

~~Exxin~~
Friday nite-hot
Capitol of Wyoming

Tuesday was visiting day. We brought some pastries; we were uncertain whether the jailer would allow us to see them especially after what they told us the preceding day. But they let us interview few of the boys. They were in good spirits, only concern was where they were going to be sent. Jim Kawada was in there ~~also~~ also since his bond release terminated with the sentence given. He gave me his receipt so that I may be able to get his bond money back.

(JUDGE WATTS is Clyde M. Watts , Cheyenne attorney hired to work with MENIN, an out of state lawyer.)

(HOW MUCH WAS THE BOND. ~~HE~~ DID YOU HELP GET THE BOND?)

We bought cookies, candies and some fruits to the boys Wednesday morning.

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Saw Watts Wednesday afternoon. He was busy preparing a brief for the appeal. He ~~was~~ later phoned Menin and read what he had prepared. Menin advised of additional insertion. I am enclosing a copy of the appeal, Frank. I ~~thog~~ thought it would be of interest to all. It sure gets me sore, ~~Meinx~~ Menin, our ~~a~~ lawyer is too ~~darn~~ darn busy to come here because of his other cases which he is defending in Denver. Can't seem to make any headways with Watts. Only likeness of Watts with ~~Meninxixxx~~ Menin is cash-cash-~~xxx~~ cash- He stated he had to have money beforehand in order to put up an appeal. I told him not to worry negotiations are being made with Menin. In the time being I asked if he would put up the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ necessary money if he's in such a hurry. Oh no he replied, he couldn't do that.

I had a notion to tell him he just received three hundred and fifty dollars of our money. But I did say to him I was intending to borrow some money from him as I was getting low. He kept still.

(HOW MUCH OF YOUR MONEY DID YOU PUT IN, ~~X~~ KOZIE?)

I was ~~fff~~ fortified by your telephone call of last night when we went to Watt's office Thursday. He stated all arrangement for appeal has been made. I ~~w~~ said it was all right for him to present the appeal to court immediately as negotiation has been made between ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ HtMt and Menin last night. He made a phone call to Menin and seemed like the conversation was satisfactory for proceeding. I inquired if Mr. Watts would make me out an agreement ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ indicating the amount which we had talked over with Menin. I stated it was ~~xxxx~~ to satisfy the folks back in camp to what their money was going to be used for. He was obliging (~~H~~ he should be since he's sure he is our lawyer again) I wasn't satisfied with the first copy so he made out another. Still I hesitantly ~~xxxx~~ told him it could be a little more specific but he argued it was clearly understood. Well I didn't wish to be too persistent so I answered all right it's clearly understood between us. I thought I'd keep this agreement for a while yet, instead of sending it to you, Frank.

We ~~xxx~~ went to the courthouse. Watts was told that it could not be appealed as an consolidated case so each defendant must put up five dollars docket fee. That means three hundred fifteen dollars for all the defendants. They are sure trying to make it hard for us. We went back to Watts' office. He telephoned Menin again of the result he had had. Menin couldn't see too why the court (Kennady) wouldn't ~~xxxxxxxx~~ allow our case to be consolidated as one. The docket fee for the circuit court of appeals is fifty dollars for each defendant. Menin is going to find out whether the circuit court of appeal would consider our case as an consolidated group for that court. If it cannot be done we must appeal four or five as our test case Menin said. After the ~~xxx~~ phone

hundred dollars cash would be needed immediately to file an appeal. He said that Menid did not receive any money from Heart Mtn yet. (Seems as if Menin's giving additional information to Watts.) I told him not to worry that I would vouch for it. k And told him to go right ahead with the appeal. (I bet Watts is disgusted with me. What a stubborn Jap, he ~~xxx~~ thinks) We learned from the Marshall that the boys would be sent to Leavenworth, Kansas/ and McNeils Island, Washington. It really was a jolt to me, Frank when I heard that. McNeils Island doesn't sound like any farm prison to me.

So I had Watts phone up Menin again. Menin seemed surprised to hear that also. And McNeils Island being in the Western defense zone at that. But he couldn't explain matters at all. Sure is disgusting. Watts said the Marshall gave permission so that brothers would be sent to one place. To his interpretation the group would be divided; younger group more or less to McNeils Island and older group to Leavenworth. Nothing definite. It was already five pm but I got permission to see the boys so that they would be able to make some sort of an arrangement.

