

military service will so soon demand Dolph and perhaps even John. You know what it is because Owen was not only in the last war but was a prisoner of the Germans and fortunately came through without any unusually difficult hardships. I don't know what is the matter with the old world. England, who used to take no affronts because of her navy, now seems lacking in leadership and courage. Otherwise, they would not be taking the exploitation of their oil fields in Iran and apparently doing nothing about it. The rise and fall of great nations is of great interest. For many years "the tight little isle" pretty nearly dominated the world and now seems so helpless without a Lord George or a Churchill to direct them. The Labor government has certainly flazzeled as such governments usually do and as strong as the United States has been, just how long it can stand up under present leadership is hard to foresee.

This is a good deal of a lecture to give offhand and with no gate receipts. I am glad to know that Pat is coming along fine and that you have good word from the grandsons.

lots of love,

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