

Sylvia wrote asking me to serve on an international board for "The New Times & Ethiopia News", London weekly paper.

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My dear Sylvia,

I have held your letter several days before answering because my answer is no -- although I'd like to say yes whenever you ask any sort of cooperation. I understand your own conviction and enthusiasm. It will be difficult for you to understand my decision. There are several wars going on now. The Ethiopian is one. Each war claims to be the one supreme cause and different from all past wars. None of them will end with justice. I can't lend my name as sponsor to any. I make the same protest that Mrs. Skeffington made in 1914. Men make the wars and then ask women to help win them.

I was more than willing to be on the Matteotti committee which was formed to help a woman victim of a government. Recently I have been on the committee to collect the World Peace Prize Award for Mme Schwimmer - a pacifist most unlikely to be honored by the men of the Nobel Peace Prize.

I have accepted copies of the Ethiopia News from you and have placed each one where it would have some recognition. I have not sent a paid subscription all this time. I shall use this last copy you enclosed - Jan. 1. I should be more than willing to send you any news anytime that would be of any use to you -- but doubt very much securing any such. Ethiopia is a million miles from California.

I have the highest regard for you. I admire you greatly for your long heroism in the feminist movement. I rejoice that you survived with physical and mental strength. I wish you success always in whatever you choose to do.

*Yours for Women*

*Alice Park*