

Note: I forget to detach the stub from the money order I sent yesterday! So I hope you receive it - be sure and let me know!

April 17th

Dear Ones,

There is not much special today - Art got packed and I guess is off for New Zealand already. We have Spanish class tonight and at least I have spent a couple of hours in review and preparation. I finished "Tutt" and I am now reading an Oppenheim story, "The Great Impersonation." No mail today except for a note from Neil describing a weekend in the Fijis. The weather is a little muggy.

I do not grasp the Arthur Krock column on the Aubrey Williams discussion. After analyzing the various issues and personalities involved rather well, Krock comes to the conclusion that "little in Mr Williams's record seems to qualify him to make these decisions objectively" - it is the last word that mystifies me. Objectively by what standards? what is this objectivity? who has to determine whether it is good or bad? It seems to me that Krock's conclusion means nothing at all, since the whole question which is currently under discussion might be considered as "objectivity in government."

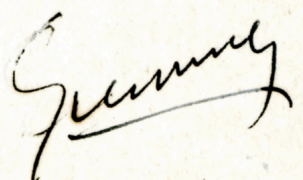
My next batch of clippings are from PM - the first section covers the Russ-Jap break and the statement which Byron Price, the Censor, made about speculation upon it. I can't quite see Price's reasoning and I agree with PM. I also think that the PM analysis of what has to be broken in the line of German cartel interests in this country hit an important note. There is no such thing as calling too much attention to the role of the German industrialist in the world economy and his tie to German national politics. The greater the spotlight on Nazi-German activities - whether they are cartels or armies or native fascist groups or organizations which thrive on hate and prejudice - the better off we are.

The last bunch of clippings deal with labor - there is no doubt but that the welcome which the preliminary Green-Johnston-Murray conferences received was sincere; the numbers in our country who are still blind to the necessity of such understanding are dwindling. It is unfortunate that their strongholds remain with the bigger interests as manifested by the hostile attitude of the NAM. (George Selde always refers to them as the Namzis.) Such ground work is obviously going to tie in with government policy on the mechanics of labor policy - and the more that labor and management can accomplish on their with healthy agreement and consideration, the less will be the necessary role of the government as a guarantor of minimum rights. If injustice did not exist there would be no need for any governmental participation - the fact that our leaders are still able to grow with the times and recognize the requirements is a wholesome factor. Johnston, as do most of his progressive group, recognizes the role of government as indirect proportion to the role of private capacities in handling the social issues.

Off hand that covers things for this apres-midi. There will be a rebroadcast of the Truman speech tonight over AES and I plan to listen to it - we have heard summaries of it on the newscasts, but I would like to know what his voice sounds like. Truman has a wonderful opportunity - I think that the first signs of Congressional favor are good; that never hurt anyone. And combine that ability to cooperate with his espoused heritage of policy and program from FDR, the result may be a little lacking in the dynamic punch of FDR but in its final accomplishments it may achieve our most important goals. When Truman joins the big three at some future conference I feel that he will be a representative of an alert and cooperative and understanding America in a different sense than was FDR, who was more a symbol of it - for from this test of our strength, Truman may well emerge with a firmer backing than any President could have hoped for under ordinary circumstances.

OK for now -

All my love,



Regards to Doris