

How about a celebration next weekend?

Dear,

Well, guard duty sucks. It's boring & long - but not difficult. I actually thought while on foot, so I share my earthshaking ideas with you! This week I read some back issues (November) of Sat. Review. Some of the articles really got me thinking. One of them was on U.S. foreign policy. It's been 50 yrs. since W.W. II & some strange things have happened to us since then. Right after the war there was a surge of idealism in the US that we could help create a world order that was safe for democracy. This was not a congealing spirit but one of pretty much live & let live, but concurrent with this spirit was a rising tide of war weariness - especially in Europe. The idealism soon shattered to individualism - nationalism & selfishness and blame who you will, the ideals fell out of sight very quickly.

Instead of a world order, there
seem to develop world chaos.
There developed in Russia, Germany,
Japan, Italy & then elsewhere
the opposite of democracy -
closed nationalistic military
control. So the seeds for a worse
war were sown. Out of WW II
it would seem there might
arise a new hope of democratic
ideal - but instead a strange
thing happened, especially in
America. The ideals of a
working world order, where
individuals & individual countries
to keep identity without
conflict were overshadowed by
a more sterile "ideology". It
was a social, political, economic
& sometimes even religious package
to be sold to the world. Russia
had been developing & perfecting
its own form of ideology to
sell. Thus, the two, very quickly
became rather natural enemies
vying for world acceptance.

behind us must be against us.
And with this attitude how
can there not be more Namors
Koreas or smaller countries following
our "suppressor" example like
in the middle east or Africa.

Turning to another thought,
how about economics for a start?
If you remember from my
Calgaard paper on Growth & Dev.,
it is an important aspect of
economic development, that
resources are released from
improving farm production
efficiency so that labor can
move to cities (+ still be feed)
in order to run the growing no.
of machines. Well, since WWII,
our farms have had a tremendous
increase in efficiency (a lot
of it has existed since WWII
as a matter of fact). This has
been so great that now even
a 100% increase in farm
productivity couldn't release

But the most disturbing factor
affecting us, is that the US
has actually suppressed her
long history of free exchange
of ideas & ideals - thereby
precepts she has stood for
internally for years etc. to be
replaced by a hard-line non-
dynamic ideology that seems
to be becoming more & more out
of touch with reality of the
world situation. If we believe
democracy & the acceptance of
others rights limited only in
the outskirts to save others basic
liberties, then why do we want
to sell our specific "ways of life"
to a world that may or may
not wish to accept us totally.
That is, should we not admit or
even encourage their own
identity & "personality" of their
nations? We have brainwashed
ourselves into believing that
those who are not totally

many more useful resources to other sectors of the economy since farm production represents only 9% of our total labor population. However, concurrent with this resource release has been a non-consumption or personal services (public or private) increase in production represented by military build up. The military now uses 10% of our labor force (+ indirectly many ~~more~~ more working on "war contracts"). Now, it seems that if we want to increase our services + goods for public use (+ this includes some very pressing needs like roads, social welfare, city planning etc), we must conquer this military glut. One author said it is little wonder we saw so much discontent in this last election. The people feel cheated. Welfare programs

have benefited the rich more than the poor (high professional wages + a hell of a lot of pocket money for politicians). The govts to college often also mostly subsidize the middle upper classes. Our social problems are not being solved. Our GNP grows at 3-5% a year but so does military production (+ much more since Nam) to the point where that yearly ~~of~~ increase is not realized by the labor force, it represents mostly more guns & missiles. To note, personal consumption represented 78% of total income in 1929. In 1969 it will be only 67%. Of course some of that drop is represented by increase public expenditures necessitated by a complex modern society, like road, airports, research, and some welfare. But it's easy to guess where most

of that government. Look at the
Federal Budget & see where 60%
of the taxes you pay go even
more if you include military
oriented foreign aid & space
programs).

(Thoughts of family to be will
follow shortly.)

So, the conclusion is, the next
frontier to conquer is the gun
problem. We will have a trillion
dollars a year GNP by 1971.
That means yearly we produce
\$1,000,000,000 worth of goods &
services but most of us won't
see much difference from the
\$550 million economy of 1960,
before Kennedy. Why? You guessed
it.

