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Dear Al,

Today all the news was good. Earlier I sent you without reading it the new army training stuff. Sorry I hadn't more time to spend on it.

Today you should have received the Thomas contribution.

Today I sent you the army pictures and captions.

Enclosed are drafts of the contributions of Sabath and Coffee, of which more below. Both have to be approved by wire before they can be used.

Enclosed is a picture of Coffee, which he'd like to have returned to him, because its the last glossy he has.

Today Murray drafted his piece. He's going to re-de it tomorrow and will wire it to you press collect at about noon.

About the Sabath piece: As you know he is in Chicago. I drafted the enclosed and sent it to him airmail special with the request that he wire you his approval or the corrections, if any, collect. If he just wires okay, then, of course, you have copy in hand. However, I must emphasise you can't use

it without his express approval. About Sabath: He is the dean of the House

and has just set a record for continuous service. He came in with Teddy Roosevelt and is still here. He is chairman of the House Rules Committee,

through which all House action funnels, hence he is one of the most important Members.

Coffee, as I told you, is the crusading chairman of the Liberal bloc and a long-time Congressional enemy of fascism in all its forms, national

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and international. He is one of the original new dealers. Incidentally,
all are Democrats.

Murray should have sent you his picture today. He is chairman of the
Senate small-business committee and the sponsor of the bill to help
small businesses and businessmen. He is on the following committees:
Education and Labor, Foreign Relations and 6 others.
Coffee is on 6 committees, a heavy assignment for the House.
I drafted the enclosed statement for Coffee. I'm taking it to him for his
approval tomorrow, and if there are changes I'll wire them then.

I guess that covers everything, except that now that we are in I can
tell you, confidentially, "pneuh!" Boy, this stuff kept me stepping!
I'm pleasantly surprised we have it all.

By the way, I think Sabath will make a swell story. He's a Czech immigrant
who came here when 16, and he has the record above. He is one of the most
progressive Members of either House and a stalwart fighter against prejudice
and discrimination, as, of course, fascims, too. He long ago started
calling the shots that are leading today, as his statement shows.

I hope this gets to you first thing in the morning.
I'll write you more tomorrow. By the way, a memorandum on the Public
Health piece is on the good doctor's desk, and I hope to hear from
him tomorrow.

Please put Congressmen Coffee and Sabath down on your mailing list for
free copies, sending two to Sabath.

G'night.

Harold Weisberg