

Tokyo

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Dear Sally:

I went down & looked at the clothes at the PX esp. the expandable ones & I take it all back -- they seem to have nothing but rayon jobs & ugly ones at that; I bought one navy blue thing but it isn't much to look at & will probably be hot as the very devil. I wrote Ki some time ago to get me something in sweater but I don't know what will come of my request. So if you see some cotton jobs esp. with no sleeves & maybe a little bolero I sure could stand it and maybe a butcher linen shirt with smock top or something like that, however. I am enclosing an ad from N.Y. Times & I'd just love to have this little number size 13. If you get me this one don't bother so much about the others. The color doesn't make too much difference. Send it first.

class & it will be flown across the Pacific. I notice that the trouble with most of the summer clothes here is that they were bought in Calif. & Calif. summers as you know are much milder than either Japan's or the East's. I'll enclose a signed check which you can fill in for what you & Sue's shopping will come to. Thanks a lot.

Abe is still real funny about the baby. He says it's scary to feel it -- you can if you press around & it seems to stay over on the right side most of the time. It doesn't seem to have grown much yet tho' it does move around some & seems to get mad if I lie on my right side but I always sleep lying on my right side so already I guess it is a battery of wheels. I'm supposed to take it walking every day but it's been raining practically all the time.

We are thinking about going to see the country cousins with end after next.

also to go to aburahi's haka maeri but the <sup>2</sup>  
roads are bad so I'll take a train to  
Takashiki + Abe will meet me there in  
the jeep. The roads in Gunma Ken are fine  
but those in Saitama on the way up are  
terrible -- it takes as long on the train as by  
jeep -- I think we should go up there before  
I get too uncomfortable. I don't know  
when I'll ever see Kyoto or anything like  
that -- not that I'm so crazy too, but Abe  
says it would be crazy to come to Japan & not  
go to see Kyoto, but I don't do right seeing in the  
U.S. why in hell should I here. But he's probably  
correct about one should see Kyoto. I  
might be interested to know that her friend  
that cartoon character Uratani Michizo  
got himself married ♀ in Nov. or so  
he got back here in October bringing with  
him a piano the better to sing sambika  
with. He showed up at Abe's office before I  
came here & Abe asks him what did he think

of Tokyo after the bombing. So he says "Very interesting!"  
Also she might be interested to know that Al  
Dai is going to be married on the first of May to  
a gal that can really give him the works. She's a  
nice kid & doesn't take any nonsense from Al -  
I guess he finally decided to get married be-  
cause of Universal Military Training or  
Selective Service or whatever.

There isn't anything else much of interest  
around here. We went to see a couple of  
real living Kabuki & went & saw the cherry  
blossoms in Ueno Park. If such things could  
be at all interesting to anyone. I am feeling  
kind bad because the ~~shops~~ shops which had some  
nice stuff about 5 months ago show up  
completely denuded now, just when I think  
the weather is good enough to wander  
around & buy some things. I wonder  
what happened to all the stuff that  
was in them shops? Well my love to the  
kids they seem to be getting more &  
more adult.

Love

Mary