



Mrs. Logie

Letters from Logie:

A Visit to Washington...

Burmese Embassy
Washington
November 25, 1956

The Principal and Staff
Methodist English High School
Raagoon, Burma.

Dear Everybody,

You can see by the address where I am. I flew over here from Nashville on the 23rd over a country blanketed in snow. It was lovely from the air, but not so hot when I had to wade through it when I had to change planes at Louisville. Washington has had very little snow as yet, though it still looks as though it might any minute now.

U Win and his whole family—Mrs. Win, four children and two young American guests from Yale were at the airport to meet me. I felt so welcome! One of the guests is Bill Arnold, whose father is head of the Ford Foundation in Raagoon.

I have been all round Washington in the past two days and have seen all the sights. U Win put a car, his driver and two secretaries—one Burmese and one American—at my disposal. The Burmese girl is Ni Ni, Walter Chit Tun's daughter. They took me all over the place. We had a special pass to see the White House and were conducted right through the place by an attendant. We didn't go into the President's private suite, of course, but saw everything else before the crowds were allowed in.

Washington is such a beautiful place and so well planned. The parks and memorials are lovely—even with the trees bare. They must be breathtaking when the cherry blossoms are out.

Yesterday afternoon we were at Mt. Vernon—George Washington's estate. It was a very cold day, and we were all half frozen by the side of the Potomac River there. I found the place so very interesting and enjoyed the ride through that lovely Virginia countryside. We had lunch at a very special little place on the river bank where they specialised in fresh fish food. I had oysters for the first time in my life and thoroughly enjoyed them.

Talking about food, Mrs. Win orders special Burmese dishes for me every day. How she manages this, I don't know, but tomorrow we are having "mohinga." I am looking forward to this as you can well imagine.

(Editor's Note: Our principal, Mrs. George M. (Doreen) Logie, who is on a year's leave of absence, has been in America since October 1, where she underwent nearly three months of special study in education and music at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, and since December has been travelling and speaking before various Methodist groups. Her trip has been sponsored by The Methodist Church in America. To give our readers an idea of some of her experiences, we have taken the liberty to quote from two of her letters, including one about the invitation from Burma's U.S. Ambassador U Win to spend Thanksgiving holidays with his family at Washington.)

U Win and his family have certainly "done me proud" here and have been perfectly charming hosts. They send their regards to all the school staff.

Today we had a late Thanksgiving dinner with the Gerry Winfields, formerly of Burma. Just as we were leaving, Mrs. Winfield told me Dr. Hollister's son lived close by them. I would have loved to have dropped in on him.

Tomorrow I leave by train for a church conference at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Then I return to Washington for one more day, and I leave for Scarritt College again on the first December.

Speaking Tours...

And Homeward Bound !

The Inn
Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
17th January 1957.

We leave Buck Hill Falls tomorrow night after a big Methodist commissioning service for 36 young women who are going out as new missionaries (none for Burma, though) and 44 couples going out—mostly to Africa, where there seems to be a great opening up.

I shall be returning to Ada, Ohio, (where she was the guest of the parents of Jeanne Wintringham, M.E.H.S. music teacher) on the 19th and have a big week of speaking ahead of me—Ada, Lima, Columbus and Toledo. The week after that I go up to Marseilles, Illinois, where I shall visit Rev. Harry Harwood and his wife. He and Frank Manton married me, and he has known me since I was eight years old, so we're old friends. He was the principal of the Chinese Methodist School in Rangoon for years.

I shall be in New York from February 9th to 15th. I sail on the "Queen Elizabeth" on February 15. I will go to Yorkshire, as soon as I can, to get Gillian, then up to Glasgow, down to Liverpool, and sail early in March on the "Derbyshire." I can hardly believe that I shall be back in Rangoon soon.

This has been such a full year—such a year of growth and understanding. I am so thankful for the many opportunities which have been given me. I trust that I shall be all the better for it.

Yours affectionately,
Doreen
(Mrs. George M. Logie)
Principal on Leave

Mrs. Logie's Wintringham Welcome

