

April 22

Dear Ones,

Today has really been a killer - not much special just a steady stream of work: for some reason Sunday is our busiest day. Herb Schreiber got back tonight - he had been gone some time. I got hold of "Valley for Decision" and I'll try to read it in the next few days. No mail today.

It is interesting to see PM line up behind Justice Black for his liberal stand with Frankfurter on the current issues before the Court - I guess it was before the days of PM but I can recall the cartoons when Black was nominated which depicted him in the robes of the Ku Klux Klan. I can also recall that at college, especially in Gov 1, Black was recognized as a man who had grown magnificently into the task he had assumed and had proved himself free of the tarnishing marks of prejudice and a closed, unprogressive mind. He seems to fit into the pattern of Arnall, and Rainey from Texas - liberals from the South who are proving vigorously that they are out to destroy the Rankin-McKellar type stamp on Southern Democratic politics. The affect that such a political reawakening would have would be felt throughout the national scene. The day when the "white-supremacy" stand was synonomous with election may well be close to over in the South. Intelligent political planning, the avoiding of poorly planned social movements, but the continual working for better social, economic, political, and economic conditions in the South can turn the trick in the post-war world.

It seems to me that the Murray article on the guaranteed yearly wage closely parallels the Johnston article - even in the matter of emphasizing certain points: Murray does not call for government guarantee of the wage, but urges on the contrary that it is the responsibility of private enterprise and labor to work out the plan as has been done by Hormel - the government policy comes in only in encouraging, studying, and recommending some such stabilizing agreement. I will be interested in seeing the answer by Fairless of US Steel, especially in the face of the Johnston statements in his Post article. As for the remaining discussion on labor-management relations, on the entire question of the role of government as a balance wheel in the national economy, I think I will wait for your answer to my comment on Hayek; that probably will reestablish a basis of discussion.

I think that the Nicholson article on the five lessons of Versailles and the course of the Vandenberg considerations on Dumbarton Oaks are in the proper spirit. In my letters I may give the impression that I feel that everything is milk and honey, that we are on the brink of entering the promised land of peace effortlessly - that is not my intent, rather it is my reaction to what I consider undue pessimism and a resultant misconception of the nature of our problems. The problem ahead of us is of stupendous proportions - if war is a gigantic undertaking, then an overall peace efforts still overwhelms it. There are burrs and problems at every corner: British imperialism in its myriad manifestations from Palestine to Pantelleria to the UNRRA in Albania, Russian policy in Poland and the Balkans, the very fact that we stand primarily for peace, do not have a primary interest to balance off against our allies. All I ask is the proper approach for the proper solution.

I would never have recognized Jane Pierce from the picture of her in the FH - it has been over four years since I last saw her. Otherwise there was nothing much in the bunch of Press Herald's which arrived during the week. I managed to write to Al Laue at odd minutes during the day, So I am pretty well caught up on that score.

All my love,

Regards to Doris.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Sam', is written over the typed words 'All my love,'.