

Tuesday -

Dear Tan: I'm real shaky right now 'cause I just had a tooth pulled out - yeh - minus one - and another has to be pulled next week & another filled - jolly - with awful tooth aches and both kids with colds and up all night I'm ~~so~~ been sort of a wreck. This business of feeling shaky etc. isn't good because it never happened before when I had wisdoms pulled - I'm too tired I guess. One reason aside from the above for a little additional concern is Tok is in the hospital - (pleurisy - water in the lungs - from a cold she's had for a long time) she's getting along well now ~~but~~ ^{and} Wak is staying at 10th & running that household & Jun is running up & down - here during the day & up there at night - so man oh man what a business.

Wednesday -

Last night I wrote a letter in Japanese to my parents - took me close to 3 hours to do it - so this had to be ~~left unfinished~~ (Miki nibbled her finger over those blotted words) (I just told her I'm writing to daddy & she says

oh ya?)

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guilty - there seems to be so much to write I dont know exactly where to start - This was ~~very~~ rejected for the army - I think it was his sin - Hey - 'accint you color blind? We may have a chance for exemption if you are.

yesterday - I received a very nice letter from Mrs. Simon - it was really well of her to take the time & thought - I shall write to her soon.

Dick has written several times to me - ~~was~~ ^{much} to your surprise & obvious annoyance - I didnt say much about them until you started to read parts of her letters to me so I finally broke down & showed her my letters - I think she was dying of curiosity - he well. By the way, we, (Dick & me) had a long long talk the night before he left - you & Wah went to Samar so he had a free evening & certainly did well by himself - he talked at great length about you - God, that man has her read through & through - dislikes so many things about her that its amazing that he

should be in love with her - he has a feeling, he says, ⁽³⁾
that behind all the obnoxious front of hers she is
essentially a very fine person that though he hasnt been
a witness of the latter [↑] he is willing to gamble on it -
to which I could only say "Lots of luck." When I went
to see Toh yesterday after seeing the destitute she started
to talk about Nah, Yuri, & Dick - Nah is really very
worried for Dick & apparently hopes that he is
aware of Yuri's many short comings - Its tragic the way
you sisters are all wound up about ~~the~~ each other and never
say anything to the right person - namely the person
involved in a particular incident. Nah doesnt want
Yuri to work anymore ^(if she is really serious about Dick) because shes such an unhelpful
person ~~when she is~~ there - also she gets madder
than a hornet when Y. tries some of her social worker
techniques on her in an attempt to get information -
I dont blame her at all - so what happens is she
simply doesnt respond the way she should or would
if she were asked in a different way. - (all of this
is what Nah has told Toh). Of course Yuri
"understands" every one and every problem better than

anybody else - at least she's sure she does - all of (4)
which doesn't help in her relationship with John Wak -
she really doesn't know Wak at all - I don't think -
what she does ~~is~~ or says simply antagonizes her & y. is
too ego-centric to realize it. W. ~~is~~ feels as we all do that
y. is much too confident in her abilities and that some
day soon she's going to get the shock of her life when she's
going to have to realize that she ain't as good as she thinks -
(this is another reason why W. doesn't want y. to work -
she doesn't want her to have to face such a situation. - I
think it'd do her good) - anyway - the beginning of
all this has started - she's (y.) been communicating with
the W.R.A. offices in Boston & Philadelphia who have
contacted Welfare agencies and the letters coming in
hasn't been too good in that they ~~so~~ tell her
the agencies feel she doesn't have enough (1) training
or (2) experience - in the East an M.A. is expected
of a Social Worker - especially one who wants to work
in a private agency which is what y. wants. y.'s
reaction, of course, is "once I get out & go to these
agencies I know I can sell myself." - So what can
you say - anyway - all the rebuffs I think, are
making her more dependent on Dick's marriage.

To drop that subject & go on to something else: (5)

John's illness is going to detain Waki & Yuri's leaving now - no one knows when John will be well again - she says she's going home soon but planning is nothing to take chances with. Min should be back one of these days. I guess,

your long letter about meeting kindly came the other day - he's a swell guy - I'll go down to see him as soon as things get a little more settled around here - boy, things are upset now but in a while I'll build up another routine - can't rely on Yuri very much.

Is that man Cronin ever in? Every time you mention him "he's not around right now" - What the devil does he do anyway? I hope you can encourage him to push the P.S. G through if he's on good terms with the 3rd Service Command. Honey, I think if the damned thing doesn't come in another 2 weeks you should leave & go elsewhere - Kells Bell we're not getting anywhere this way - In another 2 weeks it'll be almost 3 months since you left - you're able to make what you're spending (I hope) but I'm having to spend money too - more than I expected but some things have to be bought & the three of us here have to have clothing which I'm trying to make inexpensively - if we're to go out it's going to cost ^{much} more money than the U.R.A. gives us to even get a household started. It'll be summer before we get out of here unless something

comes up right away. I know you're trying hard but if
Ballinor isn't going to give you anything, what earthly
good is it going to do any of us to have ^{you} stay there
on the hope that maybe something will come up. Perhaps I'm
being too harsh but when one has 2 children one has to
be sometimes. - you know that.

By the way - if the P.S.G. does come in and you get the Phipps job
(are they holding it for you?); you mentioned the Kawasoye
family & their offer of part of their house rent free - Well, I
would say No. If there is absolutely no other place for us
to go I would insist on paying rent - when one gets
things for nothing the obligation is much too great &
can last forever. - Very nice & generous of them
though (not sarcasm either - I really meant it - you can
thank them for me)

I don't know if Dick did anything to you but if & when we leave
this place I would like to settle in a house from which I
would not have to ^{move} ~~move~~ in the event that you're pulled
into the army. Maybe I'm asking for too much but I
hope you realize that moving around with children
is no easy task & not good for them either. So -
this brings up candidate of estate jobs - I think ~~the~~ one
would be good - esp. if an arrangement as you
mentioned in the last letter could be made but
I'd like a pretty permanent place to live - No I'm

not demanding a soft, easy life — nor am I afraid
of hardship but why push yourself into hardships if
they can be avoided.

Its 11:30 so will go to bed.

Thursday — noon.

I cant write anything today — but will write
tomorrow or maybe tonight — & say more
about the unfinished business above.

The kids are fine now — K III is awful
at night — gets up about 12 or 2 &
invariably stays wide awake for
2 hours — cries unless he's carried
& insists on being played with —
I dont know what to do 'cause it cuts
down my sleeping time to about 4 hours a
night. — I weigh 109 pounds now —
its awful but there isnt anything I can
do to put on weight.
Hope something happens soon —
love
Sally.