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Dear Sally:

Well how was Denver? I hope you did find everything you wanted and saw everyone you wanted to see. Did you see Taki? I hope you gave him my best regard and told him what I was doing.

Things don't look to good here just now. I've made a few more rounds of Arch. But either they aren't doing anything or they don't even come to their office. Some of them are old and have retired. Gosh! what this city needs is a little metamorphosis.

Defense jobs are the only one open for me but - and here is the catch - the U.S.E.S. won't give me an approval or release or availability. They said that Cronin himself requested it that



something about having Post war plans for gardens. Since there were post-war cities, post-war homes, etc., why not a post-war garden. Buy War bonds to finance it, and to employ men after the war is over.

I thought I'd get a list from some one (I guess you have to pay for it too) and send it to them with a answer card. I want it to look fairly nice so that I can impress them with the high class of my work and also fee. It may be a good idea especially because today I went to this large Townson Nursery and tried to get a job on this idea. The President couldn't see it and also told me - that if he wanted landscape jobs there were plenty for him but he couldn't handle it on account of labor shortage. I tried to get

away because of the Defense Industry Employers not wanting to hire us. I don't know how much of it is baloney but I am going to find out about the colored folks attitude toward us of which he said they weren't too friendly.

I met at a City Planning Commission lecture at the Library the Executive secretary to the "Urban League" which is a colored and white group to further the advancement of the colored folks.

I went to see him today but I got there a little too late and missed him. I'll meet him tomorrow and I'll tell you about it. By the way, I had quite a talk with Mr. Mores, the man at the U.S.E.S. I think we can get along all right.

You know I've been thinking about this proposition for some time and I think it may work. I was thinking of spending about, well enough money to print on letter heads



over to him about my planning a  
Post war garden for his client and  
sell the plan which would be more  
than just paying me a salary.

(I wanted to use his drafting room  
and have an office but it didn't  
work) I may do this on a  
smaller scale as a start and I  
might as well start soon. What do  
you think!

James Makinots telegraphed to  
me that he was accepting Mr.  
Gulford offer. Gosh! I'm a little  
worried because it was my  
recommendation. I think they  
will do allright. Gosh! I'm  
so. You probably won't approve  
but if things don't pick up in  
a couple of more weeks, I'm  
going to rent some land off

2- them and raise cut flowers.

Gosh! probably my flowers will come in when the flowers are the cheapest. Boy! love it to me.

Tak said he would write but he hasn't. Well so much for him. He probably is in N. Jersey by now.

Gosh! Honey I really try pretty hard to get a job, but so far the Eng. one seemed the most promising until the other day. I tried to Nursery and will try another soon. I still have to get an answer from the two letters I sent it to the "Seem" paper in answer to an advertisement. I am going to see a Gas Appliance Co tomorrow. They had advertised for a draftsman too.

Seven went to the Dept. Store (Huh) They were asking for an assistant



Something is bound to turn up before I go broke. Keep your fingers crossed and get Miki to cross both of her small ones — We will be together yet and soon.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Marumi. I don't write to hardly any one else because I spend that time writing to you. I might I missed the three fellows from ~~Potter~~ Arkansas. Gosh! If they could have waited just a little longer at the station. I feel awfully bad because they went to the "Y" but couldn't get rooms — just dormitories. They went out. Gosh! It's really tough to find a place.

window decorator. I found out that they only wanted a high school kid. Today I went into a photographic shop where they had a position advertised in the window. They didn't want anyone who knew as much as I did. Wanted a girl and so it goes. I sure get around by walking and on Street Cars. Don't be surprise if you find me making side money by selling books — "Encyclopedias." Went in by chance to the only store that was or did design furniture and Store Fixtures. All the others had gone out of business. Nope! they didn't need designer but did need cabinet makers.

Gosh! Just think! The secretary and the U.S. Ed suggests other cities Philadelphia for instance



I hope I meet up with them  
tomorrow. I feel that I let them  
down a little. Gosh! I know  
how they will be feeling too.

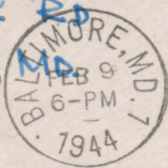
Well! I could have helped  
it but, too late.

Well, take care of yourself and  
the wee ones. Miki isn't a  
dwarf is she. Is Tok + Thais  
going out with Min? I  
should write them a letter  
maybe tomorrow night I will  
just a short letter to you so  
that I can write one to Tok.

Love

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