

July 17

Dear Ones -

A stack of mail today. 8 from home, one from Paul, and a note from Lois (Indianapolis) - she writes a very clever letter, has an excellent sense of humor. I testified on oath for the first time in my life today: the inquiry about the accident was held - the injuries to two of the occupants were fatal. That pretty well took up the morning. Yesterday we put the finishing touches on our tent; it is really livable now. Tonight I am officer of the guard, nothing to it, a couple of inspections; hope to get a bridge game organized.

I am saving the Dewey articles for criticism in a later letter to supplement what I wrote this morning and yesterday. The dog story of Senator Ferguson is very effective, Glad your birthday was such a happy day, Toots. I certainly am looking forward to chocolate cake à la 184 Bolton Street as one of the treats of returning home. Thanks for the financial report on me; I am very solvent. Glad the summer family arrangements at the cottage have worked out... but as for those s.o.b.'s from "the other side of the tracks" who are squatting on our Menikoe point, get them the hell off of there. I wouldn't stand for it. Maybe it is because I was a sensitive child and all that but I still remember my inability to go on the pier, the way there was segregation at the beach, the sour smiles and cold shoulders of the Falmouth elite, the condescending attitude in general. Specifically I recall that ugly bitch, Maggie Payson. As you can see, 9,000 mile away, I am highly excited. No one wants to better friends with that crowd than I - educationally I am in their class; basically, and I am thinking of the Robinson Girls and kids like Jane Pierce, they can be socially wholesome. But the atmosphere at the cottage is unhealthy; the line must either be broken completely or not at all. Hence my reaction - I know you will handle it tactfully. I say this in all sincerity: I'd rather have the cottages all stand empty than the situation that exists now.

Glad my letters are coming Ok. I guess you get mine in bunches too. Thanks for the TIME-published letter from Harvard: it was not a satisfactory answer - I am waiting to hear what Dave Owen writes to me about it. The Gwen Cushing affaire is some stuff!! Sounds like a big brawl you threw the other night. You certainly are having a variety of employments this summer, Toots.

On Palestine: I believe in the Commonwealth, with a Jewish majority rule. But I see no reason why with concerted action among non-Palestine Jews so necessary and with this concert being denied by fears (no matter how unfounded) of bad political repercussion on the part of some the national idea should be stressed. And in this way the commonwealth may evolve its own national structure and end forever the basic cry of divided loyalty, the old bogeyman.

Heard from John St, Aunt Ida, Carleton. NW reading so little.
Time by Margaret. Waiting to answer Paul tonight. Love, Sumner