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(from Peter's summer
home in Massachusetts)

My dearest:- The wind is going and the summer trees are talking in the garden; Peter has gone to New York and I am alone with Boris and Kathleen; but we will hear him after lunch when he will be speaking in a Round Table discussion over the radio, I believe, with Stuart Chase and others on the Panel, on the economic consequences of a German victory in the Far East. Last night Brailford came over from his nearby home, and we discussed the early history of the English Utopians, from Moore to Owen. There is nothing he does not know about these things, it seems. He has aged considerably but that makes him only the lovelier person. Clare Layton, his old friend, was also with him, very young and still attractive, but, I gather, they are separated now; still, it appears he came over to visit her; she is an outstanding woodcutter, and has come to America some three years ago. She is intending to stay; she finds it more convenient than the old country. Hofrat Drucker is also staying with us; you remember his Alt-Wien melodious personality; it made a wonderful summer evening close. Doris is expecting another baby, and looks happy in her expectancy. We discussed one of his book plans with Peter; he is one of the leading journalists in the States, and is slightly concerned about the keeping up of his substantiality; teaching at Sarah Lawrence College does mean some compulsion to learn economics, but it's doubtful whether it is sufficient today. Economics have developed into a great science in recent years and unless one keeps up with it one can easily get out of touch with the underlying thinking of the masses themselves which imperceptibly is affected by the new approaches. And also we had a very nice boy present: Doris's brother, an artist who knew Kari well from Bedales; Arnold (I forget his last name) came over here some three years ago after having gone to some London institute following on Bedales. It was wonderful to observe the way in which his talk mirrored Kari, and her personality; and even more wonderful to find him saying, as it were, that my views reminded him involuntarily of Kari's at that time. Well I thought, I must have been standing still for quite a while. And, yet, somehow I felt gladdened by this reminder.

Not since 1920 did I have a time so rich in study and development than my last three weeks around Columbia libraries. My sweet Aufder-Wieden landlady to whom Bössi managed to introduce me keeps me safe and hale, making my meals, from cans add casualness getting up early, and living cheaply, while watching my private affairs maturing in the hothouse atmosphere of Bennington's goodwill and my own solitude. GRANDFATHER and Bössi were both invited to her for tea on the night before I left.

Admiral
Hofrat

and here was a real occasion for him to develop his genius for the idyllic. We were of course engaged in one of those cross-wise discussions with grandfather, where his dogmatic militancy appears to be so much at variance with his aggressive defeatism, (as a short run attitude). Still, there was ^{an} undercurrent of hope and comfort bearing us up, for grandfather had just had a letter from Lasswell inquiring about his plans and obviously suggesting that he might have some job for him. Lasswell is in charge of the War Communication's Research in Washington (I am not quite clear about the nature of the work but it certainly has something to do with the emergency). Actually my next neighbor at Bennington and junior faculty member, who attended my seminar last term, has been asked to join him and has already gone to Washington. His name is David Truman; who unfortunately is not staying at Bennington next term (he will be Tutoring at Cornell University). Of course I will write to David, to make sure that grandfather gets the right type of work with Lasswell. However, Lasswell knows everything about Continental scholarship and is probably better acquainted with Kolnha's work than I myself. It was very high time that something turned up, for things were beginning to look gloomy for grandfather. Bözsi was holding up her end in a splendid way, and although her Paris-time 'nuisance' has not worn off entirely it is a very minor feature in a basically much more enduring, high-type pattern. An other next neighbor at Columbia is Ted Newcome, my ~~former~~ friend at Bennington College. He and his wife Mary are the most lovable and genuine people on earth; she was a boon and a help to me; perhaps nobody was so great a support to me when things were not easy. It is bitter that Ted (whose name is Theodore) has ~~been~~ accepted a professorship at Michigan University after having been one of the original faculty members of Bennington. He is a psychologist, very much of a behaviorist, but quite prepared to see the limitations of that position. This summer he is lecturing at Columbia; so I see quite a lot of him. (Incidentally, Gregory Vlastos - do you remember this name? - also is at Columbia summer school; But I have not met him yet, though I probably will before long). Three of my seminar girls have majored in the social sciences this session; one of them (partly through my recommendation) is now employed by Paul Lazarsfeld who is Professor at Columbia; an other ~~one~~ is reader for a New York Publisher's firm; a third is with the Farm Record editing Board in Washington, doing settlement work. I am in touch with all three; and seeing the New York one's occasionally; all this is very much Vorgartenstraße. Except ~~human~~ for the background of my day's work, viz. the dark air-conditioned stacks of the Columbia library which I am privileged to use; the delving in the slightly dusty pamphlets of the XVIIIth century Poor Law collection of Seligman Library, - and taking off half hours for learning to drive. -

