

April 26, 1939

Dear Wak:

Say it does my heart good to see such a long letter from you. It looks like they wouldn't let you talk so much too; so now you are letting everything go to the wind.

Was it warm today! Oh, Boy! it was the warmest weather we have had as yet. It started out fine and it still is altho a little overcast. I don't think it is going to rain tho. It would have if the cool wind didn't come up. I went into Flushing to mail Misumio's letter and to try to find a Radio Amateur so that I could talk to the gang back home. No luck; Couldn't locate any. I'll try the Chamber of Commerce next.

Say Spring is here now. Yesterday I wasn't quite so sure, but today there is no doubt. I noticed an unusually movement in the eyes of the trees the day before yesterday. Today going to work I saw a magnolia tree almost in full bloom - beautiful. They are all coming out - The leaves on the huge deciduous trees are just coming out too. The color is yellow green. In town the street light reflects on them, making them look like blooms. The lady of the house even put Forsythia blooms in my room when she kept artificial flowers before. I'm going to send you some picture of the people and the house I live in some time later. I'm glad that we will finish work this week. The gardens all around must be getting beautiful. Sakurai may be able to get me a free pass for the first 4 or 5 days of the Fair. I'll see that real good before going around to see gardens.

We will finish the garden on time. It almost complete now. They are laying the

concrete for the waterfall and the pool. They should finish day after tomorrow. It is a more practical garden than the one in San Francisco. I like the general set up, altho the main pine trees by the waterfall is not so good. Its funny to hear Shogo Myoida criticise Sakurai's work and then hear Sakurai criticise Myoida's work. Myoida needs improving. Sakurai is all right. Myoida did a bit of planting for "Coty" the ~~cafe~~ perfume etc Co. After he had it finished, I went to see it. I thought it was fairly good but not so distinctive as he sketched it. Also, I recognized the fact that one tree was missing. Sure enough, Shogo put one in that position later. I haven't taken any pictures of it yet because the leaves aren't out from some of the main trees. I haven't thought much about the design but I'm going to sketch one for myself just to see if I can make a more distinctive design. Wb

Say, talking about your operation — a stretch in time saves nine" — Ha! Ha! or Ho! Ho!
I'm going to write Uncle a letter maybe later.
A Mr. Hayashida of the ^{Consulate} office helped me in getting into the Fair grounds the first day. He asked me if I was an relation to Uncle. I just said nephew. The Chauffeur to the Consulate comes around. I asked him to thank Hayashida for me. The Chauffeur told me today that Hayashida will come to see me some of these days. My! Oh! My! Won't he get a surprise if he sees me working in the dust and grime at the Jap. Garden.

It seems the Park Commission has put in a bid for the garden already. They want to keep it. Sakurai is feeling very happy. The reason that he is going to Europe and Italy especially is that Italy is going to have a Fair next year, I think. Keep this

covered because Goto told me he wasn't sure about everything. The Japanese Government will put up a garden three times as big as they did over here. Sakurai is going to Italy to see about it a little. Goto wants to stay here in New York for about a year. He thinks that he may be able to go to Italy for Sakurai. ~~ago~~ I'm going to look for some work in.

Landscaping for Mr. Goto. For me? Well I'll tell you more later. I hesitate like that once before but I haven't had an answer yet. I'll find out soon.

Landscaping is all right but I've really made up to go into Architecture for all its worth. Only one thing disturbs me once in a while and that is law. You know the last time I visited Al Trager, ~~he~~ ~~he~~ showed me some law books he was studying. (He is going to Law School.) He showed me a problem and asked me who was right.

I gave him my answer. He said I was wrong but after investigation, I ^{found} I was right. Of course that's just one incident but I can see possibilities. — Can't be too many things and do them all well.

I have a sneaking feeling that Law will be easier for me than Architecture too. Damn fools we mortals be.

"Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree."

I must be a ~~a~~ poor fool — I can't even make a poem. Don't get me wrong. I'm just musing and not blue at all. I'm even eating a peppermint toffee bar. It's pretty good. I don't see ~~how~~ how I can eat so much sweets, especially after the good Suppers we have. We had roast

tonight with potatoes done a little differently.
Tell all your misses, if you still have them,
that I deeply regret not being able to see
them. Of course I would have just used
you as an excuse in seeing them. But
that isn't as bad as Sakurai. I would would
look up all of a sudden from my work
and sometimes see a beautiful lady or just
a plain lady looking at the Jop. Poylon
etc. The next second Sakurai is there
"Johnny on the Spot" He can talk a little better
English now. Sometimes he is so fast that
when I look up at a place where no
one was there before, I'd see Sakurai
with a lady. He looks so sleepy all
the time, but he certainly perks up
when a lady comes around. He
stiffens up like a "pointer dog" when
the If you see Sakurai in that pose,
just follow his stare and you will find
the object of his stare a lady fair.

This is a big piece of toffee. Too bad I
can't send you any.

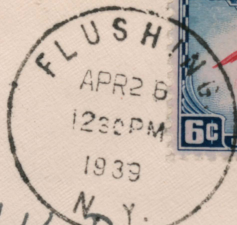
You ought to see some of my pencil
sketches. Gosh! but my writing is poor. I
pity the persons I write too, especially when
I want to write in a hurry because ideas
keeps on coming full steam ahead. My
fingers can't move fast enough - maybe it's
because I have a hang over from arm-movement.
I should use my fingers now maybe.

Well, I guess this is all for tonight.

You can eat as much as you want and
all the good things you want. I'm not jealous
I get good things too.

ps. They are working nights at the Fair grounds.
It's all lit up and looks very beautiful.

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