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Dear Ones,

The routine continues - yesterday I did get a good assortment of mail - Abrams, Uncle Lou, Al Laue, Osgoods, Louie Epstein, home. Otherwise things are the same: the days of volleyball are definitely passed - we can't even scrape up half a team, let alone two teams; my bridge game has evaporated - I'll tell you about that; and my shortage of funds makes participation in games of chance a little off of the question! So it's early to bed and early to rise which makes me dissatisfied as hell!

The other night we went to the show (Pillow to Post) at the theatre of one of the companies where the rule is that seats in the officers' section will not be taken until the company officers arrive. Don and Art and Milt (Fishman) and I went down to the theatre early and sat in the regular seats - our idea being to wait until the company officers arrived and then to move over into the extra seats in their section. After a while quite a few other visiting officers came over and our regular seats were getting crowded so we moved to the extreme end, closest to the company officers section. At this point Nate Wolfe arrived and tried to force us back in by squeezing in on the end so that he could be first for the better seats - it was no soap and he was a little annoyed and sat in another row.... that was just one of the many little incidents that are building up a coolness between Nate and the rest of us. The other night in the sower he tried to usurp Art's shower which was turned on and adjusted rather than to use one of the unoccupied ones. At the poker table, he makes a lot of friends by criticizing the way they bet their hands. You can imagine what the result is @ with so little else to do or think about, we have sort of taken his attitude as a challenge and we tend to make a point of rebuffing his intrusions; it is nothing serious and there is nothing mean about it - just a reaction to his somewhat self-righteous and sometimes imposing attitude. I noticed last night that he didn't wait for us for supper as he usually does but rather went in and sat a table different from the one where we usually sit. Such are the complications of life on Santo! whether this will complete the destruction of our bridge game or not I do not know. Speaking of supper, the evening meal is getting to be the high point of the day simply because we sit there and talk and relax and enjoy ourselves as we can't at any other time - I am closer to Don and Art now than to anyone else.

I was sorry about Harry Carvel - if you see Richard please ask him to drop me a line; and of course extend my sympathy to the Carvels. Pearson's comment on the appointment of Moran was interesting as concerns the relationship of the CIO-PAC with the Democratic party. He infers that although Moran is a good man and known for his fairness and honesty the PAC was looking for their candidate to get the job; it is part of the overall problem of the Democratic party leaders of keeping their widely different factions in line. Of course Hannegan is probably pretty sure that the CIO-PAC won't go into the Republican camp for a long time while he does have to fear defections from the conservative Democratic elements of the South. Pearson's report on the discharge "snafu" hit the nail right on the head; we had hoped that his time the Army had it planned and ready to work before announcing a new personnel policy and program. The trouble is that the men are promised something which they don't get - and that is infinitely worse than never promising anything at all. Pearson must have an inside track at Camp Lee - he is always using that for his examples of Army workings. One of the Brown columns touched on the current Russo-Turk question and the relation the problem has to the entire near east set-up; it seems increasingly clear to me that the Big Three can no longer ignore the questions of the Levant and that an overall solution must be reached. I feel that if Britain remains in her current position she will lose out in the long run and I wouldn't be surprised if British policy were forced to make an about face to some degree and end her current position of blocking Palestine and the entrance of any other power into the Levantine crises. The election results may be telling on this score.

The first reports on Schwellenbach are good; I hope that he starts to show results in the labor department set-up - we certainly need some coordination and unity among the various administrative labor agencies. OK for now - All my love -

Regards to Doris