The family feuds have been buried and forgotten. Evi's mature and serious personality is slowly making itself felt; she has ~~changed~~ (herself) considerably; her wee baby Jeane is half of her life; the other half goes into her very successful professional existence. Being Tutor at Pratt's is a standing in itself; but she is also publishing accounts of her work and getting known on professional lines. It is quite possible that she will be trying to be part-time at Bennington; she was in touch with them for quite a time. With Otto they appear to be all on a very good footing; he is reliable, helpful and kind.

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Misi is a queer fish. It must be said for him that he is making supreme efforts to get his father over here, and (what is more of a 'credit') he is really being very helpful to Tomy and Lally, who are now somewhere in Cuba, and seem to have done remarkably well when serving 'beside the mast' in their journey to the New World. For the rest, he is pedestrian, money minded and entirely tactless. I am getting very well with him, being unconcerned with his attempts to educate his surroundings to antediluvian standards in and out of season. Actually, he is rather funny to observe and not too annoying to lose one's sense of humor about, as long as one does not depend upon him, which I don't. His wife is a very nice sort of person, and now that she has a son - a huge blond fellow imagining her father - she is safe in a blend of bliss and earthly security. Mausl somehow manages to get along with all three of her children, though her dependence upon Misi makes this a real job. There is a genuine - and almost incurable - feud between Hans and Misi, and Evi is siding by necessity and conviction with her husband. But nobody is really very much exercised by all this, as their main concerns are outside the range of family life, and they succeed in sharing their mother without physically dismembering her, which is all that's needed. Personally, I have the best of all three worlds, as I like to be with Evi, have a flair for Hans, and have a very tender spot for Mausl whose health is anything but very good and is still the old helplessly unselfish warrior in other people's causes. To finish up the picture, the lovely surprise is Adolf's excellent position in Brazil, his work being exactly on the lines of his experiences and the climate not interfering with his health seriously. The infinite beauty of the tropics and the glory of the color and movement of the teeming life around them make them happy and overflowing from the sheer delight of seeing and smelling and tasting their environment.

My own studies fall into three periods, I should say, as far as this session is concerned. First I tried to Americanize my knowledge of the various social sciences, reading up the leading American sociologists, political scientists, psychologists and philosophers. Actually Dewey (some six of his works) took me a month, but this had to be expanded by Pierce, Mead, James and Morris. I read up almost all of Lasswell's; a number of anthropological works like Boas, Linton and Ruth Benedict; I studied the history of American democratic thinking; and some authors who form opinion just now. Then I proceeded to a comprehensive study of economics, mainly the Keynesian school - that brilliant galaxy of writers to whom Mrs. Robinson, Harrod, Robertson, Meade, Mr. Robinson and Chamberlin in the USA belong. I had to read much of Haberler's, Hayek's stuff too, quite apart from the genuine Americans like Wesley Mitchell. To this second period I would reckon my efforts to get into semantics, my reading of Cathap, Morris, Woodgear

and others. Inceidentally, I took my first dip into elementary mathematics in order to get a better grip on my economics. (I forgot to mention my continuous occupation with the subject matters of my seminar - closely related to the book stuff - which kept me busy on the theory of the Balance of Power, Imperialism, and the influence of Xty on the development of Western Civilization - mainly relying on Max Weber, Troeltsch, Sombart, Tawney, Pirenne and Cunningham, but eventually having to include the Institution of Christians of Calvin and other rather out of the way matters). The third and by far the most important period started with the beginning of July and is still continuing: research work at Columbia. The main periods on which I am testing the validity of my ideas are the Speenhamland period about 1800 and the turn towards protectionism about 1875, finally the 1920-40 period, in which the Collapse occurred. These three will probably form the bulk of the material, insofar as it is historical. On the whole I find my intuition more supported than not by what I find in the facts; but of this another time.

