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Dear Ones,

I didn't write yesterday - we had Spanish in the evening and then I was lured into winning \$9 at poker and since I hit the sack for a nap at noon, I didn't get much letter writing done. I still have to answer letters from Juj, Willie, and Abe's neice, as well as a card from Mrs. Mery. Things are pretty quiet - I think the weather is beginning to break just a little - it is still warm but we are having less rain in the daytime and it is cooler in the early morning and late evening. I started rereading "Under Cover" - I only got through about half of it the last time I got a hold of it.

Good for you, HB, for not using "ghastly" once in your letter! I'll bet it took a lot of self control! I am glad everything is copasetic on the social and school front for you, Toots. Deborah Simone Thurman is quite a name - the first day of spring is a happy portent. When you mentioned a Captain Harris from NJ I recalled a dentist who came overseas with me but is now back in the states and at last word was on the East Coast - however it is a common name and a common rank for medical men, and he did not come from Bloomfield. I am glad that the Pesach did have a family air and atmosphere. If Ted Scheft hasn't changed much I can understand why Dr Caplan is not enthusiastic about him. I am happy that Daddy did get to Ny; I hope it was a pleasant visit. I guess you will miss Evelyn L - apparently she was an interesting person. As for Irv Morris - there is little I can say, I hardly know Irv - I hope she is the right girl for him. Your comment on Joe Thompson's forgetting about us was right -- you know that he has written - his letters are really complete and full of his impressions: one he wrote to the radio station gang on large sheets probably would have been four or five typewritten pages. By coincidence, when he was on his way West after his 5½ weeks in the hospital, he met a finance officer from this base who was on emergency leave on the train! As for the Press Herald - the lag is about six weeks on the average and as I wrote a while back, cancellation is OK with me.

Well, well, so your talk with Lt Friedman finally enlightened you! From the way you right of the Sedar, Harold Halpert hasn't lost the knack of disturbing other people. We haven't seen the Readers' Digest or the review of Hayek's book - I'll let you know what I think of it when it comes. I enjoyed the Daley clippings from the Times - wartime sports is one item with which I am very much out of touch and in which I am not really too interested - I am just waiting for those chill October days and Soldiers' Field! Arthur Krock's analysis of the current series of Hoover articles and the importance of his proposals was alright - whether or not Hoover should have been invited to San Francisco is a moot point, however, in view of his national partisan position, although it does not in the least affect the fact that his contribution as a senior statesman can be of great importance.

I think that the labor code agreed to by Johnston, Green, and Murray is a promising indication that the basic questions of management-labor relations can be worked out on an agreed program so that our national economy and economic planning will not be upset. The first declaration is naturally very vague - but it is a key constructive step. I am glad to see the publicity being given to the question of Palestine in these pre-San Francisco days. Or once the Arab leaders are right - there will be no compromise on this issue: the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine must be assured unequivocally.

It seems as though the strategy in Europe is to put a pincers on final German resistance, not east and west, but north and south, since organized resistance will probably find its last strongholds in Bavaria and Austria. Out here it looks as though Okinawa is going to be another Iwo - there is a lot of fighting between here and Tokyo. I think that the Lerner article on the US soldier - that he is still a civilian in everything but dress - was one of the best. OK for now - all my love -

Summary