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Dear Ones,

All is well - I got to bed a fairly early hour last night and I feel well rested. Nothing special; the work continues. We played some poker last evening - when I had run through ten dollars without a put I decided that was enough (that was the reason for my going to bed early!) In scanning the Press Herald I see that Dave Wyman was liberated from a German prison camp and that Alan Rhodes has been commissioned; it has been a long time since I last saw either of them.

The morning blurb told that Bob Hope is going to Europe again: that is a wise move - with nothing but police duty and the job of cleaning up supplies the troops in Europe will be faced with a morale problem. Of course at least in France and other liberated countries they can enjoy the local civilization. That was a good picture of the Quinn Legion affair in the Press Herald; when you are going to revive the Toreador, Daddy, now that you are back in the legions of the Legion? Do you still have that one classic issue? I always got a big laugh out of it. From what Pearson writes, I would say that the major Truman cabinet appointments are indications of his determination to put the emphasis on aggressive young liberals in his government. Anderson certainly outlined his own job in his report of his congressional investigating committee; on the whole the makeup of the cabinet as it stands today is indicative of Truman's espousal of progressive policy. I was glad to note the changing tone of David Lawrence's column in which he explains that our relations with Russia are not disturbed, will not be, and in fact should become clarified and even more improved within the coming months; I think that he is absolutely right - I just wish that he adopted that editorial approach more frequently when he delves into specific criticism of issues that have been brought up.

The letter from Dean Rushmore of Middlesex to the Editor of the TIMES stated the case which the school has against the AMA and the Council on Medical Education. I did not fully realize before that the AMA was in such a powerful position in the question of clinical facilities - I thought that Massachusetts politics was more directly involved; it undoubtedly is indirectly involved through the Massachusetts powers in the AMA; as well as in any revision of the statute establishing the Approving Authority. It is good to see a spade called a spade on this question of quotas and discrimination - I wonder if this can be connected with the anti-discrimination legislation. What happened to that Bill in the Massachusetts Assembly anyway? I haven't heard a word about it for some time.

By this time the Congress should have taken some action on the Bretton Woods agreements; I hope that the basic measures are approved - important as clarifying amendments are, as the Times points out, they cannot be rejected for lack of them at this time. The house committee's action revealed that the fundamental principles of the conference measures have been accepted and that is the important thing right now. I was glad to read the Times report that the JDC and UPA had discovered a common ground for the unifying of their campaign efforts; I wouldn't be at all surprised if it were a matter of necessity in view of the fact that most of the communities must be like Portland and have held a joint drive anyway. The article about the little problems faced by the returning soldier hit a big point, and civic groups would do well to take a tip from it and set up some sort of social service - things like finding a place to live, getting adjusted to rationing, getting clothes, all are minor but vital in the first return to civilian surroundings. The Pearson article on the reaction of Connally and Vandenberg to the "full employment" phrase in the San Francisco charter was very revealing; as the Australian delegate asked, it is something that was supported by both FDR and Dewey and is now strongly supported by Truman.

OK for this noon - it's back to the salt mines -

All my love,

Regards to Doris

