

Letter from Tsuruno Meguro to Fumio Fred and Yoneko Takano, [May 1945]

Dear Fumio and Yoneko

Thank you very much for a letter. I am glad to know that everyone is well. It is getting warmer in the Heart Mountain camp, but it was so cold that we had to turn on the stove for a couple of days. Here we won't have good weather until June.

I heard that you are leaving for Chicago someday. We decided to go to Los Angeles. Ben came back and we were planning to ride on a special train on [May] 16. However, Mr. Shimazu was offering his house for rent and we were encouraged to rent it. Then, we immediately changed our plans to leave for Los Angeles at 9: 30AM in the morning on Friday. I wanted to take Yoshiko and Misako with us but they decided to join later because Misako is still attending a night school and wants to finish it before leaving. I am pretty busy with packing. Please come to Los Angeles if you do not need to serve the military anymore. I am looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Ryoichi injured his legs and has been hospitalized. I do not have to worry about him since he won't be able to go to war in Italy. I feel sorry for the young people. Peace has to come soon.

I will write to you after I get to Los Angeles. Please take care of yourself and give my best regards to your papa and mama in-laws. Goodbye.

To Fumio and Yoneko

P.S. Mr. Shimazu would not be back to California for next two years.