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DEAR UNCLE JIM:

THERE IS ONLY A MOMENT IN WHICH TO DASH OFF THIS WEE NOTE, AS MY ENTIRE SUNDAYS ARE TAKEN UP FOR THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS. IT IS A JOY TO RECEIVE THEM, AND EACH AND ALL GIVE ME RENEWED COURAGE.

I AM ATTENDING A FIVE-WEEKS FULL-TIME STATE TRAINING SCHOOL GIVEN BY THE "CHRISTIAN BROTHERS" ON "CHRISTIANISM". IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE ALLOWED TO BE A STUDENT IN SCHOOL, AND WHAT A WONDERFUL COURSE IT IS! THE SCHEDULE COVERS A LECTURE, THEN READING, THEN STUDY GROUP WORK, THEN THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF THE STUDENTS, FOLLOWED BY CRITICISM BY THE GROUPS, STUDENTS AND FINALLY BY THE INSTRUCTOR.

I AM HAVING AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS TIME, SO FAR AS MY OWN PERSONAL PROBLEMS ARE CONCERNED. EVIDENTLY HAVING TO BATTLE MY WAY THROUGH LIFE WITH A HANDICAP, FIGHTING ALWAYS TO EARN MY LIVING AND COMPETE WITH OTHERS, HAS DEVELOPED AN OVER-AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE, A TENDENCY TO WORK INDIVIDUALLY RATHER THAN COLLECTIVELY. I FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH THE GROUP. ALSO, MANY OF MY HANGOVERS PRIOR TO BECOMING A CHRISTIAN ARE STILL LOOMING IN THE BACKGROUND. THE CRITICISM IS VERY SEVERE, TOO. HOWEVER, I MAY COME OUT ON TOP BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL.

WE HAVE JUST FINISHED THE TOPIC OF IMPERIALISM AND ARE ABOUT READY TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF THE TRADE UNIONS. HOW I WISH YOU MIGHT BE WITH US!

ANITA WHITNEY IS TO VISIT THE SCHOOL TO-MORROW. WE HAVE 37 STUDENTS, AND WE ARE DIVIDED INTO SIX GROUPS. ANITA IS GOING AWAY TO-MORROW EVENING TO BE GONE SEVERAL WEEKS, I BELIEVE.

WILL YOU NOT SEND ME A GREETING TO READ TO OUR SCHOOL? I NEED YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, FOR THE WHOLE THING HAS MADE ME A BIT DOWN, AND I SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX.

MY SINCERE AND COMRADELY GREETINGS, AND NEXT TIME I WILL WRITE A MORE COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING.

MARGARET