

**Letter from Tsuruno Meguro to Fumio Fred and Yoneko Takano, May 20, [1942]**

Thank you for the updates. I was pleased to read your letter. I assume you have been very busy. Have you adjusted yourself to the life in the camp and been settled a little bit?

I thought that both of you would be able to join us here and looked forward to it. Unfortunately, we are all separated. However, I believe that we will be able to see each other someday. Until then, let's take care of ourselves and enjoy day by day until a peaceful day comes back.

It has been already two weeks since we moved to this camp. Everyone is working here. Masako has not been feeling well since she got a vaccination yesterday. Every day, Papa watches a baseball game, wanders around and chats with people here and there. I am thankful that our place is close to the common bath, toilet, and mess hall. I still do not like waiting in a long line for food three times a day.

It was hot the other day, and many people collapsed. A person who came from Hollywood not long ago broke down while waiting in line for food, and then died afterwards. On the other hand, two babies were born in the camp. Our acquaintances, the Suzuki family, Shimazu family, and Sato family, are all here and our neighbors. Camp stores have not been built yet. Last night, we had a Japanese dance show. I think that this camp will have another 2,000 people come in. It has been a strange life to me. All I do every day is washing clothes, doing the ironing, cleaning, chatting with others, and eating three times. That's the way that our days go.

Yoneko, I know your birthday is coming soon. I cannot cook for you or give you anything.

Do you go to church on Sundays? You don't have any other obligations in the camp, try to go church as much as possible. Hope Fumio also goes to church.

The Ota family, Washio family, and Kakiba family, and Ota family live close to our place.

The other day, we asked Mr. Adam to send us \_\_\_\_ and received it. Ryoichi seems hungry and wants to eat more every day. I am afraid that food is insufficient to you, too. Since you can't drink coffee sometimes, you will lose weight.

Everyone is doing well. Don't worry about us. Please let me know how your in-laws have been doing. I will write to you again. Be nice to each other. Help your mother-in-law in washing clothes. Good-bye.

From mom

May 20

To Fumio and Yone

[Written at Pomona Assembly Center]