

312 East Lincoln Ave.,
Wheaton, Ill.
June 12, 1936.

Dear Brothers and Sisters -All:

Just a few words in haste, for tonight's mail.

Have just received a letter from Bertha, in answer to mine of the eighth, in which I asked her for more detailed information re her date combination of her vacation, and the "Streamliner" "sailing dates" (As most of you may know, there is only one "Streamliner" running between C. and Portland, and it takes six days to make the round trip, so in order to ride thereon, ~~dates~~ dates have to be arranged) The letter just received has cleared up the uncertainty that was in my mind, as the result of previous correspondence.

I am very sorry, however to find that the vacation date does not seem to combine with the "sailing dates" in such a way as to give her the whole two weeks of the vacation - running either either about three days under the vacation allowance, or about the same time over it. After most careful of all the data that has been placed before me for consideration, and in behalf of the best interests of all concerned, I feel *sure* now that Bertha should choose the August 19th sailing. This would bring her to Sheffield on Saturday August 22nd at 1:03 PM; (if she goes by train all the way, but there are some details about this to be still worked out) If she is only able to get the two weeks vacation, she will have to leave Sheffield at 1:10 PM the following Thursday; August the 27th. Bertha I urge you to make a special plea for an extension of vacation till September 4th sailing, so that you could remain six days longer. I feel ~~that~~ sure that the company would give you this, if they clearly understood the matter, and you put it up strongly enough to them. *Considered*

But on the strength of all your desires as far as I know them to date, I would set the date for our assembling at Farnes's, August 21st and 22nd-- Friday and Saturday. If some of us can arrive there on Friday and get straightened around a little before Bertha gets there at 1:00 PM on Saturday it would be a good thing. And then we could all settle down for a day of rest and quiet over Sunday, and plunge into the more active affairs on Monday, and so on thru the week, or as long as any of us can stay.

Must close now. Am sending copies of this to you all, and hope to receive your comments just as soon as possible.

Love and prayers,

Clarence W. Crosby