

To the Economic Co-operation Administration
Aid to Greece Program,
Washington, D. C.

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In my early youth I visited 46 States studying the conditions that surrounded the Greeks in America, a work that took me to mines and other industrial centers, as well, the result of which I put into a book form.

In 1900 I was selected, because of my classical education, to direct the Greek Government exhibition. Museum and University gave it shelter, for its educational value was great. It was the same exhibition which was shown in Paris during the Peace Conference, so planned as to show the nationality of Greece, in the effort to prove our just claim over disputed areas, the rights of the birth were about to decide.

It was a tremendous undertaking. The organization, booking, publicity and lecturing in connection with it was done by me unaided.

During my lengthy visits to Greece I engaged myself, under the auspices of the National Council of Greek Women, in Social Service Work and much of what I had organized is still carried on.

The press in Athens, no matter to what political party it belonged was friendly to me and co-operative. Facilitated visitors, shopped in politics became interested in my work. True, they thought me naive but sincere - an insurmountable idealist - I often felt their scoffing, but in time - - "They remained to pray."

In the years that followed, I have been active in the communities I lived in and always my pursuits have been cultural.

Please do not think for a moment that you will send to Greece a woman of "soft" culture or an intellectual snob. Education weighed me with the burden of a social conscience and I can fight for what is right. I can be aggressive or pleading as the case may be.

I feel that I am peculiarly fitted to render valuable service to the organization for I have a thorough knowledge of both languages and know the mentality of both peoples.

Knowing the racial characteristics of the Greeks I can easily detect exaggerations and inaccuracies in their statements, much quicker than an unsuspecting American. I can remove any mark of irony - interpreting intelligently me. I can translate rapidly from the one language to the other and can make a good adjuster of complaints. My most valuable possession is an inexhaustible spirit of service, ever alert when the opportunity arises.

Knowing the Greek people as well as I do I honestly believe that it will be difficult to find in Athens one combining my particular qualifications and abilities plus the American spirit and ways of doing things.

Salary will not be the deciding factor. I will accept anything, enough to maintain me. All I ask is the opportunity to work for the Aid to Greece Program. I hope you will consider me eligible to work for the Administration.

OBJECT ID	1999.20.20
OBJECT NAME	Letter
LANGUAGE	English
DONOR	Mary Economidys
OBJECT ENTITIES	Economidys, Mary (collected by) Economidou, Maria (subject)

RELATED ITEMS

Book, Address, 1999.20.1
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OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A typed 12 paragraphs letter with black printed text. The letter reads, "To the Economic Co-operation Administration Aid to Greece Program, Washington, D.C. I wish to apply for a position with the "Aid to Greece Program": I was born in Greece in 1889 and came to America in 1904. I am an American citizen, While I have no special technical training I have a vast and manifold experience and many abilities. In my early youth I visited 46 States studying the conditions that surrounded the Greeks in America, a work that took me to mines and other industrial centers, as well, the result of which I put into a book form. In 1920 I was selected, because of my classical education, to direct the Greek Government exhibition. Museum and Universities gave it shelter, for its educational value was great. It was the same exhibition which was shown in Paris during the Peace Conference, so planned as to show the continuity of Greece, in the effort to prove our just claim over dispute areas, the Mighty of the Earth were about to decide. It was a tremendous undertaking. The organization, booking, publicity and lecturing in connection with it was done by me unaided. During my lengthy visits to Greece I engaged myself, under the auspices of the National Council of Greek Women, In Social Service Work and much of what I had organized is still carried on. The press in Athens, no matter to what political party it belong was friendly to me and co-operative. Fossilized editors, steeped in politic because interested in my work. True, they thought me naïve but sincere - - an incurable idealist - - I often felt their scoffing, but in time - - - "They remained to pray." In the years that followed, I have been active in the communities I lived in and always my pursuits have been cultural. Please do not think for a moment that you will send to Greece a woman of "soft" culture or an intellectual snob. Education endowed me with the burden of a social conscience and I can fight for what is right. I can be aggressive or pleading as the case may be. I feel that I am peculiarly fitted to render valuable service to the organization for I have a through knowledge of both languages and know the mentality of both people. Knowing the racial characteristics of the Greeks I can easily detect exaggeration and inaccuracies in their statements, much quicker than an unsuspecting American. I can assume any work of trust-interviewing intrigues me. I can translate, rapidly from one language to the other and can make a good adjuster of complaints. my most valuable possession is an inexhaustible spirit of service, ever alert when the opportunity arises. Knowing the Greeks people as well as I do I honestly believe that it will be difficult to find in Athens one combining my particular qualification and abilities plus the American spirt and ways of doing things. Salary will not be the deciding factor. I will accept anything, enough to maintain me. All I ask is the opportunity to work fir the Aid to Greece Program. I hop you will consider me eligible to work for the Administration."

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