

July 27

Dear Ones,

Saw a good show last night - Jean Gabin in "The Impostor" - except for a few rough spots it was excellently done. Then we had our officers discussion group: we continued our discussion of America's internal economic picture. We started with a discussion of basic economic accounting and went into the problem of business reserves and the cry of the NAM that ~~xxxx~~ unless undistributed profits taxes are drastically reduced business will not be able to build up a reserve as a backlog to fall back upon. We returned eventually to the basic question: will big business give up its tendency to profit-monopoly on the short range picture to accept lesser profits to allow full production and full employment on a long range view which encompasses the entire economic structure? It was a very good evening; after the others had left Herb and I had quite a talk about thinking and thought habits. It was well after midnight when I hit the sack.

Nothing special to report today. I can't understand the mumbo jumbo logic of B'nai Brith in refusing to take a stand on the Commonwealth issue; their position seems similar to the Council's. But to maintain that altho you are not taking a stand on this crucial issue, you are still working for the greater interest of the Jewish people etc is meaningless. What they really mean is that the issue is such dynamite and they are afraid to broach the issue by being definite; it is this very fear and hesitancy which betrays the weakness of the position of American Jewry.

We have a book case; and yes we do have "bombs" which paralyze and kill bugs with their gas. Thanks for keeping me up to date on Uncle Lou's affaire de coeur. As for Lippmann's book: after reading the review I agree with you one hundred percent, Daddy. There is little I can add to your comment. I think he is on the wrong track. Your analysis of the trends toward cooperation instead of division is valid. Remember this when you consider that Dewey so far has spoken only as favoring a treaty with Britain - a bilateral, Atlantic orbit sort of thing. To my mind it is a poor analysis, and it is the road to war. The basic structure of the post-war world must be a total unity, not a pairing off.

That is about it for now; it is drizzling slightly now. We were going to have a little softball this PM but the rain may stop it. OK - love and kisses,

*Sumner*

FOR THE POST OFFICE:

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR "U S WAR AIMS" BY WALTER LIPPMANN TO BE SHIPPED TO ME.

*X Bernstein*  
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