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Dear Viljo,

I am most anxious to hear what the U.C.A. is going to do with the freeloaders. This whole business of Swayze and Taylor is most distressing. I can't understand faculty members going out to collect money when the Board told us so emphatically that administration was none of our business. I hope few people answer that impertinent questionnaire. How did it pass?

Ken wrote a long sad letter. He seems most unhappy. I distrust all preachers and think we have abundant evidence that religion is a corrosive force – Graham, Lockhart, Freeman, Taylor, the two Hal(l)steads. People don't seem to have principles unless they are prepared to go to hell.

Unless Pearson catches fire a major political revolution is underway. The Liberal party is falling apart in Ontario. Knowles says they may elect no one in the West; the 'experts' around here are now talking in terms of 6 to 10 seats staying Liberal in Ontario. I have an irrational foreboding of a Conservative sweep of unprecedented proportions. Diefenbaker has communicated to the average little Joe as has no one else in our time – not even Aberhart in Alberta. I would not be surprised to see the Conservatives get around 4 million votes despite Pearson's appeal and the Tories' daily offences against intelligence. Our Irish Catholic Neighbours have voted Liberal since Alexander Mackenzie but this time they are flocking Diefenbaker. 'He is a great leader'; 'he increased the Old Age Pension'; 'he is one of us'; 'he is a great leader.' Ugh! It is going to be rough on reason. Pearson is like Stevenson in 1952 with one difference: the Democratic machine in 1952 still did a job. David Croll has been drafted to run the show in Ontario and is reported to be 'stunned' by the lack of preparation and spirit. I have another irrational feeling. So many people hate the Liberals so much and are so excited at the prospect of really cutting them down that a portion of the CCF vote in 1957 will go PC this time. I can hardly wait for the first Gallup guess.

Keep up the good work and thanks for keeping me in the 'know.'

Love, lamentations. Best to family,

(Signed) Harry