This morning (pretty late) phone call from Watts woke me up. He said Kim Kuwada wished to see us. We all went to the jail.

(WHO IS "WE ALL"? WHO IS JIM KUWADA?)

At the same time we received permission to see Min Tamesa, George Ishikawa, and Dave Kawamoto. We went into a private room and discussed matters. Pending appeal, time would not be applied to the sentence but if we file an election that takes care of the situation ~~expaia~~ explained Watts. Why all these red tapes, I don't know, but it seems like we have to go ~~thru the regular~~ thru the regular procedure. And if anyone out on bond their time out would not be applied to the sentence. Unless their appeal is reversed in the circuit court which is very unlikely stated Watts.

I went to Watts office in the afternoon again. He said he may have some news from Menin. Yup, money again. This time I got kind of sore. I argued I don't see why he can't go ahead with it since negotiations has already been made. I stressed that money would be sent as a greed. After a few exchanges Watts insinuated if you can't trust us you'll probably have to get another lawyer: It's the other way around I told ~~him~~ ~~him~~ him you ~~you~~ don't seem to trust us. But we need the money in order to put up an appeal Watts replied. (At this point, ~~xx~~ since I had my book & pencil ready, began taking notes of ~~the~~ what he was saying.) Well, I ~~xx~~ can't do anything, arrangements are being made in camp and

that contact has already been made with Menin I told him. He softened up a bit and said I am not trying to quarrel with you, Sakai but we simply need the money. I know that you've been cooperating with us continued Watts. "I am not quarreling with you" (Watts" I guess he started ~~xxxx~~ thinking about his job) I promised I'll let him know tomorrow. Watts must be doing pretty good now, he hired a stenographer. A Japanesex~~xxxxxx~~ girl living in this city.

Saw the boys aftertoon again about three o'clock. ~~A~~Discussed arrangement for the destination as Judge Watts had said we may be able to decide which place to go. Left matters to ~~th~~ boys. And personal belongings were of concern nothing definite said about ~~hw~~ what to do. Dropped in at Watts office on wayhome. Everything was ready he stated for an appeal as soon as Menin or himself receives the necessary money. I told him Menin should have been here during the making up of an appeal. I asked Judge Watts to ~~fix~~ ~~fixxxx~~ phone me about eight pm if any new shoud arrive from Menin, and departed his office. I phoned Heart Mtn for George Nozawa to call me at nine ~~pxp~~p.m.

Kozie

SATURDAY, Albany Hotel

Dear Frank,

Got to Watt's office before nine, ~~xxxxxx~~ arrived there little before the Judge, the stenograph~~er~~ came following and few minutes later. The Judge brought in the ~~px~~ morning mail which was left outside the door. I remarked I didn't know that he received so many mails. Bills said Watts. Oh, bills I said. But not much as he used to replied Watts. I guess not, not from now on, I thought. Finally Watts got in touch with Menin over the phone. It was apparent~~x~~ that Minin was waiting for the money,too. But otherwise he (Menin) did not get in touch with the judge of the court of appeal. I told Watts, I ~~want~~~~ix~~ wanted to speak to Menin. First thing he said was that he did not receive the money yet. ~~I~~ answered if they phoned and promised you'd be sure to get it later. I asked if he ~~x~~cannot come down to Cheyenne to attend to various matters. He replied it wouldn't be necessary for him to come. Later we went to the bond co. and finally received the thousand~~dx~~ dollars check which we ~~x~~ took back and gave to _____ (?) (Torucho?) We had the file election signed at that time also (all the boys) Saw U.S. marshall. He stated the order from Washington was to send the boys as following: older group to Leavenworth and the younger group to McNeils Island. Brothers would not be separated he added.

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I asked if one place was better than the other. No, he didn't see any difference, both of the places have prison farms. Baggages and personal belongings would not be needed informed the marshall. Judge Watts paid the docket fee of three hundred and fifteen dollars to the court clerk. He went to see Judge Kennedy about bond but the judge told him to come back later as Pickett (U.S. attorney assist) wasn't in now. (funny business; judge can't seem ~~to~~ to decide by himself) I went back to jail and explained what the marshall had said. They all decided to send their belongings home. We thought that was the best way. Mrs. Iwasaki and her sister was already there (11:am). They helped making the lunches at the Japanese restaurant and had already brought the ben-tos to the boys.