By the time this letter reaches you I will be preparing to go up to Bennington for the dance festival (one of my ex-students is offering to take me by car). The Summer Dance School is only very loosely connected with Bennington, actually it is entirely independent of the College although some of our people take part in the running of it. This will give me an occasion to review with Mr. Leigh the position of your job and should things work out unfavorably, I would of course make sure that they feel reassured about my complete understanding of the needs of the College. There always was a second person in petto, I am not certain who that person is though I think I know through an indiscretion, or rather by a chance circumstance which occurred after your appointment). So the College will in any case be put into an awkward position, and I will certainly avoid everything that might cause such a situation to arise. You can rest entirely assured on this account; also the risks involved in your appointment were always clear to the College; since your appointment I am keeping them carefully posted on every step so that they can judge for themselves the chances of things working out favorably or not. What your appointment would come to in case you cannot be here by the beginning of the term (5th September), I do not profess to know. I just heard that it had been published in the New York Times Educational Supplement of Last Sunday's (July 20th) together with other changes at Bennington. Unfortunately, I overlooked it there. You might find it at the Min. office, though it takes unconscionable time for them to get hold of it; I will, I think, find a copy for you. (A student of mine sent me an enthusiastic congratulation; she had seen it published in the 'Boston Herald'). The College would appoint nobody for more than one year; perhaps they might wish to appoint you for the next year, if you miss this session by no fault of your own. Mr. Leigh has written to the Embassy as well as to the U.S. Commissioner of Education (Studebaker) for support with the Embassy (insofar as the latter is concerned). He would gladly do anything in his power to expedite matters.

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- Now to Kari's special concerns, which are becoming more and more urgent as time proceeds. Mother explained to me with utmost clarity the nature of the decision which must be taken before the end of this month. I have no hesitation to say that in my belief you should stay at Bedales and prepare for Newnham in case you have to remain in England, and have the good luck of being chosen there. To go up at once would commit you to stay until the end of your course and, in case you are called up, to the end of the

Emergency. Such a decision would be incompatible with our commitment to do all we can to allow mother to take up her job in time, and also with our determination to remain together. The former decision, on the other hand, is not incompatible with these decisions, and, more over, allows you to continue on your university career, if for some unforeseen reason you should both be unable to join me for any length of time. As to studies over here, so far as I know neither M.I. T. nor Harvard take women. Nor does M.I. T. take undergraduates; one must first go to a college, in order to be taken. Scholarships are usually unobtainable in the first year, exams being scheduled long in advance of the term. Some ~~of the~~ universities (the so-called State Universities) are gratuitous; and some of these are rather good also in Physics e.g. Cornell. But only State residents' children are taken, I believe. Now Cornell e.g. is in New York State, while we would live in Vermont. Whether the Vermont State University (I have lectured there) is as good in Science, I would not be able to say (it is in Burlington, you can look it up on the map). Bennington might have great advantages, including a scholarship. Anyway, the main thing, is to keep an open mind on this matter; I will certainly continue to explore all possibilities. Even the length of studies necessary for graduating might depend upon the College (at Harvard, Yale and some other boys' Universities, the undergraduate school is organized as a College; I recently lectured at Princeton University i.e. the undergraduate school and at the Graduate College which is the ~~main~~ ~~of the~~ ~~graduate~~ ~~school~~ ~~at which~~ ~~post-graduate~~ ~~work~~ ~~is~~ ~~done~~. All this sounds rather confusing, and I mention it not for didactic purpose, but to warn you from forming preconceived opinions on a matter which is peculiar and specific as the higher educational system in America. Bennington e.g. might graduate a student after three years or even perhaps after two and a half years as B.A. while other Colleges might insist on the full four years for graduation, even though the student was obviously in advance of the average. (Think of the difficulties Continental students experienced in trying to continue their studies in England, and you will realize the nature of the difficulties involved in the transition from the English to the American system, which, on the whole, counts with a longer period of higher studies than the English). By post-graduate work one means usually (1) the degree of M.A. and (2) of Ph. D.; or other higher degrees like M.D.; LL. D.; etc. which are given at graduate schools. Not every university has

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take women?

