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DEAR SALLY:

I got your letter from Denver. I'm glad to hear that everything is alright or going along as good as the Doctors expected. Gosh! I guess it must be something to see Miki's reaction to the people. I get a big kick out of looking at her pictures and Kaneyo's too. They are some good pictures. Has Dick the negatives, because we should get a few more printed and send to your parents.

As to Wak and Yuri suggesting that you go to Iopag - whatever they would have said, would not have been agreeable to you in any case; so don't flurry up so much. If they said they would take care of you, you wouldn't like that either.

Wellingtons one at U.C.

I went to Wash. D.C. to find out more about why I can't get any help from the W. R. A. in defense work.

The U.S.E.S. said that they were under orders from the W.R.A. not to approve any Jap-American for defense work. I went to the War Manpower Commission and after talking with the director there, they said that they were supposed to be unbiased and to give jobs to American citizens but in our case the W.R.A. said no too. The director is a lady and tried to insinuate that a "Jap is a Jap".

She knew Italians & Germans and could make allowances for their character in their loyalty. I told her that such thing as loyalty was hard to judge even among ourselves and that it was not a race question but of individuals. I fired a lot of things right back

Please don't blame it on camp life either. "Know thyself". Boy am I getting religious.

Sorry I didn't write sooner but we had one of the boys from Arkansas stop here at the Simons and I was with him Saturday Night and Sunday afternoon and evening. I went to the Quaker meeting Sunday.

Sunday afternoon I took this fellow Percy Yakagawa (no relation to any other Yakagawa) to the Baltimore Museum where we saw some Modern craftsmen in glass, ceramics, pottery, wood, metal, & cloth. A surprising number of designs come from California. There was no catalogue yet but as soon as they come out with it I will send it to you. You may recognize some of the people represented. It was a well exhibited exhibit. Only better one that I have seen is

in her teeth especially the question
of our loyalty. It's a touchy thing
with me. I will talk to anyone who
doubt us. I can certainly see some
look of surprise in their minds. I
gave this lady a copy of the pamphlet
"Outcast" that Mrs. Emily Simon
gave me. This was Sat. This lady
tried to exert her influence like so
many govern. officials who have
advisory capacity. She reminded me
of Yuri. Ha! Ha! I beat her ^{W.M.C.} in
arguments all around. She was getting
slightly uncomfortable. Damn ^{it!} here is
one American of Japanese descent who
can't be lead around. Who does
she think we are. I guess the next
Japanese she meets, she is going to be
a little more carefull. So many people
start that way with me. ~~##~~ I don't
try that when I'm asking for a job.
Just with Govern. official especially
W. R. A. officials.

I went to Washington D.C., as I was saying before, to look at several things. One was a Civil Service job in Architecture at Wash. D.C. paying good wages. I asked Mr. Penury, Wash. field director, to see what he could do about it. I met him before. Well, he didn't do anything and his assistant talked with me (Mr. Fastener) and gave me all kind of reason why I couldn't have the job or try to get it even (Mr. Penury doesn't like me definitely - If I met a man like him looking for a job, I'd say he was more or less prejudiced but so far I have met men all better than he.) Fastener said that I didn't have E.D.C. which was necessary for Civil Service. Mr. Chate, assistance to Mr. Lee who is the Field Director, said that wasn't necessary. Also Mr. Fastener said I didn't have Joint Board Clearance for defence

But I guess its pretty bad because I still haven't a job. Altho I doubt if they could find one in my line even if they liked me. It gets me mad to have these people start saying things one way when I know they are just talking not from field work or experience but what they just think. Also awfully scared of public opinion and protests.

You see the two boys that were with James Makeinats have come back on their way to N. Carolina. The field office, Mr. Lee, has received several letters of protest about them coming to Mr. Guilford. They want the two boys to report in Wash. first to ~~smooth~~ so that they could go down there first and smoothed things over.

work. Mr. Chate said that depending on the kind of defense work, Joint Board Clearance wouldn't make any difference, especially in Arsenal work they would instigate an examination of their own much more complete than J.B.C. It got me angry a little in the office because Penury did come in the office but after saying hello didn't even look or speak with me or try to help out - and went home. He sure was rude. I think he was the rudest man I met so far. (This is probably just my opinion of him because he certainly can be sugary to people) I guess I antagonize people of the Govern type who try to exert an influence in advisory capacity which I don't believe in because of several reasons which I state to them.

I've told them before what my experiences have been and what I thought the last time I went and also a few complaints isn't so bad especially when you consider they are other persons who are for you. They don't have to go around implying bodily harm. They seem so intense on telling me why it was necessary to go slowly. They feel like ordering me not to do anything down there anymore. When they give any specific arguments, I give them a good answer back; so they just keep repeating I wouldn't go there so quickly because --- and they try to paint a scary picture. It disgusts me. I hope you can see James Makimoto and tell him of my opinion.

I hope the fellows go down and stay there. Cronin is one of the worse in that he writes letters of not recommending people to come here and yet he doesn't do anything about bettering the relationship.

You see I can't get an availability or release papers from the U.S. E. S. because of the W. R. A. and probably the W. R. A. said so in my account because of no Joint Board Clearance. But that isn't necessary until I get the job. That is what is holding up the defence work here. I'm looking more in unessential work out of my line. People are swell - I met two today again. I may find a small job yet. People have certainly helped me a great deal, for which I am greatly thankful.

convenience + about a mile
from road where there are
buses. Town 3 miles away.

House (I saw a picture) is a
beautiful old Colonial House with
large columns in front.

I wrote a letter to answer an
ad in the "Sun" paper but I must
have read it wrong. It was for
an Engineering Draftman. I asked
for \$225⁰⁰. They said O.K. salary
but drafting was mechanical.
I'll write tomorrow night sure.
I think I'll have to work for
Mr. Simms a couple of times of a
week. \$5⁰⁰ a day. He says
it's O.K. with him.

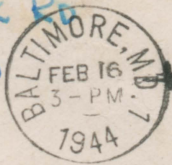
Well more later

Love,
Ken.

What would you say if I worked
on a lead like this. A man has
a large estate near Baltimore - has
in front of his property. Has a fairly
decent small house besides a huge
one. He and his wife sometimes
live in the small one. Apple
orchard and farm + woods. No
rent and no salary. I work a
little in keeping his place up,
with a definite agreement, and the
rest of the time raise cut flowers because
he has equipment there. Some
time I could advertise garden
plans. ~~to~~ Design them for Post-war
and raise the necessary money
for present use. I had another
offer like that but it's 50 miles
from Wash. D.C. and 75 miles from
Baltimore. House has no modern

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