

Wednesday nite
Denver

Dear Jan: I'm sorry not to have written sooner but decided to wait until I saw the doctor — Mike's palate surprised & pleased him very much — the hole is no longer there — it's been pushed together by natural growth — it, of course, isn't stuck together because smooth surfaces don't adhere ~~to~~ and one could force something through it but no one is going to do that — sometimes a tissue grows over that area & sometimes it doesn't but it won't ever open up — as she grows older that area will become smooth — what is there ⁽ⁱⁿ ^{palate)} now is scar tissue & a lot more than he expected is gone now. He was really awfully happy about it & called in the doctor who took over the case when he went on a vacation last time to show it to him — So she doesn't have to have a thing more done with the palate — the outside lip is something we will have to have retouched when she gets older but at least now the main

thing is finished. I asked about ~~to~~ her teeth & he said nothing can be done until we see how her second teeth are - they may come in right in which case we won't have to worry but if they don't we'll have to have braces etc. put in. I also asked about her speech & he said it was too early for us to get excited about her not being able to say things or make different sounds. But tomorrow I'm going to visit ~~to~~ the Hill(?) School which is a speech correction school for children - Miss Wichet has made it possible for me to go & observe their methods of speech correction and get pointers from the woman who directs the school. I'm very glad about this opportunity as I think I'll learn a lot. Well, that's all good news, isn't it?

Today we had the whole day free so Miki & I went to Bonder to visit Grace & Dick & baby Elizabeth - The infant is tremendous

not as cute as I expected but a very healthy &
congenial red headed number. Dick is finished school in
another week & will be leaving for somewhere at the end of
the month - he showed me some of the stuff he is able to
read & oh boy, what stuff - the hard Kuzushi ji -
it's really amazing how well he reads this vocabulary
is terrific - puts me to shame cause I couldn't understand
some things he said to me - he speaks very fluently &
without much accent. Grace is still very swell - I enjoy
her a lot - she's planning to start another baby this
month - so the kids can play together and also so she
won't have to have another baby after Dick comes back
which may be ⁱⁿ five years or so. We talked about
draft possibilities and you - ~~they~~ they want me to be
with Grace if you're drafted - in Iowa City - she said
she has a lot of friends & her father has too who would
give me jobs since living on a Beach Private
salary with two children is out of the question.

Will - I told them I had to think about it because
heck after all you haven't been drafted yet -
but honey, seriously speaking the draft has me
quite worried. I saw Tabi the other night & he told
me about so many nicei who have gotten their
classifications already & they're all without exception
1A - even those with children. I hope you get some
reply on the U.S. Eng. attach. thing - or can get into
something else that would defer you. In any case I think
I can't stay in camp very much longer. Did I tell
you that Yuri said she & Bek were talking about
what I would do if you're drafted and wondered
if I would make a request to be transferred to Topaz?!
Soely. I'd rather take a chance outside than go there.

Oh, By the way, Yuri telephoned Rosie
the other day & found out that her ~~mother~~
mother passed away last week. She (Yuri)

Went out to Brighton today but hasn't come
back yet. Oh - its snowing here.

My reaction to civilization is nondescript - before I
realized it I was right back in old form - wandering
around just like I used to - I'm annoyed about the
change in things for sale - the prices are really
terrible & there isn't very much I really want to
buy - Denver is sort of a lousy town.

Miki's reaction to everything is wonderful - beginning
with the bathtub & running water basin ~~and~~ and
toilet - she likes to watch cars go ~~by~~ by but
cries when she has to ride in one - invariably has to go
"ah ah". She's attracted by everything and also
attracts everybody - its a little concerning to sit
in a restaurant & have people stop and talk with
her or sit and oh & ah about how cute and what
she is - sort of nice to have such a wonderful
daughter but it can ~~become~~ become a problem if
she become aware of the attention she can attract.

Dick just telephoned - guess he got lonely but you
wasn't in - he said Lane misses Miki very much.

and that there's a letter from you - I'm very anxious
to get home to read it and see K^{III} again. He's
wonderful too.

