

July 12, 1948

Dear Folks -

Received your letter this week - and also the clippings. Sorry to hear about your throat. Hope it will be better soon. I can imagine the difficulty you must have in stopping the smoking. I would die if I had to stop eating chocolates. By the way, we get plenty of imported candy here now days.

We have been terribly busy lately. We have been going all over collecting for the strike fund and I have been handling the food angle. It is really a headache. I no longer can help in the surgery at all. My time is fully occupied with this work.

The strike should be ending soon. Gov't. officials etc. are putting out feelers for a settlement but we are not telling the people to return to work until we have certain assurances that they will not be victimized.

A most interesting young man is here from Jamaica. He is also a politician - but not of the camp of the famous "Bustamante" who you

must have heard about.

Cheddi says that he would like to have a tropical suit like you wrote about - blue, size 34, double breasted. I don't know how to send you the money unless you would like me to send some jewelry. Let me know.

I just got a green purse & green shoes - which Cheddi thinks are awful. I never had colored shoes before. My dressmaker has given me a few nice things lately, and I have only rather long dress. I don't particularly like the long dresses.

The jewelry should have been sent by now. I heard from her twice already. I don't know if you'd like the neck-ring, but I've seen people wearing things like it in magazines.

Nothing much else to write about. By the way, the wife of one of those men who was shot dead had a baby the other day and has requested that I name it. I am giving her the name of Surajee, which means "Freedom" in Hindi. We have become exceedingly popular with the people. I received one letter in which I was addressed as "Shrimitee" which is similar to the "Mahatma" title given to Gandhi.

Love, Janet