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DEAR UNCLE JIM:

JULIA AND BOB TOLD ME ABOUT THEIR BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE LAST SATURDAY, AND WE ARE ALL SO VERY HAPPY THAT THAT DAY, FOR YOU, TOO, WAS A DAY OF GREAT REJOICING AND THAT SOMETHING PLEASANT AND REALLY GOOD CAME TO YOU. I MADE AN EFFORT TO GET TO SACRAMENTO, BUT SOMEHOW I GOT LOST IN THE SHUFFLE AND THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR ME. SOMETIMES OUR DEAR COMRADES ARE A LITTLE CARELESS IN A N ENTIRELY THOUGHTLESS ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE OF US WHO ARE BUSY WITH THE ROUTINE, DAY-TO-DAY TASKS. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT JOY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO TO SACRAMENTO AND TO SEE YOU. PERHAPS WE CAN FIND A WAY TO DO THIS LITTLE THING YET.

MARY WAS IN THE OTHER DAY, WITH AGNES, AND I HAD LUNCH WITH BOTH OF THEM. WE HAD A LONG TALK ABOUT JIM. MARY SAILED LAST SATURDAY ON THE PRESIDENT HAYES, TO BE GONE FOR A FEW MONTHS. WE ALL FEEL THIS IS A GOOD MOVE, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE MORE TO AN ADVANTAGE ON THE RETURN TRIP.

SUNDAY WAS A GREAT DAY FOR LABOR. WE MARCHED IN A HUGE AND GLORIOUS CROWD FROM THE FERRY BUILDING. OUR LINE AND THE ONE IN FRONT WAS 17 FEET, OR RATHER, 17 ABREAST. THE STREETS ON EACH SIDE WERE LINED WITH PEOPLE, WATCHING US AS WE MARCHED BY. AT THE CIVIC CENTER THERE WAS A CROWD JUST AS LARGE WAITING TO RECEIVE US. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 75,000 PEOPLE WERE THERE. IT WAS A DISCIPLINED, ORDERLY MARCH OF PEOPLE. THE SPEECHES WERE SWELL, TOO. JOHN LEWIS SENT A TELEGRAM FROM THE C.I.O., WHICH MADE US ALL VERY PROUD. TOM MADE A VERY SPLENDID SPEECH. IT WAS AN HISTORIC DAY IN THE ANNALS OF LABOR.

I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH JULIA, SO DO NOT KNOW WHAT DEVELOPED ABOUT YOUR RADIO SET. ABOUT ALL THE MONEY HAS BEEN COLLECTED, HOWEVER. I AM SO VERY HAPPY THAT IT IS GIVING YOU PLEASURE AS WELL AS TO OTHERS. A LARGER AND MORE POWERFUL SET WILL BE MUCH MORE SATISFACTORY. PERHAPS MY LETTER HAD NOT REACHED YOU WHEN YOUR VISITORS CAME ON SATURDAY. AT ANY RATE, WE ARE BUSY WORKING ON THIS MATTER AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS.

ANITA SAW ME THE OTHER DAY. WE WERE WONDERING HOW YOU WOULD FEEL ABOUT A TRANSFER, TEMPORARILY, UNTIL SOMETHING BETTER CAN BE ACHIEVED. YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY THOUGHTS, AND I WILL NEVER STOP WORKING FOR YOUR RELEASE. I BELIEVE IT IS MUCH NEARER THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO.

WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING SOME GOOD LITERATURE INTO THE BRAILLE SYSTEM IN THE PAST YEAR. NOW WE ARE TRYING TO RAISE SOME MONEY TO HAVE IT BOUND. I AM KEEPING A FILE OF OUR PRESS, AND SOME DAY (IT IS NOT SO FAR DISTANT, JIM), YOU WILL HAVE A GRAND AND GLORIOUS TIME READING THESE ORGANS. ARE YOU SUPPLIED WITH ONE OF THE EASTERN DAILY PAPERS? PROBABLY THE NEW YORK TIMES IS ONE OF THE BEST, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

WITH ALL MY LOVE, AND ASSURING YOU THAT THERE IS EVERY REASON FOR ENCOURAGEMENT TO-DAY, I AM

YOUR FRIEND AND COMRADE,

MARGARET