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Thursday night

Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

There is nothing much to tell you--we are working our heads off on the general subject "Resolved that Trade Unionism is Essential to the Progress of Civilization". It is a ridiculous subject, one that allows of infinite speculation, philosophizing, and oratory. From what we can gather, that is their method of debating. The debate has been postponed to next Thursday afternoon--two of them and I will debate the affirmative against their third man and our other two. The latest from them is a wire this afternoon saying that they sail Friday morning, and will not be able to make it unless they complete passport arrangements today. It remains to be seen tomorrow whether they have done so or not. Meanwhile we are working like dogs--academic work being entirely outside the question--and having many sessions with Millsy and other members of the Ec department, who have absolutely put their time and services at our disposal.

The other two debaters and chairman are leaving tomorrow at one, arrive New Haven at six, and return Saturday morning, to hear them debate on the League. Considering the shortness of our time for preparation and the fatigue of the trip, I have concluded that it is ridiculous to go. They can tell me about it. Will not telephone tonight, as there is nothing to say, and hate to waste the time waiting for call. Please don't leave until you are all right. In haste,

Fannie