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NEW YORK--THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION HAS ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES TO REVIEW A STATE DEPARTMENT DECISION REFUSING A VISA TO MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FOR TRAVEL TO COMMUNIST CHINA.

MRS. ROOSEVELT SAID YESTERDAY IN HER COLUMN, MY DAY, DISTRIBUTED BY UNITED FEATURES SYNDICATE, INC., THAT SHE HAD ASKED FOR THE VISA TO VISIT CHINA AS A NEWS CORRESPONDENT

SHE WAS REFUSED A VISA BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON THE GROUND THAT NEWSMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER COMMUNIST CHINA.

THE ACLU, THROUGH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK MURPHY MALIN, SAID THE REFUSAL "IS A FRESH BLOW AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL'S FREEDOM OF TRAVEL AND THE PRESS' RIGHT TO REPORT NEWS FOR THE AMERICAN PUBLIC."

IN THE TELEGRAM TO DULLES, MALIN ALSO SAID:

"...THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION IN MRS. ROOSEVELT'S CASE ONLY AFFIRMS THE BASIC VIOLATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT POLICY. WE URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT EXAMINE ITS POSITION AGAIN AND CONSIDER A CHANGE WHICH WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT."

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