Here's for an all-women's front to defeat Hitlerism."

ELIZABETH OLDS, *Artist*

"I abhor Nazi doctrines. For women they mean bestial enslavement and debasement of culture. We in America will do our part to destroy this monster. As a woman and as an artist I greet Soviet women in their heroic fight for a civilized world."

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ELIZABETH PAGE, *Writer*

"To Russian women greetings. May we associate to defeat will to dominate wherever found. Beginning with our own minds and lives let us use influence to assure when political Hitlerism is overthrown we give German men and women understanding, sympathy, justice, and at the peace table equal place with ourselves in Federal Union of World."

BERTHA C. REYNOLDS, *Consultant in Education for Social Work*

"What you are doing in your heroic struggle against Hitlerism is for us as well as for your beloved land. The least we, the women of America, can do is to put all there is of us into the struggle here against the threat of fascism to destroy every human right. We pledge ourselves to this great task."

DR. EMILY PIERSON, *Health Officer, Cromwell, Conn.*

"American women are watching with deep admiration your brave resistance to the beast of Hitlerism. While you are in the forefront we in America though safe for the moment realize that no people anywhere can long be safe while Hitlerism exists in the world. Your struggle is our struggle."

JULIA COLEMAN ROBINSON

President New York City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs

"Hitlerism is a menace to the world. It means war, devastation, famine, disease and death. Nazi spirit must be crushed everywhere if democracy is to prevail. Women of the world who represent the mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of the men who must sacrifice their lives for this great cause must continue to be courageous and fearless. I especially appeal to the Negro women of the world to join wholeheartedly in all defense movements and pray unceasingly for the destruction of everything everywhere tinged with Hitlerism."

MRS. RAYMOND ROBINS

"Men and women of Russia, just as you fought in your glorious revolution for the freedom of Russia so you are fighting today for the freedom of the world with a shining valor and heroism bringing light and hope to the people of Europe sitting in darkness, boundlessly giving in the greatness of the Russian spirit."

DR. FLORENCE SABIN, *Scientist, Rockefeller Institute*

"I admire your magnificent defense of your country, and your contribution to the defeat of Hitler and his philosophy."

MARGARET SANGER, *Pioneer Birth Control Advocate*

"It is imperative that women of the world unite to defeat Nazi fascist ideology which degrades women and home to mere incubators and breeding pens, to provide manpower for their schemes to dominate the world. Nazi fascist movements have sent women's progress back a century. The first right women everywhere must claim in every new social order is the right to control and protect the sacred function of motherhood."

PROFESSOR MARGARET SCHLAUCH, *New York University*

"Women's dignity as human beings is their stake in defeat of fascism. Women of all countries share in unprecedented critical struggle of freedom and culture against fascist denial of best human aspirations. We salute with gratitude heroic Soviet men and women now defending what is most precious to all of us."

PROFESSOR VIDA D. SCUDDER, *Wellesley College*

"Greetings from many American women to the brave women of Soviet Russia. Thanksgiving fills our hearts that their country unites with England in defending the best values of the future world. This union is potent to dispel prejudice and clarify minds."

ANNA LOUISE STRONG, *Author and Lecturer*

"American women hear of your heroic deeds which offer golden chance to all mankind. The Red Army proves that the dark Nazi pestilence which has engulfed all Europe can be conquered to save future generations from slavery and endless wars. All progressive women of the world must immediately join hands with Soviet women and smash Hitlerism swiftly."

GENEVIEVE TAGGARD, *Poet*

"Through you, women who have accomplished much, working under the new freedom of the past twenty-four years, I send burning greetings to the heroic multitudes of your country—the women, the children, the factory workers, the workers in all fields, to the heroic and wise leaders of your country, the Red Army, Navy and Air Force. American women, with those who suffered in Spain, in China and in Britain now, move toward a great solidarity against Hitler's forces."

REBECCA JANNEY TIMBRES, *Quaker Leader and Social Worker*

"Greetings to the women of the Soviet Union! You have been uniquely trained to use your greatest abilities for service in the community. You now represent women living in all free democracies, and all women under dictator rule who resist fascism in their hearts."

JOSEPHINE TIMMS, *Secretary Treasurer, ACA*

"I believe I speak for many women communications workers when I extend greetings to your meeting. Women of America are becoming increasingly aware of the important contributions they can make to the defeat of fascism, and they look with admiration and gratitude at their sister workers in the Soviet Union, Great Britain and China who are so valiantly fighting fascism and defending their countries."

MARY VAN KLEECK, *Economist and Social Worker,*
Associate Director, International Industrial Relations Institute

"The Soviet Union's historic recognition of women as equal creative participants in society is now gloriously vindicated in Soviet women's historic, effective work defending Russian people and world democracy against fascist aggression. In behalf of the American Council on Soviet Relations I extend greetings to Soviet women, recognizing their right through their own great achievements to rally women of the world to humanity's great struggle to destroy present evil and establish peace for all peoples."

EDA LOU WALTON, *Poet*

"Believing as I always have, that the women of Soviet Russia lead all women toward a better future, I wish to express to them my great admiration. The women of America are proud of you and we hope to assist in every way your fight against Nazism."

ELLA WINTER, *Writer*

"Women helped build the Soviet country in which all the people own goods, the wealth, the dignity, the leisure, the freedom. It is their own the Russians are defending in their finish fight with Hitlerism. The Russian women's own flesh and blood is fighting and dying to keep this dignity and freedom not only for Russia but for all peoples all over the world. American women salute Russian women for their courage and willingness to sacrifice and the love they have poured out to save all the peoples of the world."

What YOU Can Do

1. Take up this appeal in the club, union or organization to which you belong. Adopt resolutions supporting the President's program of all aid to the U.S.S.R. to be wired to your own Congressmen and Senators. (Please send copies to the American Council on Soviet Relations.)

2. Adopt messages of greetings to be sent to the Soviet women heartening them in their courageous struggle against Hitlerism. (The American Council will forward your messages.)

3. Help organize gift parties and knitting circles to send bundles to the fighting forces and the military nurses of the U.S.S.R. They need: warm underwear, woolen and knitted sweaters, helmets, socks and scarves (khaki and gray are the desired colors); towels, razors and blades; food concentrates; cigarettes.

4. Raise funds to send medical supplies.

5. The American Council on Soviet Relations has a fifteen minute recording taken directly from the Moscow broadcast, in which you can hear the voices of the Soviet women with translations of their most important statements. You may purchase individual records for \$6.00 from the Council. Rental fee, \$2.00. These records can be used as a feature at women's meetings.

6. Please inform the American Council on Soviet Relations of the action taken by your organization. If your action takes the form of funds for medical supplies or gifts, we suggest that you cooperate with Russian War Relief. Their National Office is at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

If you desire to help further, send name and address to

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