

Dear Mother & Yogi

Mar 5, 1949

Well - things are beginning to settle down a little more than what we've had during February. I suppose Helen & Jim have written you that I was suddenly transferred to the Labor Relations dept at the Douglas Office effective Feb 1st. I was advised on a Thursday before to shift my residence and zone of operations. The head office apparently takes months to make up its mind and then wants the accomplishment on a very short notice. Then there was the problem of finding a home for the family which looked, at first, as if it would be months in securing something. The company has only about 10 houses located near the offices and they were all filled. However, in about 8 days an agent found a house which is small - only two bed rooms but all the rooms are large enough to accommodate our effects - and all the excess overflowed into the garage. The rent is exorbitant but I have been led to believe that a house will be built for me near the offices - and last week the ground was being cleared, so I guess it might not be too long before we'll be moving again.

We are pleased with the locality and I like the work considerably more than the smelter. The work is definitely "high" level and associations are with fine

Keen-minded men, both engineers and lawyers.

As I say, It is fine here in all aspects except for the separation from Jim & Helen and our classes. It may be somehow and in some way something may work out and I'll keep my weather eye "peeled" for all angles. For the present, I have a great deal of work to accomplish to acquire a back ground and a base from which I can build into a good operating unit. Yet at the same time we feel the need for classes or study too. We are wondering what can be done and if it is possible in any way to continue our degree work.

I have spent many hours too in thought concerning a statement Yogi made in the Lion's Club speech in effect: "That almost any means ~~are~~ justified and should be taken to reduce the power of the Political "entity" in the U.S. "Money power" no longer holds a restraining position with reference to ascendancy of political power." I am concerned with the significance of the term "any means" and sometime I'd be appreciative of an expansion of that thought and what more was implied.

I find that two "top" men here in the Western Div. Offices are deeply concerned

with the trends in the U.S. and are spending considerable effort to work out something realistic. General Electric Corp is also seeking various avenues along lines other than making a profit for stockholders. I am pleased to find that recognition of what you talked about that night at Lion's Club, exists but not in exactly the form in which you expressed it. They know there is something which must be handled but haven't found the point of attack or the method to be used.

I know you'll be interested in this and I write briefly of it to you in confidence.

Steven had a case of what looked to us to be a case of "mumps" and Faye treated it with rapidity and the results were faster yet. I was amazed!

We had an Arbitration case yesterday in Bismarck and I was up rather late last night. We were at it all day today until after 6⁰⁰ PM and I'm ready for a little rejuvenating sleep. We hope Mother's eyes are improving continually and that the health of you both glows more and "better yet".

By afterthought - Jim indicated sometime ago that Joe was preparing a statement of what Ranch operating costs are and

all the members could prorate these
~~over~~ deficiencies to cause a balance.
Has that been completed and what
is the general situation now?

Faye stated that the young man of
whom you spoke last Xmas (Electronics
expert) was in San Fernando. How does
he feel about about the Order and its
philosophies?

Now for some "shut-eye"
Love to you both
Pee

Geshell

San Fernando, Calif.,
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Dear Pete:

Relative to the quotation taken from the talk before the Lion's Club, the following points are to be noted: (1) The words are "almost" any means" and thus do not exclude the possibility that there could be a worse power-principle as compared to a predominant political power, though I doubt it. (2) I was referring to an instrument of power in the use of the word "means" rather than to method of establishing the power. I do not advocate the view that the "end justifies the means" but rather the view promulgated by Emerson in the form "the end is resident in the means". I realize from your quotation that there was an ambiguity.

I have a sixty page discussion of politics which I think might make my view and its reasons clearer than anything I might say in less space. But some points may be noted briefly.

1. Political power is achieved and operates through irrational means. You should read Machiavelli's "The Prince" and Dunne's "The Politician." The latter book extended the analysis to the democratic form of government as manifested in the U.S. Hitler demonstrated to us a particularly pure form of political method, as such, and is therefore a valuable study. If you have occasion to go into this subject in an important way I think that you would find the reading of "Mein Kampf" worth while, for while it is vile literature and philosophy it does reveal political genius. Hitler is simply more frank than most politicians. The irrelevance of truth in the power of a political assertion is a general principle quite widely employed. Likewise is it with the use of short statements unsupported by reasons, except emotional ones, but constantly reiterated; the "wipping-Boy", such as the Jews or Wall Street; the use of violence in mass appeal, because of the mass-psychology that derives pleasure out of having pain inflicted upon it (Hitler states he learned this method from the Marxians), or the complementary use of seduction as in the case of Roosevelt.

2. Politics is the collective expression of the will-to-live. It is thus anti-Buddistic, and opposed to the movement toward Enlightenment in general. It is the assertion of the dominance of the will over reason and hence aims at the subordination of all science. It opposes culture in the general sense of culture being the negation of the will-to-live.

3. Practically I see great difficulties growing out of a predominant politics in a highly technological age. The control of the machine is a highly rational matter. The necessities of the machine are not altered by psychological appeal. If irrational power is dominant then the consequences may be grave. Nazi Germany has just given us an example of just how grave the consequences can be.

Spengler said in "The Decline of the West", "through money the intellect reaches the throne". This is a thought-provoking statement and it is not hard to see the basic truth in it. Money is the instrument of command of the economic order and indirectly, through the engineer, of the machine. The marriage of the business mind and the technological mind leads to a highly rational power-principle. The result is that money becomes a power-instrument of the rational thinker. I do not regard it as an ideal instrument, but much superior to the irrational psychological power of the politician, and it becomes a matter of choosing the less objectionable of two available alternatives. It is through the cartel that money-power establishes itself, hence the determined opposition of the politician to private business monopoly. This is not an objection to monopoly in principle since the politician has favored the building of labor monopolies and is not at all unfavorable to government monopolies. Hence the opposition is not grounded on moral principle, but is an act of warfare. The other side has a no less moral right to fight back.

The above statements are no more than brief suggestions to suggest lines of thought and observation.

We are indeed glad to learn of your promotion and your liking for your new activities, though we are very sorry to lose you from the Morenci group. Perhaps you may find others in Douglas who will be interested. That would be good.

Joe has not written the letter, but as I am going up in a day or two I will urge him to write the letter, or do so myself.

May the Light ever grow brighter for you and Ann and your little ones.