

Tuesday

Dear Ken

Sure good to hear from you and to know that you finally got into something you like and doing O.K. for yourself. I'm getting a weeks vacation in the latter part of September and certainly would like to accept your invitation to drop around but I had planned to go to Denver to see my brother and Fukashi to find out what to do with the f.a.l.h. finances - I'd like to get it off my hands. Have you any suggestions? I sorta wavered off the vacation subject anyway that was my original intention but perhaps I may change my mind cos I would like to see M.Y.C. at least one time anyway. By the way what is Takako doing these now? Please say "Hello" for me next time you see her.

Guess I'm a permanent fixture at Keshins for the duration for it seems to be a pretty good place, at least we don't have to kill ourselves also the pay is good enough for me. Lately all our body + fender men quit and the boss picked me to replace them so I've been prounding out dented fenders and body and welding. Did admit my work is sloppy right at the present time but the boss doesn't seem to mind so I guess it's O.K. with him, the only trouble is that I make so much noise every body in the shop hollers at me to keep quiet.

Ken Ota and I was up to Crystal Lake last Sunday and spent the day lying in the hammock taking life easy and also enjoying a good home cooked meal home style. You know there's something about eating in a family group - I don't



just how to describe it but to sit around the table with friends and chatting about this & that which makes it so pleasant. I manage to get up there <sup>about</sup> once a month.

I've been getting around a little bit more than I did last year so far I've seen a couple of plays, concerts and the latest was the operetta "Cherry Widow" very good. Gotta see the musical "Oklahoma" one of these days.

By the way how are the conditions between the Japanese & the rest of the population in M.C.C. here in Chicago the sentiment is getting slightly bad perhaps it's because there are so many here any way I hear that two of the finest ballrooms has been closed to us and also a very famous restaurant I think that's mispelt but I'm too lazy to look it up anyhow that's the way it is but I hope it won't get any worse - with so many young kids coming in I'm afraid that it will.

Ed Short dropped in on me quite unexpectedly one day last week just to say hello and also to remind me that a job will be waiting for me up in Seattle whenever I return. He's expanding and has taken on a large farm equipment so there will always be plenty of work.

Well Kan here's hoping ever ything is O.K. with you and hope you won't wait too long to write again.  
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