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Señorita Gabriela Mistral
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My dear Señorita Mistral:

In February 1945, The Woman's Press was privileged to print a translation of an article of yours which originally appeared in *La Nueva Democracia* of June 1944, and we had many comments on it.

I am enclosing a recent issue of the magazine, because this autumn the YWCA's of the United States are going to launch a campaign to raise two and a half million dollars for the reconstruction of YWCA's in war-devastated countries, and to extend the ongoing program of the Foreign Division. In preparation for this campaign, we are going to do a special issue of The Woman's Press in which we hope to have contributions from leading women in many parts of the world.

It is our great hope that you may be willing to contribute an article for this special purpose. I do not know how familiar you are with the work of the YWCA, and I would not ask you to write upon it especially. What we really need are statements from women of democratic conviction about the role of women in building a better society, both in their own countries and around the world, with perhaps some mention of the role of an organization like the YWCA in helping to bring these purposes about.

If it were possible for you to write such an article for us, it would be of the greatest inspiration, because your name is so well known and because you stand for the things in which the YWCA believes. If you have any questions before coming to a final decision, I should be very glad to try to answer them. Or if you are going to be in New York any time in the near future and will let me know, I shall be very glad to come to see you at your convenience.

We are all very happy to know that you are in this country and hope that your experience will be a rewarding one in every way.

Very sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Bradley
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