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such a school. Some of the State Universities have not. Also some of the Universities are smaller than some of the Colleges. The graduate schools are organized either in connection with a university (exceptionally with a Collegelike in the case of Oberlin) or separately like the Law Schools, Medical Schools, Union Theological Seminary of the M.I.T. Some universities have big graduate schools like Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Chicago, Berkeley (Cal.) ~~Illinois~~ or, I believe, even State Universities like Michigan or Wisconsin, but the latter only exceptionally. By State University one understands the one public gratuitous University in every State (except New York State which happens to have no State University). In New York State e.g. Cornell in Ithaca is the State University). The girls' College attached to Cornell City College called Barnard; the girls' College attached to the City College (which is the University of the City of New York) is called Hunter College. In spite of this diversity of names, the actual study course is very much simpler than it is in England. Basically there is only one secondary school the so-called high school; there is one undergraduate school, the College; above this there are the ~~graduate~~ graduate schools for higher degrees.

I received your charming letter to Leigh which I will pass on to him, of course. And also your cable with the permit numbers, which I may have to use with the State Department. Always keep an eye on other routes, including Canada.

A week ago I went to see old Mr Gussich in his Summer resort (in Klosterneuburg, as it were). He must have been much younger than your father, for he is certainly far from 70. I liked him very much, and we spent a long Saturday afternoon together on the sea side on Long Island, where they are now staying. (His wife seemed to me to be a Munich German, very little educated, and rather simple altogether). He like Sandor thought he remembered that your father had taken out his first papers (if not also his second papers, which under the law at that time were taken out three years after the first, but did not confer American nationality ~~until another two years~~) until another two years). I am now having made inquiries in Washington whether any sign of these papers is extant; it might be helpful in building up a case, if necessary. As to Chicago, where according to both Sandor and Gussich your father died, I have not yet taken up the matter again. Otto is helping me ~~in that direction~~ in that direction. In spite of Raoul Blumberg matters are progressing in Washington very slowly.

It was good to know that Donald had safely arrived (after your cable had told me, Elinor Ulman wrote to me to say so). Tell Donald that I have sent a cheque for 12 dollars to the Fortune man he mentioned to me and explained ~~that~~ that it was for a subscription.

Good bye my sweet loves, this is the Dicki who is waiting for you patiently. Sometimes it suddenly clears up in his memory and he then recollects the moments of loving help (so many of them, for so many years) and then his heart aches too strongly to be endured. The many Green busses and Wednesday 11 am trains we tried to catch together, when you were making up my meals and helping me to get away in time, always a wee bit short of the three minutes we needed to be quite comfortable. I think of those many three minutes and of you in them, my heart, straining and hoping to help me through in time, and my eyes grow dim.

Your Dicki

Wed. morning.

Miss O'Mea rang this minute: Allen and Unwin is very much interested in your book, and Mr. U. wishes to see you. Please ring up at A & U on Thursday morning to make an appointment.
Darling Dicki,

Thwaites rang up, he will ring you after Wednesday. -

As to Richter: I had a long talk with him on Tuesday evening, and will report on that to Karolyi this morning.

