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risen very considerably - in many instances e.g. Public Servants, Metal Union Workers etc by 25% with an extra week's holiday (making this 4 weeks per annum) and there will be more to follow. They can't see that the only sensible mathematical solution is to fix Wages & Prices. They are talking of setting up a court where increase in prices of any commodities will have to be justified before it can be allowed. I think that perhaps the world generally is in much the same state as U.S.A - to quote you "Social Unrest, Economic uncertainty, political distrust of a fundamental type and a great uncertainty as to where we are going intellectually, morally, spiritually and economically." I hope that you are right that this may be "the beginning of adulthood and of some wisdom on the part of a more experienced citizenry." But it certainly is a depressing picture at the moment.

I'm delighted that you will be back at your valuable work again at the Kettering Laboratory and that you have made a wise decision not to undertake consultant work. We all want to have you as fit as possible for a long time yet. Eileen is very fit and as active as ever in Red Cross work. She sends her love to you both and our best wishes to you both go with this note - good health and great happiness and continued success which you both deserve. Yours affectionately

Keith

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