(WHAT JAPANESE RESTAURANT? WHERE? WHO IS MRS. IWASAKI? WHAT IS HER SISTER'S NAME? HOW DID YOU MEET THEM, KOZIE? DESCRIBE A VISIT TO THE JAIL-WHAT YOU SAW, SMELLED, HEARD, FELT AND WONDERED.)

We went back to jail afternoon and brought empty boxes and supplies for the necessary packings. The marshall was at the jail giving list of names of the boys who were to go Monday to Leavenworth. I have the list of names on separate sheet, Frank, Judge Watts had found out about the bond from Kennedy. Three thousand dollars bond for each defendant-----

We shall send the boys baggages & etc by express by Monday. Probably one large box may contain belongings for several boys so who ever receives it please see that it goes to the addressed family? Cash-purses-watches-pens-etc. I am keeping it shall take home personally.

Kozie

PS my ramblings I ~~hope~~ hope
you comprehend what I write

THE LETTER TO FRANK EMI & FRIENDS WAS IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO MR. GEO. NOZAWA 23-2-E, Heart Mtn ~~Wyo~~ Wyo. Postmarked July 2, 12:30AM, 1944-Cheyenne, Wyoming. RETURN ADDRESS Albany Hotel, Edward Farragher, Opposite U.P. and C.B.&Q. stations....Hey, the old Union Pacific and the Chicago Burlington and Quincy railroads. ...~~xxx~~

Evening of July fifth,
Cowboy State

Dear Frank,

Got to see the boys several minutes yesterday afternoon in their downstairs cells. (We've been calling the boys upstairs and downstairs groups in reality it's on the ground floor as we go in.) All are fine and impatiently waiting for their transfer to McNeils farm. ~~xxxxx~~ Imagine living in this congested condition for nearly a month. Folks and

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families should be very gratified that they are going to be moved soon. I know I shall be for the sakes of the boys. It's undescrivable, ~~xxxx~~ as I've stated before, that is nothing to describe excepting, it's very, very congested, living in a 4X8 cell compartment and on floors. They actually brush others elbows in getting their exercise walk. During these visits I collect all the boys letters on a sly and mail them out. Anything they need I jot it down and bring the following day. The boys worry about ~~thxxx~~ their folks who unnecessarily worry about them. So please stress this point, Frank.

(FRANK, HOW DID YOU TAKE THIS? WHAT DOES KOZIE REALLY MEAN? DOES KOZIE EXPECT THIS LETTER TO BE READ?--)

It's been an repetition of my wrifings but the boys are very much concerned about it. It would be an good idea if folks back in camp would write an encouraging letters to their boys or husbands the next time.

(KOZIE DO YOU HAVE LETTERS FROM HEART MOUNTAIN?FROM ~~XXXXXX~~ FRANK EMI?)

I received George Nozawa's telemgram this morning. Saw Watts at his office and explained situation then we went to the Marshall's (cave?) _____ (?) He was sort of reluctant but finally gave these informations. The boys are leaving here about nine o'clock Saturday night on Union Pacific route that goes ~~thxxx~~ thru Rawlins & Laramie. Thru Pocatello, Oregon and Washington then hits North at some terminal for its destination. From what I've heard before it's going to be an special train, at least the boys would be able to stretch their legs and lie down leisurely.

(BOYS, HOW WAS THAT TRAIN RIDE?)

The group that left for Leavenworth (good heavens they're there now) were caged in, three guards including the driver on duty, and the bus had three or four nickeled plated bars running on the outside windows. It was of grey color with an wording U.S. Department of Justice written on the doors. There were several boxes on the inside rack presumably lunches for the boys. It even had a toilet inside the bus. But the bus itself wasn't so very conspicuous any passer by at a glance would just take it for some special car.