Dick has ~~just~~ written to you about leaving - tonight
he told me it'd be on the 20th - The S.O.B. hasn't
told his sisters yet so I gave him Hell. Mrs.
Karin will be hurt if he leaves before her
husband comes back - but she won't say so -
I think he should have told her ~~to~~ some time ago
about his plans. - a lot of this hush-hush
is of course due to you - I'm sure of that
because of things she's said recently.

Well - I must go to bed - it's probably
about midnight.

One thing that impresses me much is the
number of service men around here - not only
that but the very very young girls running
around with them -

Will write after I get home -
Hope things are coming along - Love -
Sally

Monday aft.

Dear Kan: We got home on Thursday night - whole, tired ~~but~~ & happy to see Kengo again - I didn't buy very much but spent some \$28.00 - awful isn't it?

Your two letters (the real long one & the one following) were here & honey, I'm peeved and maybe real annoyed at the things you write - I realize you're away from Japan and can't feel the draft issue as strongly as we but please, for heaven's sake, give it more consideration.

I really expect you to be drafted in about 6 months - maybe more or less but you certainly will not be around for another year - ^{from} not the way it's all being sent to all the boys around here. So how can you still think about starting ~~on~~ something on your own - what good is it going to do us if in a few months after you pay out a sum for something

you're drafted -? it simply means will be out
that much more. Everyone I've talked to
feels you'll be making a big mistake - even
fellows who were formerly farmers are now hesitating
about buying land - of course, more & more
boys with past farming experience or record are
going to work in farms but aren't investing
any money. None is able to think of
post war living - right now it's a matter
of getting a hold of as much money as possible
because of the draft. I realize you want to
get started & I want you to too but you can't
because of the unsettled circumstances that
we're facing. - it's no longer a matter of doing
what you want to do & like best - you have 2
children & they have to be cared for. Maybe I
don't make sense but right now I feel we
simply have to be practical about things &
take what will get most from (not
aesthetically but economically.)

Dick is leaving very soon & will see you - I hope he can ^{convey} ~~convey~~
my feelings to you better than I can by mail.
You'll find enclosed a Red Cross Message from Japan from
Mr. Jails - He says - "I am thinking of all of you, we are
all well - In due time peace will come - ^{in the meantime} ~~wait~~ then
keep healthy." - Now don't write the message
you want sent back on the back of the sheet as
instructed - Write it on another piece of paper &
send it back with this sheet - I'll take it down
to the Red Cross office - they have to check on all
messages before they're put on this paper. You'll
probably want to send a message similar to
this but I'm sending you the paper 'cause
you might like to see it. - I'll send you one, I
oh - it doesn't cost anything.

Also enclosed is a letter from Yohito - it's wonderful.

3:00 P.M.

Your letter dated the 8th came just a few minutes

ago - yolly, honey. something sure must be wrong with Cronin - I think he ought to be repaid ~~with~~ to the Washington office - all he wants to do is sit on his tail and drag in a good salary.

Something should come up soon but if nothing happens in a couple of weeks I think you should not stick around Baltimore any more - by that time you should have covered the Brown family well. I haven't been able to get rested from the Denver trip & so ~~am~~ ^{am} pretty worn out - can't think too clearly - hope I'm sort of coherent anyway. About Denver - I went to the Speech School & was really thrilled to see this Mrs. Young working on a 4 year old boy - getting him to say things he ordinarily doesn't by touching his lips & parts of his throat. I didn't take Miki along 'cause it was "nowing" but I hope that before we leave here we can have her looked at by her - I learned a lot just watching. Miki's helping me write this letter - hence the pencil marks.

K III now stands in the crib, holds on the sides, and walks all the way around - has 2 teeth. His bed is not dangerous now & I'll have to have Dick nail some boards as high as they'll go on the sides - I can't relax completely at night 'cause the minute he wakes up he grabs the sides & stands up - one of these nights he's going to fall out.

He's wonderful though.

Bought wash a pair of pigskin ^(like mine) gloves for her birthday. No more paper so will have to close - ^{lots of luck honey} - ^{happen soon - she - Sally!} - something done