Dear Chea,

I am listening to the symphony coming from the radio in another office; if I were relaxing in an easy chair and dressed in tweeds, it would almost be like home. I fear that the end of the war has started me off into a momentary period of lonesomeness and nostalgia. I am all in favor of a quick Army statement - I want to know where I stand even if the decision is that I must remain in the service for some time. OK - if these daily letters are satisfactory to you they are certainly so with me.

I almost fell over when I read the PM report of President Hopkins' statement concerning Jewish students and Dartmouth. I have always associated Hopkins with sincere leadership in liberal politics and education of our day and age. And his statement came as very much of a surprise. I am glad that he is honest in saying that Dartmouth has a quota, but his defense of it came as the surprise. The Hopkins attitude as reflected in the PM is one of the oldest in the world - that the best way to avoid anti-Semitism is not to assert our rights; aside from the fact that Hopkins cites anti-Semitic sources as his references in relation to "Jewish pre-eminence" in certain fields, where is the logic, the consistancy of the Hopkins stand in terms of the basic American principles? It would seem to me that Hopkins is saying that the way to avoid anti-Semitism is not to attack to forces of prejudice, hate, and inequality, but to make the Jews inconspicuous, a negative quantity, (and eventually end their social identity altogether?) Hopkins is following the same line that many (like the famous Houston congregation) fall victim to. I note that PM contacted Chasee of Harvard and that he informed them that Harvard has no quota system. I am inclined to believe him - Harvard certainly has a high percentage of Jewish students. But Harvard does have a distribution system, which is primarily geographical, in its attempt to gain a balanced college group.

The current Clare Louise squabbles are certainly good newspaper copy - her playing in Canada was a fitting climax to the current discussion of her role in the national political scene. I wonder if she will survive 1946? Certainly her attitude toward Russia, her writing for the nearest press, etc., are cowering around the KBO and now the Stanford stage, are going to be tough talking points for her to answer. We should be getting news of the start of our national reconversion to peace; Truman will probably come out with some vacancy filling appointments in the near future. Most important still is Congressional action to close the many gaps and open spaces that threaten ahead. One of the Craig column's from Cairo closed with a comment on the Arab remarks concerning Palestine - what I noted was that the main Arab arguments were that the Arab States "are a bulwark between Communism and the Anglo-Saxon democracies" (shades of Nazi Germany - what a novel argument and how valid it is!) and that they would cut off their oil supplies to us. I have a feeling that the Arabs can see the handwriting on the wall - their threats will not find receptive ground in may minds.

It looks as though M.to has closed the door on Peter and may return to pre-war Yugoslavian politics for once and for all. The TIMES article would give the impression that although Yugoslavia is going strongly to the Left, there is no reason to assume that this reflects only Russian desires. This point is not clear to those who think that every swing to the left means the Russian horse is on the move; if we were to interfere as Yugoslavia works out her internal balance we would oppose not only Russia but the Yugoslavs. Our responsibility as with China is to see that Yugoslavia does not go fascist and that there are no undemocratic political-military excesses.

Mayor LaGuardia's little talk and the TIMES report of the potential strength of the ND&D party would make it seem that there is a very real possibility of Morris's election. LaGuardia is in an excellent position and he will certainly make the most of it. It grows increasingly clear that party lines and affiliations are as use for another tremendous wrench and that the New York results are going to be even more difficult in terms of state or national politics. The French trials seem to be coming to a close - the Petain affair was the opportunity for every Tom, Dick, and Harry to air his position; Petain will undoubtedly be spared. France must diagnose her illness and get to work on a cure and preventive measures. French history from 1870 through 1940 would make a fascinating study, I think.
It is clear that the control of the atomic bomb is going to be a critical matter, and I for one am convinced that it must remain public property; its development and exploitation cannot be farmed out except under the most rigid understandings and regulation. We are playing with something that makes dynamite seem as safe as a child's rattle. There can be no slips.

I wonder if Governor Warren will name Hoover to Hiram Johnson's Senate seat? You might be interested in this; the other night in the shower we were talking about mail and Don complained that I got all those clippings and no one else ever got a chance to benefit from them. So I told him that nothing would suit me better than to have everyone in the command have the opportunity I have to read the facts and comments on what is going on in the world today. The result is that now I am taking up the bulk of the TIMES clippings to him - I will be interested to see what, if anything, comes of it. The lack of serious reading is critical here, although the lack of stimulus to do serious reading were it available is worse.

OK for now -

Regards to Doris

All my love,