

Jan. 26, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Gales:-

The trunk arrived in good condition Jan. 22nd. Thank you so much for all your kindness.

From the Seattle P.T., we have learned of the unusual weather. Though the thermometer there has dropped below zero number of times, we have found it comparatively tolerable. I cannot imagine how it would feel to be in Seattle when it hits such new low as 9° . On fair days, regardless of how frozen the ground is, the air feels crisp and refreshing. The sunrise and the sunset is inspiring and beautiful but when the wind blows, it feels deathly cold, penetrating to the very bone. If only the wind could be a little more kindly, life here in the wide open spaces would not be half as bad.

From the papers also, we are very much concerned about the pending Congressional investigation. They say that we are being

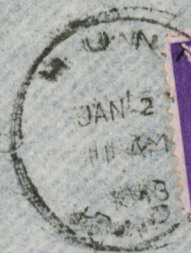
fampered. If they can only live here for a period of time, watch the climatic hardships, the inconvenience, the strain of close living, the food, and all the pressure as suggested by the barbed wire fence and the watch towers, they can readily realize that this is no life for respectable human beings. Life in a camp like this does something to us, mental deterioration shall we call it, that just cannot be measured by casual observation. I cannot help but think that this wholesale evacuation was prompted by some selfish motive and had the army really weighed the problem, they could have realized that we would have been an asset in the war effort. After all, we all value our life and our common sense will tell us that at times of war we must fall in line, aliens as well as citizens, and back the government.

Mr. Everett Harding of the Y. M. C. A. will be our visitor this week end. He will appear before various age groups Sunday and Monday. Our recreation staff will benefit

from his "workshop" Monday morning at
which ^{time} we hope to be enriched in the way of
leadership.

Just a thank you note and a report
of the safe arrival of the trunk. Trust you
and your family are both well - spite of
the severe cold weather.

Yours most sincerely,
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