

June 26, 1944

Dear Summer:

Your cable on our wedding anniversary received on our wedding anniversary is priceless. It is far more precious than the magnificent gift of the bond received from Grandpa and Grandma Thurman, which was so much appreciated. The bond that ties you to us is beyond mathematical determination. It is life itself. You are just part of us mentally, spiritually and ideally. Next year, please God, we will celebrate the anniversary together.

I just received a letter from Uncle Louie and he is disgusted in that his future work is to be as one of the many attorneys who have successful civilian backgrounds who are to work on contract terminations and adjustments. That to him is not being in the war but doing what an attorney in civil life could be doing; but being in the army he has to take orders. Of course he will do a swell job along these lines, for he is well fitted for this type of legal work; but I would much rather have him here in the office to relieve the tension. It is quite evident from what he writes that the army itself looks upon the present situation as the beginning of the end and is making definite and immediate arrangements to utilize the services of many of its capable officer materiel for near post-war and post-war activities affecting manufacturers and the army. From that angle, I am happy to make this report.

You ask in the letter we received this morning to be kept posted on the political conventions and your request will be cheerfully complied with. There is little to be said at the moment on the Republican Convention which began to function this morning, except to say that the nomination of Dewey on the first ballot is in the bag and that all comment points to the nomination of Governor Warren of California as his running mate. What is infinitely more important just now is where Wendell Willkie stands. He has made the statement that for the moment he intends to remain in a flexible position. He wants to know what the platform will say on foreign relations and Dewey's attitude on international policies. It is safe to say that without Willkie's support the Republican party cannot possibly win over Roosevelt, for he still can attract several millions of voters like myself to his banner of forthrightness, courage, clear vision and appreciation and understanding of the roll America should play in post-war global affairs. Even with Willkie's support it is doubtful whether Roosevelt can be licked. But it would be healthier for this country if the Republican party were to adopt a platform which would have definite meaning and which would once and for all place it in the forefront in the war against isolationism and in the sincere endeavor to create a better esprit de corps between capital and labor, and in the wholehearted acceptance of the need for social adjustments on a country wide basis. Further comment at this moment would really be idle, for by the time you receive this letter its contents will be outdated.

I shall follow the proceedings of the next few days with an eye towards their interpretation for your benefit.

I have just mailed you the Harvard Alumni Bulletin.

Affectionately,



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that post comes to pass.

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June 22, 1944