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Letter, Sinclair Lewis to Ida Compton [January 10, 1950]

Sinclair Lewis

Dear Ida:

My letter saying Don't come till 1951 crossed
yrs saying you were coming. Well, crowded or
not, you'll have a wonderful time, a beautiful
time, and let's hope there will be some cancel-
lation of reservations by people who will be
apprehensive of the crowding. I've heard of
some such cencellations.

It may be hard for you to come where I shall
be next summer, after about June 1st. It will
probably be in the Italian Alps and probably be
far from your planned route, but just where,
I don't know and may not know for months. But
it may be possible for you to cut out one day of
ths party's schedule and skip up there.

I'm still blissfully resting, getting in shape
again after the strenuousness of the 3½ journey,
and just now am I beginning to begin to get to
work. Alec Manson proves to be an excellent
chess player, and we have one game daily between
tea and eight-o'clock dinner.   And I'm reading
the Cambridge Modern History volume on the Renais-
sance, after finishing the excellent Thompson-
Johnson "Introduction to the Middle Ages" -- an
introduction indeed; 1000 pages of fairly small
type.   And Italian daily. But no parties what-
ever.

Claude must be steaming down the Red Sea now -
the trip Genoa to Australia will take a month.

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