

June 28th

Dear Ones,

The mail brought your airmail letters of the 19th and 20th sent direct to 708. Very good service, n'est-ce pas? That leaves a couple of days mail still to come through the old 7769. I'm glad my letters came in a bunch so that you did not get confused by my changing the address and then shifting back. You can tell every one that I am in the New Hebrides. I am still waiting for word that you received the anniversary bond. Thanks for the Time clipping - I have sent them my new address. I'll let you take care of the Digest and I have previously written about cancelling the Press Herald. Awfully glad that Hildreth came out on top ~~with~~ a husky margin. The next time we have state primaries I'll be voting. No special news from here - the orientation talk tonight will be routine, just to get acquainted. The day is pleasant compared to yesterday's rain. I dropped the Thurman's a very short V-mail letter. I will send my next news letter to Boston to them. I'm counting on you to keep everybody happy. Herb is taking the afternoon off and I assume he is up there sawing and hammering on our little project; I will check up before going out to the company. So Jerry is a Mother! Not the one to disappoint you. I will say, "Good for Jerry!" should I add Herb? She has a head start on the rest of us - a good healthy one, I trust - but remember none of the rest of us have entered the field.

Your letter of the 19th is here, Daddy. Your vacation was certainly well earned and I am glad you let yourself go at the mealtimes. Showed good results on the poker blanket, too. I guess you're learning. I haven't played anything stronger than cribbage since I've been here - my kibitzing is even limited to chess!! The Brunswick story is very interesting - there are usually two sides. I trust that in all these law cases where you peak my curiosity that you will keep me informed on their progress. Your criticism of the timidity of American Jewry is very valid. But I still wish to remind you that to my mind American Jewry should support Palestine without the nationalistic factor because American Jews are timid and not very enlightened in their reasonings - since it is necessary, we can get around the timidity. Also remember that there is no anti-Italian problem as there is an anti-semitic question. There is a fine distinction but Joe Pio's grandson will be an "American - Italian only in name. Your grandson will be an American - but he will still be a Jew; his Judaism will be an influencing factor in his life. But basically you are right - omitting the word national from Palestinian plans is mere terminology, necessary to convince the timid and the hesitants. As I said in my letter on Harvard - the only real solution is the righteous strength of fearless action. It is this lack - the lack of vibrant leadership - that leaves Zionism in mid air, unable even to reach intelligent compromise. I think one answer is - here again a fine difference from the Italian and the French - that the common feeling among Jews, their sympathy does not have the national, physical tie of land. We are the people of the diaspora, our national allegiances are unrelated to our Judaism. The problem of evaluation for the individual Jew is by

no means an easy one. From the individual point of view - all factors considered - this problem, (it is a world problem for all humanity ~~xxx~~ as well) is unique. This does not mean that a solution should be difficult in a free world. I have yet to read a valid argument against a Palestinian Commonwealth, guaranteeing civil and economic rights to all people, and recognizing ^{ING} the need for opening up the land to further immigration.

That about covers things for right now. I got a V-mail letter from Louis Epstein - he is a swell kid and all that, but if his letters are any indication, he lacks that certain spark. I will add a line in the morning.

The mentalities went over fine - more about ^{June 29}
it later - I've got to save something for my next letter.

Bob Summers.