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May 21, 1948.

Dear Friend:--

The letter which I wrote to you yesterday is probably on its way to Portland by this time, but certainly not yet arrived there; but here comes your lovely letter written Tuesday night (when you should have been sleeping?), and I am going to start a reply to it before we go down to vote and "save the country."

And there ought to be some very serious voting today, for the moral issue is definitely up in the state election -- nomination, I mean, for this is just the primary. I think I have told you of the accident that took the life of our governor, and the secretary of state and president of the senate, the two next in line for the succession, and put into the gubernatorial chair the presiding officer of the house. Well, this man had been rather closely associated with the gambling interests, the liquor business, and other features of the under-world. He had worked for the weakening of the liquor laws, which are already so liberal that the per capita consumption of liquor has increase from \$4.00 to more than \$37.00, and that is just for hard liquor legally sold in the state stores, and does not include beer, light wine, moonshine, bootleg sales, etc. He worked hard for the bill to license "bookie" houses, for free betting on horse and dog races outside the state -- already we have pari-mutuel betting on horse and dog races in the state; he has worked hard for other measures that tended toward looser morals. The other man, his chief opponent, has been his opposite in these and other matters for years, and I hope he is nominated.

Now we've done our voting, Rebecca has been to the doctor, who says she is coming along all right, I've paid my electric and telephone bill for the month, and dinner is cooking.

We are much interested in your work for the Greeks, and hope that soon we may have free transportation for foods, not only to Greece but to other areas. If you and I were in positions of power, would we make it more difficult for private enterprise and altruistic folks to send food to the starving folks overseas by charging high rates for transportation, and then make government appropriations to buy food which others were willing to give, and have to transport it and pay for it besides? It does not make sense, but neither do a lot of other things we have seen government do. It just looks to me as if the sensible thing would be to say to all agencies that are willing to provide food, "Come across with the food and we'll see that the food comes across to the needy."

Well, the government has taken the right attitude in regard to some help for the folks overseas. They have agreed to give free transportation to 1,000 heifers and 2,000 goats for overseas relief, in Asia and Europe, and that's what our Heifers-for-Relief organization is working on now.

It seems to me that you say it very well, that God must be ashamed of the human race that is talking of and preparing for

another war. Angry, yes; disgusted, yes; and ashamed. It is inexcusable; we ought to know better; we do know better.

Our weather continues wet and cold -- maybe cool is the better word. I do not mean that we are having frosts. But not a rose has bloomed in our garden yet, and we have had roses in bloom in March. Most folks think that the fruit is badly damaged -- some believe there will be very few peaches or prunes or pears; there has been but little plowing done; many things are not yet planted that sometimes are planted in February. We have been eating radishes for a good while, and our peas are looking good, those that did not drown. So do the beets that came up, and the rhubarb chard, and the onion sets. And that's about all that is making even the slightest showing. The one row of Oregon Giant beans that I planted I am sure drowned. But it did not rain yesterday, and has not rained thus far today, so maybe we are going to have a chance to make some gardens soon.

Must quit and eat the greens and potatoes and short ribs and things that have been giving my nose such a treat for a considerable time.

With love and best wishes to you all,

Mrs. Lura C. Miles,
Pleasant Hill, Ohio.