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Letter from Fr. Leonard Amrhein to Catherine Amrhein, Al, and Tom.

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PASSIONIST FATHERS

NEI WU CH'Ü

26 YANG FANG HUTUNG

PEKING

TELEG. ADDRESS

"PASSIONIST PEKING"

Dec. 7, 1941.

Dear Mom - Al - Tom.

Since my last letter - which one was last received, I don't know - things have been getting pretty tense over here. All we can do is hope for the best, that is, that there be no war in the Pacific. If there is we might even be left alone. They might take over our place and put us in concentration camps. We do not know. But if they do that, it will be an experience worth talking about after. Many of the "would be prophets" who think they know, say that there will be no war. I feel that way about it myself. But no one knows. We are ^{not} worrying about it either. Doesn't do any good. We are going to school as usual. In fact we are going to have exams this week. I am telling you this not to give you worries but rather to keep you from worrying. Naturally, you would feel anxious about us if something happen. So I'm telling you

beforehand. There is no danger to our persons. We might lose all our belongings but that might happen any day in China - peace or war. So please don't worry.

A letter from Paul with one from Andy with it seeped through the blockade. It was mailed on September 30 and arrived here on December 4. The mail-man must have had to swim across with it. - Also a card (Christmas) from Regina - Andy's Family. Other than that, no mail has arrived from the States for months. Last letter from home was in August.

The American Marines are suppose to leave Peking this week. We are going to miss them very much. A few (about five or six) are going to stay behind. We had them (some of them) up to our place for meals lots of times. They are a fine bunch of fellows.

I'm kept pretty busy these days with Chinese, Japanese (it's easier than Chinese) and two converts. These converts are already baptized but haven't been fully instructed. I hope to have one (a little baby) ready for first Communion by Christmas.