

## THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT PROGRAM

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Description: This recording from Thanksgiving Day contains segment introductions from Elliott Roosevelt.

Participants: Elliott Roosevelt

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[Elliott Roosevelt:] On this Thanksgiving day the manufactures of the products who make this program possible, the makers of Acousticon Hearing Aids, Bobby Pin Curl Home Wave, Broadcast Brand Corned Beef Hash, Emerson Radio and Television Sets, Flamingo Frozen Orange Juice, Golden Mix Manischewitz Chicken Soups, McKettick Dresses, Meyer 1890 Dated Beverage, Real Lemon Brand Lemon Juice, Citroo Tissues, and Youngstown Kitchens Jet Tower Dishwashers have asked that I do not utilize their allotted time to tell you about their products. They have, however, asked that I convey to you their heartiest wishes for a happy Thanksgiving. They've also expressed the hope that when we celebrate next Thanksgiving Day our boys who are not with us will have returned to their homes and that the world will be at peace. So mother and I are going to record this special Thanksgiving program from her living room in the Park Sheridan Hotel in New York City for your enjoyment. And we want to join with our sponsors in expressing our hopes that you and those who are near and dear to you are going to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. And we also want to join with all of you in hoping that next Thanksgiving will be a day of real thanksgiving with the threat of war removed from our minds. And now I turn the microphone over to my mother, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

(Break 1:49-2:00)

[Elliott Roosevelt:] Mhm, that sounds good, I hope the dinner which we'll have after this broadcast will have everything you mentioned. Now I'd like to introduce to you in our audience a man who is one of the truly great figures of the American theater. His portrayal of Abraham Lincoln will stand out in my memories throughout the rest of my life. He has kindly consented to read a Thanksgiving proclamation today. This proclamation is a very special one; it was written and proclaimed by the president of these United States on Thanksgiving Day in nineteen hundred and forty one. The words of that proclamation have a living power and meaning in terms of our situation on this Thanksgiving Day, November the twenty-third nineteen hundred and fifty. Mr. Raymond Massey will now read the thanksgiving proclamation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the year nineteen hundred and forty one. Mr. Massey.

(Break 3:08-3:24)

[Elliott Roosevelt:] And now we come to a high point in our program, but before I announce our next guest let me remind our audience that you're listening to radio station WNBC AM and FM in New York City and this is a special Thanksgiving broadcast of the Eleanor Roosevelt program. Ambassador Warren R. Austin, Chairman of the United States delegation to the United Nations and permanent United States representative to the United Nations has kindly consented to compose a special Thanksgiving message in which he has recorded his hopes for the future of the world, based on his knowledge of the accomplishments of the UN in the past years. It's now my please to turn our microphone over to his Excellency the honorable Warren R. Austin.

(Break 4:22-4:32)

[Elliott Roosevelt:] And now, Mother, I believe you have a poem which you would like, uh, for our audience to hear. Incidentally, it is a poem that I have heard Mother read to us on this day for as long as I can remember. I think you'll enjoy it as much as all of Mother's children have down through the years.

(Break 4:53-5:00)

[Elliott Roosevelt:] Thank you, Mother, may I add my best wishes to our audience on this day and may I think you all on behalf of Mother and myself for the tremendous interest which you have evidenced by your letters to us over the past months. They've been truly inspiring—both the praise and the criticisms. We have used your constructive suggestions and will continue to do so in the future.

(5:40)

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