

9:40 P. M. March 27, 1942

Darling mine:

It looks like I am going to close up shop early tonight!

The adorable blouse and skirt and raw silk shorts and print blouse came today and I love them!! They make me dream of sun and long walks and lying on some beach with you. I shall try them on tonight and see how they fit. Perhaps in just a month or so I can wear the blouse and skirt to work. I like your taste very much, my dearest. Thanks, with all my heart.

This morning the blow fell. Otha Ree called me and said her mother wanted her to come home April first (next Wednesday)--that a friend of hers who was teaching school close to Marshall had to quit and wanted her to finish out her term. So she is going just at the time we will be moving in. It will be hectic. She said she would try her best to stay until I got moved in, the second or third, but she did want to get home to take this job.

I immediately wrote Dr. Dogan, asking him if he could find me another girl. Then I called Editha, who used to work for us, because I had heard Otha Ree say that Editha's employer was leaving Washington; they aren't going for no telling how long and besides she now gets \$12.50 a week, so I don't know whether we can work out anything on that score. I am sorry to bother my carrier-of-great-problems with a trifle like this but it will upset my whole way of life. Servants are simply not to be found in Washington now.

One other point, my dear. Mary now has a comfortable, fairly large room at the Dodge, and we must think twice before we let her move out of it on next Wednesday because she certainly would not be able to get it back easily--if ever, or any other for that matter. Wire or write me before then if you have any basis to believe we ought not to go through with our plans. Otherwise we may wind up with about six of us living at Woodley Park Towers!

Lee McWilliams never did answer my letter about my talk with Bob Craig. I have no idea whether he is interested or not.

Tonight I had a call from Jim Blundell asking me for a list of the voting boxes in each precinct of each county, and the names of a few good strong supporters, not of the

"big shot" variety, but more on the order of Miss Lula Stribling, in each box. He said he and Jake Pickle were going to spend the next two weeks working hard on the petitions--Jake would cover the district. Have you appointed Jim Blundell "generalissimo"? He is a mighty pleasant boy but not in my opinion a very strong one. We are sending them the list tomorrow night, airmail special.

Tex came over today to help me out on a detail and we had lunch together and a good long talk. Poor Rausenbusch is about to get put out of the Interior Department--the appropriation by Congress is managing somehow to cut him out.

Goodnight, love. Let us know whether you liked any of the suggested letters for agricultural bulletins; if we don't hear from you we will just dope up a reasonably good one and start on it. We have addressed about 6500 envelopes so far. No, I never did write a letter to go on the bulletins--life was getting very hectic about that time.

All my love, always,