

Shreveport, La.
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Dear Hews:

I know you must have felt a little discouraged after getting mothers letter about returning to the States but we get so worried about you and your family over there in the midst of so much communism with Russia seemingly getting a strangle hold on Europe it is no wonder we yearn to have you back home with us once again, it is probably selfishness on our part but mother worries especially about the children, do they get the proper nourishment, are they warm enough in the cold winter days, we also think the school is not giving you any breaks on account of your modern architecture, I know you are on the ground floor and know what is best and we will rely on your good judgement as to your future course.

I expect you feel like I do that you have made this long trip and venture that you should at least give it a good try before even thinking about returning home, I admire you for your courage and determination and mother does too but still we cant help from feeling just a little bit uneasy over the fact that you are so far away from home, so you do what you think is best and I know everything will turn out for the best.

Do you still think you can complete your course in three years, that will make just two years from next September, did you get your shaving cream, I will try and include a tube in every box we send you from now on which should keep you well supplied.

Things are getting very plentiful here with the exception of automobiles but they say by next Jan. you will be able to go down town and pick out the car you want, I think the price is drying up the market somewhat, Ford, Chevrolet and Plymouth will cost you in the neighborhood of \$2,000.00 if you get all the extras like seat covers, radio and heater which is just about double what we paid before the war.

We have had a terrible winter, sleet, snow, cold rains, just the opposite from your mild winter, but today has been perfect, perhaps spring is just around the corner.

I still go thru the old ~~routine~~ routine, office all day, Synagogue, St. Marks, Four Square orchestra and I have added another, I am singing with a choral group, conducted by a Mr. Bulboaca of the First Presbyterian Church, we have been promised radio work and may make some money out of it but I doubt it very much, I will try it for a while and see what comes of it.

Now Hews dont feel hard at mother and myself for wanting you to come home, you just do what you think is best and we will always be right behind you 100%.

Love Dad