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Dear Ones,

All is well - last night I was "Tomorrow the World;" it is an excellent picture and the GI audience was properly receptive to it. The acting was just a little "stagey" but the characterization was good. I don't know how the play ends, but I have a feeling that Hollywood brightened the ending just a little - I wish it had ended with the future of the German youth as a question mark rather than already set on the road to rehabilitation. We played some poker and I won \$11 to recoup some of my earlier losses (which I don't think I told you about!!) I also finished "Suds in your Eye" and started on - yup - "Forever Amber." Today is comfortable. Nothing special on the weekend docket - there is a busy week ahead - I may go over to Hal Stein's for some relaxation on Sunday.

Hal was over last night; one of the visiting officers from APO 502 is a guy name Kalman Lynch and for a while the last name had me fooled. It turned out that he is Yale, class of '40, from Lawrence, Massachusetts. Hal has a brother who was in the same class and Lynch roomed with a fellow from Waterbury, so there was a lot of common ground there. A few minutes soon dispelled my doubts about Lynch - I am just trying to figure out what his name was originally! He is a pretty nice guy.

They tell me that I have some more papers and some interisland mail up at the mail shack, but I guess that there is no airmail as yet. I still have a half a dozen letters from the last batch to run through and of course I must write to Miss Pease and to Judy and Hank. One group of clippings by coincidence touches on a similar note - both Baldwin and Lippmann wrote about the role of the mediating power, the latter going back into a review of the role of England during and after the Treaty of Vienna in 1815. Certainly we can find strong similarity between this world peace and those that followed previous wars - if we study them all and study them carefully, this time we ought to come up with the right answer. Mullins of the Boston Herald apparently is a little concerned over the growth and activity of the CIO-PAC in the Metropolitan Boston area. I guess that the forces are being organized with an eye not only to the municipal elections but to the critical elections of 1946 for Congress. It is still my feeling that a lot of people - especially in the not pro-labor press - subscribe to the idea that labor organizations should not have political affiliations; assuming always a democratic working system, I can not see the justification for that point of view. Next we come to David Lawrence's little epic on the battle of Okinawa - in which he sites as final confirming authority for the faulty handling of that campaign the correspondent of the Herald Tribune. From what I know of the operation, of Marine and of Army tactics, and of the general problem at Okinawa, I would say that Lawrence is all wet. Lawrence may know a lot more than I, he probably does - but I don't think that his judgment should stack up with that of Nimitz and Buckner and Geiger and the other troop commanders.

I enjoy the clippings from the Advocate - in one of them I note that Carroll Binder's son is still missing in action; I think he was class of '43 - I know I was in several classes with him. The reports that the Advocate gives of San Francisco are encouraging. The Boston Community plan to combat anti-Semitism sounds like an effective measure - it will be interesting to see how it works out. In connection with the review of Hopkins' biography of Woolcott, Bennett Cerf is of the anti-Woolcott school but even he grants to him a unique place in American life; apparently he was a man who created no half-way impressions, he was either loved or intensely disliked, although there were few who did not respect his abilities. The job of writing the biography of such a man must be pretty tough.

That sort of covers things for this noontime - I still have one letter of yours to answer, Daddy. OK for now -

All my love,

Regards to Doris.

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