

Dear ones,

Noon, July 5

Good batch of mail this noon. Thanks for Terry, Willkie, the pony Press Herald. Also received two Bulletins. Got a kick out of your getting gas for Fournier's visits to the cottage, Glad the Hildreth thing panned out - let's keep it panning out. Thanks for your check list on publications - all set now. Still waiting for word that you received the bond - also my cablegrams for anniversary and birthday. Glad that the cottage is running smoothly; ok on the Rines deal.

Your letters still show (as of June 25th) that you haven't received my letters describing life here - or maybe I never have fully described it. We are not field soldiers - we are hotel soldiers, all the conveniences of Stateside (the term for the US) except civilization nearby. What I needed for this job was not maneuvers, but a desk job somewhere. I am one of the Junior Officers which the Army system thrives upon. (Incidentally, in case it is not clear: you can print public announcements saying I am in the New Hebrides. Rest assured that anything I can write to you of this nature is in no way restricted information - otherwise I could not tell you. As for other information - I shouldn't say "information," I should say "personal commentary" - I depend on your good judgment as to what should and should not be repeated.)

In relation to the Willkie article on free enterprise and employment: basically it is the same thing as I wrote to you just last Monday night. The problem is maintenance of production and employment levels; we must seek the democratic method of attaining these goals with the retention and the enhancement of social and political freedoms from economic control. And the latest TIME I have seen carries a review of an article written by a Chicago SUN writer named Lasch, I think, which decries the economic bounds of a free press. All these signs point to one thing: by careful consideration and intelligent groundwork we can save capitalism from its own abuses. Willkie says this more convincingly and with greater clarity than I can. The important thing is that we understand what is going on and direct it, keep control. Conservatives, fearing to lose their control through cartels etc, or just fearing change, must not be allowed to prevent this progress - to dam up social forces until they overflow in violence.

July 6.

(No v-mail as yet)
Just got your letter of the 24th last night. Frankly I don't like the name "Joan Susan" but who am I to picky? That Spinney incident is a real classic.

Love,
Summer