

in the Republican election, however, if he does win he will still have a great problem ahead of him in convincing the people that he can offer more than Roosevelt in the way of war and post war leadership, but again, I think he will make an admirable showing in face of the Demo's more strategic advantage at this moment. If the war were to meet a crisis around November time we might be willing to give Dewey a chance but the likelihood of such a adversity occurring is very improbable. My only hope is that these political leaders will keep their appeal to more lofty ideals and vital issues rather than waste their valuable time in their usual childish and petty criticisms. I am sure that you as well as many other people torn with grief and tragic suffering will resent such unneeded campaigning.

Last Wednesday I chanced to wander over to the enlisted mens club which is located in the heart of Berkeley and some 30 minutes walking distance from the hut. This single reconnaissance amply satisfied both my curiosity and any further desire to revisit the place. The original purpose of the club was to supply the minor recreational needs of the men as well as to offer a place where one could rest and relax, eat, read and write letters or to entertain friends and while I agree that the housing and facilities are indeed ideal for such occasions, the unavoidable factor of human congestion does not permit the fulfillment of that original purpose. Here, as is the case in other fields of entertainment including such things as shows, swimming pool, and Post Exchanges, this compact and unwieldy, elbow polishing, stampeding, skin kicking population flourishes. Thirty men, sardined in