I have decided (on duty today)
that our next girl after Lara
Dianne (+ I think Lara is better
than Laura) should be named
Leah René Steele (~~Paul~~ 's').
René will be a middle name
that way & she could learn

how it is supposed to be pronounced. Besides it's becoming a popular name, so I think most would pronounce it right. I do like Leah. Don't know why I didn't at first, but I said it over 500 times & it sounds much better than Lana - it's softer & more feminine. And I keep coming back to Eric. I like that. It's different enough to be special & it's masculine, I think. I like Eric Martin best, altho I could change on Martin, I guess.

I love you. Need to get some sleep. Hope you enjoy listening to my babble. I need someone to talk to who doesn't think I'm a nut ^{kind} or excited or interpreted in something that isn't money, sex, or liquor. I love you. Will write thru. Your overworked but lovable, Lynn

K.P. wasn't too bad. I lunched
out + got dining room orderly.
It was especially good since
the day before someone told
the C.O. about the cooks taking
meat out of the garbage pail
to make stew. A K.P. told so
the K.P.'s in the kitchen had
it rather rough. Looks like
some cooks are really in hot
water, now.

The week went fast, again.
Don't know where the time goes
so quickly. I've fasted here
than at basic.

Got a letter from Grandma
+ one from D + J yesterday.
Grandma said she'd like to
have a picture of both of us -
so why don't you give her one
of the Xmas ones if you want
to. She was to get a small
frame for it she said. What
ever you want to do. Her letter
was kind of sad. I know she's
worried about Uncle H. +
Aunt Jackie and she misses
us, I think. Maybe you could
have a black + white enlargement

made for her + maybe a copy
for both Moms, too. Think
about it. You only need to
send 1 coupon per order (of
as many you want) with a small
charge for each extra copy
(it's on the coupon price list).
And we have that receipt in
the wall letter holder good
for more orders. Whatever
you want to do. Doesn't have
to be right away - we can
talk about it next weekend.
Dad said Debbie was acting
low + "funny" lately. The
mom wrote today + said sis
was to go to K. U. Med for 2
wks, at councilor's request. Don't
know any more about it, but
if you hear, let me know.
Liked J + Gil's letter. She
has such a beautiful hand.
Sure would like to see them
soon. Just wishing again.
Lew's letter was pleasant.

in the guard house, so my writing is worse than normal - therefore terrible).

It turned real cold thus, but is warming up some now. Hope it's better for bivouac because we nite fire all 3 nites. Will miss writing you this week but can excuse if you can.

Last nite there was a special Bge meeting for married men living off post. The major speaking to them was from Bge headquarters. He & the chaplain told the group that anyone graduating after Feb. 7 would get leaves after AIT. Can't say anything for sure - you know the Army but sounds like that's more authoritative than the last announcement. Sure hope so. Cheers to you anyway. Don't care about it so much if I go to Germany, but if it's Nam, sure would like to come home.

Dear,

Got your "it's over" letter today. Glad to hear you in such a good mood. And your response to my thoughts (+ mostly babble) last Sun. really made me feel good. Not nearly so philosophical this weekend. Haven't had time to really relax enough to get fresh thoughts. Make guard duty with spawn something new. Usually it doesn't, however. It's so dull - so goes your mind.

Hope your F.S. visit is enjoyable. So glad you've been with Linda. Should do you both good. Really makes me feel better knowing you can relax + communitate with friends - close friends. And I know getting away from K. U. will help alot. Imagine the apartment gets to be a real drag after you're alone + tied to it like you have been. Lifting your spirits lifts mine. (I'm writing on a bed

Don't think he's too upset with
us. Wish he'd learn to spell
my name, tho. Guess he's
never seen it written before.

Haven't had such a nagging
desire to call you this week.
Maybe it's because I've been
so busy. Also, knowing that
it was almost over at school,
I didn't feel so worried about
your patience & nerves. Maybe
we can relax together on the
phone tomorrow. I'm pretty
relaxed, too. I'm sleepy & a little
tired but not tightened up
like I was right after Xmas.

Best way this letter up. Got
to go out and guard something
for a while. May write more
later - in another letter.
May wait until tomorrow
when I need the release. I love
you so, Lena.

Your Lynn