

The slips were ;postmarked May 15th and arrived here June 20, so you see they made good time at least. They have raised airmail postage out here so that I think that I shall send my letters regular mail. I am not sure really whether there is airmail. Some of your letters come through in two weeks, but some take a month.

We are all in a dither because next week when this committee meets, we will have four guests and we have really only one extra bed. So you see it is going to stretch the bed a little to take care of all of them. In addition addition to that, Tracey has gone to Shanghai to get his wife and little girl. We don't know when they will return. Her boat got in nearly a week ago but we have had no word from them. Presumably they are having difficulty with their baggage. They are bringing beds for themselves, but we expect that they will arrive on the same day as our other guests, which means really seven ~~g~~ beds to be made up out of practically nothing. If I had thought about it, I would have told them to wait a day or two longer in Shanghai until we got rid of these guests. We have two canvas cots, and another cot, but with no mattress. We have one bed and mattress extra. There is a couch that we can put the little girl on but I think Tracey is going to have to sleep on the floor. Marie thinks that is too bad but I think it would be good for his soul.

I will be very happy to get the drapes. You gave me one of them but later thought better of it and took it back, so you had better look that up and send it too. I don't know where you hid it or it would be out here. I have gotten used to bare floors and windows so that I really sort of like it, but the drapes will cheer everybody up a great deal. There is something about going without things. It doesn't matter for a while but after a while it seems terribly important to have it.

I am frankly rather flabbergasted by the amount of things you are sending. I thought I might get two or three boxes from each place, and to get twenty-one from one place is a little more than I bargained for. Not that I won't put everything to good use. There are the twins older brothers and sisters for instance. It is funny the psychology of giving, isn't it. I haven't heard from any of my other letters. I thought Jennie would be good for a box or two, but have heard nothing from her. Not that I am greedy.

Western style dresses are being worn a lot more, especially by school girls. Some of them are from the used clothes UNNRA has been distributing many of whom are immediately sold by the poor people who get them. I am going to try to get some milk powder from UNNRA or the Red Cross for the twins.

I went to the country a couple of weeks ago and meant to write a long letter about it, but never got around to it. It was dreadfully hot the two days I was out, but we have had quite nice weather since until today.

Really the bump on my head and this little sick spell have been good for me because I was really getting rather tired and it gave me an excuse to rest for a while. I had two black eyes as a result, really looked quite tragic for a while, but they are practically gone now. The bruise was up on my forehead but I suppose the blood oozed down into my eyelids. Anyhow they turned black. When this week is over, I am going to loaf for a while. Hoping you are the same, I got Clara's letter last week and am glad to know she is feeling better. In fact I have two letters from her from S.L. With love, Jessie