

Friday
12-7-45

Dear Family,

What a lot has happened since four years ago today! It makes the past week seem rather paltry!

First, let me say thanks you for the very generous check - not paltry at all! - which is now in the form of a Bombay Pass - or penard jaw - gray - coat. It is much the same cut as my gray kid was except that it's full length, laps over mod and has very full sleeves. Elmer says now I can turn an autocrat.

Last Friday night we went to an inter-racial dance on campus, sponsored by the International House and some other clubs. It was very nice - a good crowd.

Saturday Elmer went to Tacoma for the weekend. I did some work at our office, shopped, and had dinner at Joy's Kurokawa's with Fr Joe, Zak, Gene, Bob. We had expected Kimie but received no word so gave up. I was very tired and went to bed at 10. Kimie came

of at 11! I got up and we visited
and put to bed at Matsushita
on the davenport because we
couldn't contact Jojo who we
had arranged for us to stay.

Sunday was a wearing day
because we had trouble getting
hold of the gang since they had
given up expecting Kinii. We all
went to church (Kinii, Mrs M, and I)
and then Dr Jo ate at Yoshidas and
joined us later. We sat around
all afternoon waiting — and
had dinner at M's. Then we went
out to Dr Jo's to show Kinii the place.
Finally about 9 the kids called and
said they'd be out — they arrived about
10:30! Kinii's bus left at 12! We
started back about 11:15.

Monday Elmer and I went out
to the U. and discussed our
plans with Frank Miyamoto and
Dr Joe. That took all afternoon. In
the evening I wrote Kinii's notes.

Tuesday at 9 we gave our
report to the committee and got their
approval. They turned out to be
a little better than we had estimated
on the previous Tuesday — or maybe
our moods were different. After lunch
we had a long visit with a young
Nisei lawyer who will probably

3/ become spokesman for the young people of the Japanese American community.

That evening I wrote letters again.

Wednesday I had lunch with the WKA girls and got plane under way for a working - girls get together tonight. The rest of the day I worked and Elmer gave a talk. In the evening we went to the social science honorary's meeting to hear Frank Miyamoto speak on the Jule Lake registration incident. He was excellent.

That makes 3 sociology profs whom we know and like very much.

Yesterday we worked at the office all day except for lunch with Dr Joe and Judge Sakamoto whom I hadn't seen since August.

We are now gathering the names of all the Nisei and putting them on cards to make a spot map. So far we have about 300 names and we expect 500 or 600.

Tonight we shall probably have about 50 girls at the Educational Center.

4/ Tomorrow I must write a speech for Dr. Joe. to give before the Nisei evening service Sunday.

Sunday afternoon we have a gathering of Nisei leaders to discuss their problems on a community-wide basis. At 5:30 we are invited to dinner.

Soon we must begin our interviewing program - which means visiting the Nisei in their homes. We must also get out a questionnaire and summarize the directory which the campus kids have prepared. It's going to become a night and day proposition soon.

I am afraid that I shall be moving soon - probably to the city. Dr. Joe says the Matsushitas' insist on giving me room and board free. Since they will not make a financial arrangement I cannot impose on them for 2 months. It breaks my heart to leave the lovely home-like atmosphere, and I can't find an apartment. I'll write you when I change. I shall probably investigate today.

5/ I'm forgetting to tell you my
watch came through in good
shape and keeps accurate
time. Thank you.

I guess that's all the news
for this week.

Love,
Helen

of campus.

Tomorrow afternoon
Elmer goes to Tacoma and
I expect to meet Kimi Samba
who is coming up from Portland.
We are invited to Joy's house
for dinner.

Sunday night we have
an invitation to supper at the
murakamis - one of the
first families to return to
Seattle.

Monday we have appoint-
ments on campus concerning
our survey.

Tuesday we present our
plans in detail before the
committee - then we
work on our own till the
end of the month when we
make a report on findings.

Wednesday evening we
are invited to hear Frank
Miyamoto of the U of W Sociol.
Dept speak at a professor's
house before an honorary
society. It's one of the profs
I met Wednesday.

So far that is all on the

7/ calendar for the coming week. But it is plenty in addition to the work we must do.

Have you read Modern man is Obsolete? If not, it is a must. It's only 50 pages and costs \$1. but it's about the best thing I've seen.

If it turns out that I am to stay on longer, do you suppose Ken's phono radio could be spared for a while? I don't know just what the picture may be. Elmer feels our survey will probably have to be extended if we are to accomplish much with the facts we uncover and accumulate.

I guess that's all for now.

Love,

Helen

B is glad Poch is behaving better. Give her my love!