

May 16th 1945

Dear Ones,

I have a bridge date at 7 so I have about a half an hour to get off this note to you. Nothing special today - I wrote to Dan Fenn ( who is now a warrant officer ) and to Ruthie. As for my spells of depression, I admit and recognize the nature of them but my point is that I am being asked to make more than an "occasional" adjustment; it is more than a dull lecture or study, it is a dull and total existence and to that I can not wholly adjust myself and I am thankful for it.

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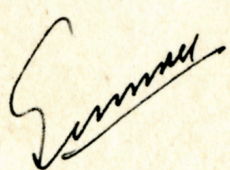
I have/to the point where the statements of the American Jewish Committee have a false ring to me - they pay a delightfully vague lip-service to the goals of Zionism but when the chips are down for the realistic and political achievement of our goals they are found lacking. I notice that you sent me the TIMES clipping on the Republican vote on the Farm exemption measure which Truman very wisely vetoed without comment - perhaps the TIMES editorial said enough. As for the reactions of De Valera and the Portuguese governments, as well as the papacy, to the death of Hitler - their "regrets" should not soon be forgotten.

I hope that PM is exaggerating in crediting David Lawrence with reflecting official attitudes in his "United States News." It doesn't seem entirely logical to me that such a strong anti-Russian element is working powerfully against Russian Cooperation against Japan and in the peace settlement. We cannot allow that wedge to be driven into our ranks. It is obvious that from a military point of view Russia's aid would be valuable - her airfields are potential bases, she has a borderline of thousands of miles on the Japanese flank in northern Asia. As for fears of Russian territorial demands, it should be clear that Russia is going to be interested in the Asiatic solution and as a partner in our world enterprise she will have her say anyway - any fear like that is founded in the doubt of our entire workable world order. And as for China, I still say that the defeat of Japan comes first and the internal alignments of China second - and that is the policy more of the Yenan Government than of Chungking and the Koumintang. China gains nothing constructive by an undue extension of the current war and she obviously will not be able to snuff out the communists under the current situation. In all of this discussion over the attitude toward Russia and the problems in rebuilding Germany and defeating Japan, it is well to remember that we "have nothing to fear but fear itself." If philosophies and fear and doubt and negativism gain the upperhand, we will lose what men have died to win.

Anne McCormick's article on the likelihood of a Polish solution was more like it. The constructive approach is so important. Now with the war in Europe over, the problem of settlement will be getting more and more attention until the peak of defeating the Japanese attracts our attention. We have more time and more opportunity to think of the peace and its many aspects. I hope that the signs which we reveal in the next few weeks will show that America is ready to face the realities of war-won peace.

That sort of clears the deck for now - there is not much to write about; things are quiet here - enough to do to keep me from complete inactivity but little more. I wonder how I will look back on these days with Thorpe in the years to come - I certainly have some very definite opinions now. Perhaps sometime for the sake of the record I will jot down some of the little things that have come up that are clues to the present situation here.

All my love -



Regards to Doris