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DEAR SALLY:

This place is just outside of the Baltimore City Limit. It takes just about 50 minutes to get into town.

Gee! how goes things home?

Yesterday I found out at the employment office that if I had an indefinite leave card, they could recommend me to any defence industry; so I am going to send for mine. What do you think about it?

I'm planning to go to Va. the next week sometimes. Dependson Tak and when he gets here. Today is the first day that the sun shined enough to warm up here. The rest of the days were very cold.

Well coming back to yesterday, the Westinghouse Electric still didn't have space for me so I'm going to call on him next week again. Maybe I don't intend to work here but I just want to see how the prospect is. I went to the City Hall to see the planning Commission. There was a young fellow there that I got into conversation with called "Lang." We talked for almost two hours. He asked me about the Japanese and also Iule

Lake etc. I explained a lot of things to him. He told me later that he had seen "Destination Tokyo" and didn't want to see or talk to a Japanese even the citizens of USA. He showed me huge maps of Baltimore - blighted area, colored area, other racial groups, traffic etc. He ended up by asking me to come back and talk with him again and that he might be able to give me some leads too. He also told me to go down to the Civil Service Commission and put in an application to which I did.

I shopped the rest of the afternoon. First I bought the military cut shoes with a little higher tongue and shoe strings. You know the one I was looking up in the Catalog. It was at Mums-Busch and cost \$8.50. I don't think this shoe is as comfortable as the other one. The front is too high. Then I went into about 7 or 8 shoe & Dept. Stores. Went into the main Dept Stores of the city. I found me pretty good one called "Flexible" but I found another one at the "May"

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company which was a little better. I was able to get a shoe for myself on the #18 stamp because I had a book with it but the May Co. wouldn't accept the unattached stamp. I'm going to the Nation board this afternoon to get it changed. They told me it would be single. Meanwhile I have paid for the shoes \$3.50. I think I can send it to you this afternoon.

I'm staying home this morning writing letters. This aft. I think I will go down town and just look up one or two architects from the phone book who sounds familiar. Gosh! if I keep it up, I may land a job here instead of Norfolk. From conversation around here, it definitely is warmer in Norfolk. These thoughts are just rambling but I may, if no good job turns up, do some landscaping on my own on these defence houses - stressing Victory garden. Raising tomatoe, cabbage, eggplant, etc. to sell like bedding plant. You see I may be able to get an F.S.A. loan that way. I saw the Norfolk paper here and there was a little bit

in it telling of so many sharecroppers & small farmers buying land of their own with Govern. Loan. Washington is a big market too. Fruit trees are scarce. That is what I heard at the Nurserymen's meeting.

Gee! I think you would be glad to see some of these stores here.

Going back again. We crossed the Appalachian Mts at night. But there were lots of trees and snow on the ground. Mrs. Simon tells me that it is beautiful up in these Mts. in Spring. Dogwood and azaleas & Rhod. blooming. Gosh! I'm going to do my darndest to get you out here then. I'm getting used to here a little but still think Virginia is the place to get a start. Land etc here is pretty high altho you are so close to Wash. D.C. and Philadelphia.

I saw some very beautiful pottery in the basement of Mr. Simon's house; maybe you have heard of it. I think you mentioned to me about them. These Pottery are called "Jugtown Pottery" and made by Jacques Busbee, Stead, N.C.

We will have to see them some time.

Oh! before I forget, will you send me the map of U.S.A. that I always use and Mike brings out when we have visitors who are interested in the South-East. I forgot to bring it with me.

The Simons and I are going out this Sunday to visit the Miyasaka Family for a Sukiyaki Dinner. Mr. Miyasaka works in the Stainless Steel Co ??? as ???

When I get home in the evenings I talk to Mr. Simons and Mrs. Simons. They are "Friends" and are very interesting and sincere. Mrs. Simon's grand, grandfather came from . He was a glass maker and made some of the first glass in America - 169? - 1702?. The glass is called WISTAR GLASS. Maybe you know that too.

Sat. Night I'm visiting a girl who was at Ialiesin with me. She is working in Wash. and gets home during the week end. I'll tell you more about it later.

The Dam May Co. wouldn't accept the "Denver Dry Goods
check so I have to take it to the bank.

Say, I'm sure getting around. For a place that I wasn't
figured on staying long, I'm making some very good
contacts. Nothing like going up to some office and talking.
The U.S. D.E. does so much for one but I think in
my case it is just as well if not better to go and
see these people and if they aren't so busy talk with
them. It takes more time and expense too but since
there are only a very few people here, it may be
a good thing. The girl in the office has a file card
with hardly anything in it.

Well. Its 11:00 A.M. I got a lot other letters to
write. I'll stop here and if I have anything else
to add later I will.

I'm going to write to Hansen for an indefinite leave so
that if I should go to Norfolk I could try it out for a defence
job.

Tomorrow and since I don't eat at home, I'm going
out. Going to be back this evening.

Love

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Kanezo's picture is swell.
I sent Dick a 620 film.

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