

14 June

Dear Ones,

This has been a busy week - the days are going by and I quite naturally find that the busier I am the happier I am; I get down only when I allow myself to think about things much more than they deserve to be thought about. The volleyball game was good this afternoon; I did not write this noontime - riding back and forth to the depot rather effectively cuts the noon hour in half. The mail today brought a package from Aunt Etta, the Book "Suds in your Eye" and four press heralds - two of them, hold your breath, from last December!! One of them had your picture, Mother, the one of the presentation of the Lown Youth Room.

The news today was that Truman had hailed the new agreement in handling the Polish question and that he had noted that Russia had made many serious concessions in the terms of world organization for peace; the next news item that the announced read off was that the Polish government in exile had shouted "foul" again. The Brant analysis of the Polish situation in PM was very good in pointing out that Russia alone has a policy that is consistent - not only consistent with her frequently expressed policies but consistent with our affirmed policies for Poland and a defeated Germany. To my mind the program which apparently Hopkins and Davies helped to work out is a step in the right direction and may be a keynote that the US, if not Britain, is ready to take first things first and clear the air of the false arguments being bandied about. Another feature on the European front will be the formation of a new Italian government; it may well be that the events of the coming days will see the defeat of British obstructionism to the growth and progress of democratic (and economic freedom) groups and organization on the continent. As I understand it, Truman rejected the idea of a big 5 settlement of the Syrian difficulty and I hope that that is a first boost to the results of San Francisco. These are critical days and I do not think that is being too optimistic to look for the peoples of Europe to emerge with a new found opportunity for freedom. Certainly the policy of the US must back them to the hilt - our interest is the maximum of peace, justice, and freedom consistent with the first requirements of world security. All this ties in very closely to the British election, of course.

I was glad to read the PM review of the Senate's reaction to LaFollette's attack on the spirit of San Francisco - there is one thing, this time when a man shows his colors on isolation or anything else he is called on them; there is a spotlight on the men who will vote on the peace such as no other men have every been subjected to - I don't think that the obstructionist will be able to get up steam under its glare.

Pearson certainly can dig up and dish out the dirt on the antics of our solons. On the question of Congressional pay boosts, I think that our Congressman deserve the extra salary but I think that they chose a terrible time to bring the subject out. I wonder if Curbey will decide to stick in the House instead of running for Mayor now that his salary in Washington may be raised!! Of all the columnists I am still most impressed by Lippmann's day to day approach; Lawrence runs too hot and cold for me, with too much emphasis on the cold. Miller is no Ernie Pyle, by a long shot. Getting back to Lippmann, the point he makes on US foreign policy as differing from the approaches of Russia and Britain is what I have been arguing for sometime - our interest is to work for the agreement and solution of differences between the more clearly and materially defined interests of the others.

I always enjoy the TIMES letters columns - they often have as authoritative writers as the best columnists; the Times manages to get very good balance between news, opinion, and musings on the building of nests by wrens in Yonkers. In a way, the fact that I only get selected clippings probably keeps me better informed than I would be ordinarily! OK for tonight -

All my love,

*Sunny*

Regards to Doris.