

Sunday -

Dear You: Today was a very lonely & depressing sort of one - I guess I'm worrying about too many things & not getting enough rest - not only that, ^{but} letters from both Mary & Innie made me very restless & the desire to get the hell out of this place is overwhelming me - no, they didn't say anything about getting out but I'm becoming more & more aware of the fact that this type of life is very bad for me and, of course, the kids - my life is nothing but running back & forth from the laundry a mess hall to this one room - I could go on for pages about this but suppose it's pointless - it's just that I'm stagnating & getting pretty small about things - too much like your sister.

Well, anyway, I've been thinking about the draft etc.

I think if we're going around where you are now I prefer definitely to be in Baltimore - well be closer to larger cities & physicians for Mili -

I am willing to ~~take~~ take the chance that you'd be
drafted and go out of camp (this happens to be one of
Wali's worries - What will I do if you're drafted? ^{1/2}
Other people are managing somehow I should be able
to without her help). — But — I do not want
to go to Alabama (as you suggested) nor any of the
deep south states — I'm writing this after some
real deep thinking — we have to consider Miss's
education and the south hasn't anything to
write home about — their standard is any very low —
you mentioned long long ago about our having to
send our children to boarding school in the north
should we live in the south: but since we have
no idea how long the war is going to last we
must face the fact that during the wartime
anyway ~~we want~~ our income won't be such
that we could afford it — not only that
I have been wondering how well we ~~are~~ ^{would} be able
to watch the treatment of the negroes — I say that
because we are a minority as they & have some

through quite a bit in the past 2 years - not
only that we've been victims of minor things
all during our lives — all this is
something we can't forget nor get away from
momentarily - so how could we with any
clear conscience — watch the lousy
treatment of the negroes in the south. I remember
^{the night} when you came back from the trip you said
you were tense all the time you were in the
south because of the way the negroes were
treated. Perhaps you'll say "well get used to
it" — I don't think so — even if we could
I'd prefer we didn't. There must be something
to what so many people have said about not going
down south — Right now I don't think we should
become pioneers — things are much too unstable
& we have 2 children.

I think you should find a job in Baltimore as
soon as possible — if the U.S. Army thing pulls
through you should take that — at least there
is more chance in your not being drafted.

the fact that it's a duration + 6 months job is not
the main issue - if it's possible to avoid the draft
that's the main point. I think starting something
on your own is now out of the question - why
borrow & spend what little we have & have to give
it all up in six months or so?

Wak is worried sick about the draft & you -
I've tried to tell her this is our problem & not
hers but it doesn't do any good - one would
think she's the one who will be left with 2 children
& not me - her worrying doesn't include me at
all - I'd appreciate it if you would tell her
the next time you write to her that she's to
go on with her plans & not stall because
of present problems that deal with us & possible
draft. She says "This ~~is~~ whole thing (draft)
even interferes with your plans & relocation"
So far as I'm concerned I am not going to
stay here very much longer - if after
we relocate you are drafted I'll manage

somehow even if it necessitates hiring someone
to care for the beds & my going to work —

Buch Privates don't get very much — but all
of this is speaking in terms of possibilities,
& not yet actualities — so until
that happens why should we be separated?

Well, I guess this is enough of this — I hope I made
myself clear about ^{the} relocation area — draft, etc.

You probably are surprised at my outbursts — I guess
when I'm really pinned down I'll tell all.

I spoke to Yuri this morning about their plans —
apparently since Wah doesn't want to go to
N. York (Yuri definitely does & is "sure I'd be happy there!")
they are more or less planning on Philadelphia —
The Phil. Relocation Officer was here so Yuri talked
with him, gave him her history (jobs here & outside
etc) and told him she was definitely interested
in going there if they had something to offer her!

So if she gets a job she will take Wah with her —
she feels Wah should not go out alone — Haha —

anyway that's where they'll go if she lands a position -
if not, I don't know. About your being drafted -
you are very impersonal & quite cold - she says "After
all Moore was a if Mrs. Moore can ~~was~~ manage
why can't you?" So it goes. I don't know where Dick
falls in his plans - she avoided that topic very carefully.

K III has one tooth now! - came out of on Saturday -
he feels better but is still blowing bubbles & chewing
things so I guess #2 will pop out one of these days.
He's getting so big & moving around so much that
it's dangerous to leave him anywhere but in
Mike's bed with the side up. Golly, is he
curious - just as bad as Mike.

Mike is fine - I get more & more amazed at how
much she understands. I still don't know if I can
go with her to Denver. (By the way, do you approve
of this? - I'm also going to do a little bit of shopping)

Lucie is in Syracuse N.Y. now - doing some
field work for one of her classes - I don't know for
how long but she said she's working with
children of defense workers (actually it's social
work) & living in a Settlement House. She's going

to look up Eiji.

Dick is sick again - I guess he didn't give himself enough time in bed the last time. He's been very helpful - much more ~~than~~ ^{than} Yui - she hasn't done anything.

Masao left the other day - asked me to send you his regards - sorry not to see you - He's through at Camp Savage so don't know just when or where he'll be sent out.

It's the next day now (Monday aft.) & this will have to go off -

Hope what I wrote doesn't disturb you too much - I'm doing some real thinking now so please take it on face value.

All my love

Sally