The boys suitcases and belongings which the marshall have in custody would not be returned to them till Friday. But we have the carton boxes and ropes brought to jail so it can be packed any time. This country is coming to an sad state had to hunt all over to find empty cartons even ropes are hard to ~~x~~ buy. Some of the store are very

cooperative and look around for empty cartons, some gives just an negative answers, while some goes to ~~exp~~ extreme and charges more than the darn things worth. Today I had an interesting and a amusing incident. I went into an ordinary corner hardware (half a block away from jail) and inquired for some ropes. He didn't have any so I asked if I may buy some empty cartons if he had any at all to spare. He was kind enough and led me into his store room. I got hold of four good sized cartons and told him I would gladly pay for them. He would not accept any money but asked what I was going to use ~~the~~ it for. I explained and said it was to pack the boys belongings, who was to leave jail soon. He understood and then the fun began. He asked my name and where I was from. He said he was an German born in Austria. And that he was interrogated too of being an Nazi suspect. He told me he was proud to be an Nazi and gave me a Hitler salute (jokingly) saying ban-zai. He didn't like Chruchill and said so, in fact he didn't give a darn for lot of these Americans.

~~xxxxxxx~~ But he sure had sympathy for us and said we ~~were~~ were being mistreated. I didn't say very much and finally thanked him for the boxes and bid him goodbye. He opened the side door for me and gave his salute again saying ban-zai. His name was Germanish, I forgot ~~his~~ first~~name~~ name, was Matt, and he had a typiaal broad (in the back) German head, his accent seemed slightly German too. I went to his store again about four, five hours later. He remembered my naming ~~xx~~ saying Sakai we'll know one of these days.

There was one ~~typical~~ typical shop, Frank. They didn't have any used bike to sell at all. One store had a used typewriter he said he may sell it. I inquired how much would one like he showed me cost .4 Ceiling price, he said, would not allow him to sell for ~~for~~ more. Model 10 Remington reconditioned for thirty ~~five~~ three dollars. And the same price for Model 3 Underwood (12" carriage) fair condition. I told him I would be back x Saturday.

Goodbye,
Kozie

(POSTMARKED Cheyenne, Wyo., July 5 1130PM 1944)

THE NEXT DAY, KOZIE WROTE FRANK ANOTHER LETTER ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO GEORGE NOZAWA_--)

8/chin/MAY 5, 1982-L.A. KOZIE SAKAI to FRANK EMI

10:30P.M. JULY 6
Albany Hotel

Dear Frank,

I Just came back from the jail three of the boys are to leave with U.S. Marshall Sanders tomorrow morning at six. Masao Mayekawa, Carl Nakata, and Sims Tsuyuki(?). Deputy Marshall (Red) notified us late tonight that this sudden change was necessitated because the deputies going (accompanying the boys on train) were unable to come back on a passenger train. So U.S. Marshall Sanders is going to take his car at the same time bring along these three boys. Otherwise there is nothing to worry about the boys, they are to be together with the latter ~~pr~~ group at McNeils Island farm. In a way the boys are lucky to be able to go ~~here~~ on a passenger car, it's much more comfortable and restful. I was intending to wire this sudden change/ but on a second thought I thought the folks might worry unnecessarily by ~~misinterpretation~~ misinterpretation of the telegram. The boys are already to go tomorrow, their luggages are prepared and checked. We shall see them ~~tomorrow~~ off tomorrow.

(WAS IT LAWSON WHO LIKENED THE HEART MOUNTAIN RESISTENCE ~~XXXXXX~~ TO THE DEAD END KIDS (BOWERY BOYS)?

This afternoon we dropped in at Judge Watts office. There wasn't any additional information he could give us. Monday this coming tenth he is going to Denver to see if he and S. Menin can make our ~~a~~ case as an consolidated group. I told him to wire immediately to you, Frank whatever the outcome would be. I asked Watts if he can give me an written statement so I can show the families back home concerning this one third sentence of the parole situation. Am enclosing the copies. After reading it over at my room I was hesitatn about the part violating the laws, I shall inquire Watts again how it would concern us.

I, by chance inquired if Mr. Watts had any typewriter to sell, He had an old Underwood (pretty fair) model No 3. I said we needed one so if he can do us an favour we'd be much obliged. He will let me know tomorrow. He paid fifteen dollars for it second hand some years ago. I am hoping he would sell it reasonably. I sure will try like heck.

Most everytime I see him (Watts) I stress about our agreement. He said he shall try his best to keep it under the condition. Too bad I cannot see Menin and remind him of our gentleman's agreement.

Kozie

P.S. Boys are leaving Saturday night.
Planning to leave that night on the bus.