It appears that R. did tell him the general background (Molotov, etc) but it obviously came out in a less graphic way than when you put it, it was a bit casual. I told him that we do not object at being used as a bridge where bridges are necessary, and completely rely both on his informedness and his judgment. He made it quite clear that his contacts did not run over the Embassy but by other ways, that they worked slowly, and that in many cases they had to go by inferences, put two and two together, etc. But on the whole he did not have, himself, a shadow of a doubt that the line he takes on the Council and the Council's possible role and tasks is sound. -

Szűsz had a two-hour talk at the Embassy, he was, it appears, closely interrogated, especially on point 7 of the Program, and it was pointed out to him that unity is a good thing, but not at such a price. This is most reassuring. The Embassy man was very formal, and very stand-back-ish, but made sure that their contact will be a continuous one, by asking him to report on anything relating to resistance at home, etc. -

✓ As to the secretaryship: Since they have now Karolyi's word that he has no objection at the C.P. holding the secretary's function they might postpone having a solemn Council secretary until they get the right man for that, from Moscow or from wherever it be. In that case Szűsz should become secretary of the organization committee so that a functioning of the Council's administration is secured, but with no enhanced status for Szűsz. - ---

Later:

In the meantime I have seen Karolyi and he is very agreeable to this solution. Insistence on Szűsz's release will, however have to be complete, as we need him full-time otherwise the old Sauerei will continue. (There were signs of sabotage from Mrs. so please look out). - An alternative solution, with Richter as secretary, and myself and yourself helping him with regard to ~~humanitarian~~ contacts with the English has also been put forward in both places by me and is being considered, as an alternative.

I have seen Richter's draft and enclose my notes on it.

Criticism: Too much frame (which is very politically, very well done, too little meat on actual measures, co-operation with occupation forces, etc.

Mas: excellent understanding with R. on possible going out to occ. ter.

Mas: Countess Karolyi is going off to France to drive a lorry.

Mas nines.

Richter is going to ring you up on Thursday morning. he very insistent on the necessity of his meeting the Embassy man, the more so as he is very shy. You could help him in making the appointment for him. It is necessary that he should see this man.

Saw Kari only a minute at midnight when I came home but told her that I want to talk to her about our plans, her plans, etc.

Did not write to Rosie, so do please at once.

Got on fairly well with the article. One third.

I'm off love and love you much more than ever

Ilona
to Kari

C.P. Snow sehr wichtig, vielleicht kennt ihn Tess Simpson, die Dir sicher am die Hand gehen wird und möglicherweise im Kontaktnehmen viel Mühe ersparen.

Was Mitarbeiter aus Ungarn betrifft, würden wir an die folgenden denken: Erik Molnár, Vorsitzender des Historischen Inst. der Akad. d. Wiss., (Wirtschaftsgeschichte und Ökonomische Ethik Theorie), Endre Sik (Afrikaforschung) (er ist weniger originell als Molnár) G. Lukács, Ferenc Erdei (Soziologie; marxistisch gebildeter ehemaliger Populist, Sekretär der Akad. d. Wiss.) László Németh, (Schriftsteller, Soziologe, Historiker, Denker, unterstrichener Nichtmarxist, war unlängst in der S.U. als Ehrengast. Schreibt überwältigend gut). Von den jungen ungarischen Ökonomen (P.M. schreibt man hat in Warschau eine sehr hohe Meinung über sie, was ich auch sonst schon gehört habe Z. Kenessey Hung. Centr. Statistical Office, and other young people around him.

25 Oct. I find your idea of drawing in young people very excellent. We can think of two at hand this end, J.C. Polanyi (Professor, ^{25 Oct.} Univ. of Toronto, for Disarmament: he came out many times, but never as powerfully as on the height of the crisis over the C.R.C. network) and K. Levitt, Lecturer, McGill Univ., Economics Dept., for Input-Output analysis.

Ein Bedenken habe ich was das kleine Komitee betrifft - ob Tommy H. nicht als der Gottseibeiuns in USA betrachtet werden würde. Ich bin überzeugt dass er ebenso intensiv mitwirken würde auch wenn er nicht gedruckt im kleinen Komitee erscheint, und wahrscheinlich unsere Bedenken teilen würde. - Noch etwas: auf unserer 'tentative List' sollte R.C. Pratt gestrichen werden, aus dem entgegengesetzten Grunde.

Wie war's in Wien?

Alles Gute Euch beiden,

By Kare to Ilona

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