Dear Ones -

another day, another dollar - no mail as yet. Tomorrow I hope to get in touch with one of the officers down in the ordnance company and try to take part in their mental training program. Imagine what a welcome a volunteer - it's the sort of stuff I enjoyed most in the 730th. Tonight it'll be another movie and early to bed; I'll have to do my laundry me of these days. I finished H. Mann's what novel 'The Transfigured Wood' in my free time today; a superb story but the translation must be poor - it did not capture the beauty of his prose as did the translation of 'Marx' and 'Magic Mountain' which I have read. As you can see I am in a reading jamb. I will probably spend the library some more tonight after while. As far as I have ruminated at no bills games. We played this when I got up to the tent well, the grandstand is laid for me to step into the mental training program in the near future and I got the 'Ugly Duckling' by Hans Christian Andersen to read. I am favorably unversed by most of the officers around here - in tattiness and pleasurable content to the communistic spirit of the 730th, at least so far.

I have just reread the material I have in my fingertips about Zionism: Rabbi Weller vs. Reichert, Zimet vs. Reidel, Pfeiffer vs. Zimet, etc. Aunt Anne also sent me a clipping from the Daily Phoenix in which Steiner's wise answers the Arab peace of 'feminist liberation.' It is hard for me to believe that they are as many Jewish agitations...
involved in the question. What we need is fewer organizations and more organization. To my mind, the problem is that we are too many. Everybody should be able to call, consolidate, and present a joint front. The mass of material is too much. A lot of the arguments when reduced to basics prove to be little more than whimsies by using new terminology. A little less general pride and a little more real desire to present a unifying & practicalable program are to be sought as Bothe & Cooley say in addition to the last essay.

"There is much to be said on both sides. I am strong for the middle ground, a firm basis for constructive work. Quibbling—ever since—emotional differences can lead to no good when we need strength in unity. Fruedrich's program is an adequate solution and leaves the way open, once the groundwork is laid, to meet not the more emotional problems of governmental acceptance in Palestine, of the relations of non-Palestinian Jews to it. We need intelligent leadership, and less innovative followers.

That's it for today.

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