

April 23rd

Dear Ones,

I think it is my custom on April 23rd to note that today is the Birthday of William Shakespeare and also that of Shirley Temple. Why I recall these facts, I do not know - I am not even sure they are correct, but they stick with me anyway. Nothing special today - it has been nominally busy. Tonight I will probably do some reading - the mail today brought three letters (all mailed the 11th) from home and a letter from Professor Seavey which I am enclosing for you to save. Seavey also sent me that listing of books, so I do have the official Harvard publication on the advised books for law students.

If you feel as happy when you receive my three page letters as I was when I got yours of the 11th, Mother, then our correspondence can't help but be a roaring success. I'll check on the Florence Weinstein Halpert - Waterbury connection with Hal Stein - I ought to call him anyway; he didn't show up at all Friday and it had slipped my mind up to now. Thanks also for the clipping on Dick Doyle, I will save it for his brother although I imagine he got one from his Mother, anyway. I am glad that HB is enjoying the Writers' Club and getting the kick out of having others appreciate what she is turning out. Her poems are clever - and I can certainly see the influence of the soap opera adds on my young sister! Proctor and Gamble is a great field for you, Toots! Keep it up - it is fun and it is satisfying to be able to express yourself in verse, you humor is good - I was going to say "for better or verse" but decided against it.

I give up - I just can't keep you from your exercising your maternal prerogative of discussing the topic of marriage, Mother!! As for Natalie Gourse, there is nothing I can say, of course!!! - put her name on my list for future references. I must comment though that Anna Sacknoff's enthusiasm does not necessarily reflect my standards - and being the aunt of the daughter of a favorite brother might make her a little prejudiced.

The news of the Massachusetts action in denouncing the British Palestinian Policy reflect good organization and public spirit - the timing must be right for San Francisco. The coming weeks may well be the pay-off, the test as to how much world support can be mustered to the solution of the plight of the Jews, toward the solution of open immigration, and toward the eventual goal of an autonomous Palestinian Commonwealth. By the time this letter reaches you, some action may have been taken - certainly with the attendance of Weizmann and the various Arab leaders the questions at hand will be crystallized. I certainly envy the men who have the opportunity to take part in the current conferences who by their discussion, their argument, and their decision can formulate the lines that generations to come may follow - it is a great responsibility, an awe-inspiring task. No man can partake of the conferences to come without feeling that the eyes of the free world are upon him - and I hope that that fact will influence and guide the nature of their settlements.

I enjoyed your letter of the 10th,addy; it is encouraging to know that Portland (and I assume other cities) are making plans for action to aid the returning veteran in job placement and employment council. You will note in Seavey's letter that he favors the idea of spending four months in picking up my AB but that he by no means denies the possibility of going directly to Law School. Well, at any rate, I think that for the present there is little more I can do in the directions of my future formal education. I will of course do what reading I can - all well and good if I hit some of the books on the list of 90 - but generally stimulating reading should do the same trick.

OK for now -

All my love,

Regards to Doris.