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Hama, Syria

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Mrs. Susan's Cousins

from  
Mr. Fisher.

1938.

Dear Friends,

It is so nice to hear Selma  
was in to see us. But she does not come  
often enough. To-day, upon returning, we found  
a fine dish of yogurt on the counter,  
which Selma had left there! We greet  
you, and wish you much joy for the New  
Year.

Elyse J. Fisher  
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CURRENT TRENDS

WEEK OF JULY 27-31 DR. EDGAR J. FISHER

FUNDAMENTALS IN THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION

- Monday, July 27--STATUS QUO OR TREATY REVISION. By way of introduction: Living in a New World and not believing it. The present conflict between fundamentals. Character of the treaty-making, 1919-23. The Status Quo. "Haves and Have-Nots". Treaty "maladjustments" for which correction has been demanded. Alternative methods for securing revision. What more should be revised? Real and fancied grievances. The question of German inequality. League politics of peace, or alliances and war?
- Tuesday, July 28--DEMOCRATIC OR TOTALITARIAN GOVERNMENT? Definition of terms. Characteristics of democratic or constitutional government; of totalitarian or dictatorial government. Contrasts between democratic and dictatorial government. Contrasts between Soviet and Fascist dictatorships. "Veiled" dictatorships. Causes of the trend toward authoritarianism. What of the Future?
- Wednesday, July 29--CURRENT NATIONALISM AND IMPERIALISM. Definitions and distinctions. Testing the validity of nationalist expression. Fundamentally cultural character of nationalism. Faulty tendencies in political in political nationalism, in economic nationalism. Perversions of political nationalism. Causes and forms, extent and character of imperialism. Efforts to reform imperialism. Current nationalism, militarism, and imperialism as fundamental barriers to World Order.
- Thursday, July 30--SOVEREIGNTY AND NEUTRALITY. Meaning and implications of national sovereignty. Enforcement of sovereign rights. Necessity for redefining sovereignty. Neutral "magic" and the old traditions. Three main alternatives as to American neutrality. Do we want to be neutral? The price of neutrality. The old conceptions of sovereignty and neutrality in relation to World Order.
- Friday, July 31--THE ORGANIZATION OF PEACE. A balance of power or a community of power? Centuries old, the present system of States has failed to coordinate its parts. Adequacy of the available peace machinery. Purposes and programs of Power Politics irreconcilable with Peace. Necessary steps in substituting order for anarchy in international relations. What should be the policy of the United States with respect to the Organization of Peace? The Foreign Policy planks in the 1936 Party Platforms. Building international unity is not idealistic folly, but the most practical reform in modern history.

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February 6, 1936

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Riza,

Your letters of January 13th and 16th have given Mrs. Fisher and me a great deal of pleasure. I can well understand that it may have been difficult for you at that distance to have secured our exact address because we have been moving around quite frequently since we left you at Beirut.

I still look back with great pleasure to the visit which we had at your delightful home along the seashore, and Mrs. Fisher has told me of subsequent visits which she had with you either at our apartment in Dodge Hall at the University or at your home. We can both be gratefully enthusiastic over the privilege of those visits together along the Syrian Coast.

Your interest in our whereabouts has been so real and solicitous that I might tell you just a word about what we have been doing. For the year after I left Beirut I taught in different institutions but spent a good deal of my time giving individual lectures on international relations. Last summer and the summer before, I lectured at Syracuse University and also did considerable teaching and lecturing last summer at Chautauqua Institution in western New York State. There were several suggestions which came to me concerning openings during the last year or so, among which was a university pastorate in the Middle West. Another was the taking of the deanship at Judson College in Rangoon, Burma, a college which stands in India about the same as Robert College in the Near East, and then there was also a question of the International House in New York City. The position which I am now occupying is not at the International House as I may imagine you believe, but at Dr. Duggan's Institute of International Education.

You mention that Dr. Dodd told you that I was the Headmaster at Berea College in Kentucky. He was correct that I was at Berea for a short time but not as headmaster. I was occupying the position of a professor who was absent for a short time on leave, and it was while I was there that Dr. Duggan invited me to come to New York as Assistant Director of the Institute of International Education. I am glad to say that the

Dr. and Mrs. Riza

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people at Berea did seem to regret my cutting short the work there, but I fear that I was there hardly long enough to make the impression upon the institution which you seem to imply.

We saw Miss Dodd not so very long ago, and she seems almost as youthful as ever. It will be a pleasure indeed to see any of your children who are here in America and we would be glad if you gave them our address.

As I recall, you lectured under the auspices of the Institute of International Education during your last visit to this country, and I am sure that Miss Waite will be interested in my having heard from you.

Edgar, Jr. is now sixteen and he is studying at a little school, called the Solebury School at New Hope, Pennsylvania. This school is under the headmastership of the great grandson of Cyrus Hamlin and the grandson of George Washburn, that is, Arthur Washburn whom you may perhaps remember when he was in Constantinople at Robert College for a year or two during the early part of the war.

Mrs. Fisher will be writing to you and Mrs. Riza in a short time but I did wish to get this letter off to you quite promptly.

This goes to you with our earnest and sincere greetings.

Cordially yours,

*Edgar J. Fisher*

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Dr. and Mrs. Riza-Tevfik  
Janieh, Lebanon  
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Letter of Mr. S. Fisher.

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Dr. and Mrs. Rice

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people at home did seem to regret my putting about the work here, but I  
fear that I was there hardly long enough to make the impression upon the  
institution which you seem to imply.

As you know I did not do very long ago, and she seems almost as  
youngful as ever. It will be a pleasure indeed to see any of your children  
and we hope in America and it would be glad if you have them our wishes.

He is now sixteen and he is studying at a little  
school at New Hope, Pennsylvania. This school is  
of the great grandson of Cyrus Hamlin and the  
school is at New Hope, Pennsylvania. I have  
not seen it for a year or two since.

but I did not feel this letter off to you quite promptly.  
I hope to you with our earnest and sincere  
regards.

Cordially yours,

*S. Fisher*