

Dear Turk,

5/15/70

I have been chafing for time to sit and write to you at great length during the past 3 turbulent weeks. The very turbulence kept me glued to the radio - even during UN meetings, via earphone - especially after the Kent State massacre, personally anticipating a declaration of martial law. I felt utterly inactivated for a while and for the first time since Dallas impatient with the mention of the WR - really irrelevant, for the moment, although fundamental to the state to which we have been brought.

I too took part in a demonstration, hostilely improvised by NYU law students, on 5/15/70. We were surrounded by police of every description and I was ready to provoke a personal confrontation with one of them who told me to "move on." But the cops were in good behavior that day and no real trouble developed. Who would club a middle-aged like me anyhow? Oh, the time will come, no doubt, as it has come already for you even in a civilized country like Denmark.

It only confirms one's impression that there is a global alliance between all uniformed hard-top bullies and official killers which overcomes nationality and mere distance - an alliance against any and all who dissent and refuse to be accomplices in the carnage.

A week ago today the labor fascists let loose with murderous attacks on the protesters against the war - brown-shirts out in the open again after almost 40 years. Since last week, ~~there~~ many ominous indications of a formative coalition between the several different blocs of super-patriots and Nixon-loving fascists - police, Nat'l Guard, construction workers, longshoremen, white-collar bigots, American Legion, etc. People who hate, fear and envy their own young, and are pathologically hostile to anything deemed "intellectual."

So, unhappily, I can only agree fully with your diagnosis and your prognosis, as to what lies ahead for us in this wretched evil country.

Many people are giving quite serious thought to leaving for good - for Australia, Switzerland, P.R. ...

Clashes and battles between the killer squads and the young and/or black are now a nightly feature, in many locales across the whole country - Two more deaths last night, on a black campus - 6 blacks shot in the back and killed the day before - it is gathering momentum.

Never have I been so deeply depressed and fearful. In the midst of all this, a visit from Paul Hoch, whom I had not met before - very nice guy, I think, and one of the few serious, dependable, balanced critics still active. But I could not really focus on talk about the case, not now, and I'm afraid he must have felt he had wasted his time.

You know, of course, about the now-notorious LBJ deletion (by CBS) of his belatedly confessed "doubts" about the WR. Unnoticed at about the same time, a small press report to the effect that Sherman Cooper <sup>has</sup> never believed the single-bullet fantasy.

Dick Sprague is now in league with an off-beat computer expert, one Ed Berkeley, and the two of them have been issuing grandiose public claims about six assassins - none of them being LHO - for which they cite "conclusive" computer findings based on an in-put of 2500 or 25000 photos or film frames.

My patience with these Penn Jones types is really exhausted. Need I add - Sprague & Berkeley are working with and through Fensterwald, who is still palsy with Garrison.

I've been longing for the day of your return, Tink, but now my feelings are mixed. It is going to be a very ugly and dangerous time. The only hope I can see is that the students will prove more formidable and resourceful than we can now expect. All my love,  
Good friend - Lubin