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Father Louis, O.C.S.O.
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Dear Father Louis:

We are grateful for your letter of April 25th and for the encouragement you gave us. We shall look forward to seeing the results of your involved poetic project. The fact that it is obscure may endear it to many who enjoy investing poems with their own meaning rather than being told things flatly and outright.

I have just heard a record which strikes me as being a long and involved poetic project. It is called "The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter", and is produced by the Incredible String Band. Somehow I feel that you would enjoy it as much as I did. If you can play it I will send you the record.

Dorothy Day and I have just had a meeting with Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. He is completely militant without being at all hostile. He is absolutely committed to nonviolence. I feel that he is someone the Church has sorely needed- a worker who realizes that nonviolence is practical as a way of achieving social ends. We have invited him to take part in our PAX Study Conference at the Catholic Worker Farm in Tivoli. It is scheduled for the last weekend in July and will address itself to the theme "Peace and Revolution: Can the two imperatives be joined?" Would you be willing to give us your thoughts on this theme in a page or two? I know you have considered this theme in many of your writings, but we would be most happy if you could give us something for this moment, for now.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely in our Lord,

Eileen Egan

Dorothy Day will speak on
"Resistance and Non-Resistance"
and Walter Stein of English
PAX will speak on
"Mercy & Revolution".

The insert in your letter
on the contemplative vocation
- I must re-read it.