

Tuesday — April 8, 1952

Dear Kirié — The package from home came as an unexpected surprise — please thank papa & mama — the girls dresses are very cute — I'll have to do a bit of altering on both of them — but they look dressing alike for some unknown reason — so with their red coats & patent leather shoes (1st time they've had dressy shoes) they'll be a cute looking pair of kids — Anyo thinks his shirt is real sharp. Hans said something about thanking everyone for Xmas presents — I had a feeling Nidli had written — maybe the letters never got there — in any case I'm sorry — so let them know we got the stuff & thanks to everyone.

Did I tell you that Al & Lonnie Clempner are back — we have seen them twice — that child drives me frantic — even Kan gets worried when he's around — If Lonnie ever asks me to keep an eye on him I will simply have to refuse. He's worse than any child I know — it's all her fault because she's so damned tense but just the same the less I see of him the happier I am. They've brought some property about 60 miles from here & will probably put up a Ormots house.

We have seen the Nip architect again - He stayed over the
week-end & tried very hard to convince us that we should apply
for a Ford foundation grant and go to Japan for a year. Its
all well & good but I don't know if Kan will benefit enough
to warrant pulling up stakes here for that length of time. The
guy is convinced he knows Kan - his methods of design etc.
but he sure has been figured out wrong in many respects - the
most important ones. - Well - he'll be here for a couple more
months & I will probably see him more & more but that doesn't
mean anything. So never mind telling pa or ma about this -
they'd get unnecessarily excited & it really doesn't mean very
much.

We have met another Nip who is here on a 4 year music
scholarship - I must say he's a pathetic creature. Speaks very
little English - takes a million courses - lives with bushi-in -
never meets Nihonjin - 1st time he'd spoken Jap. &
later with bushi since he came here. - Honestly -
something ought to be done about these lonely guys -
I don't feel quite up to having open house every weekend but

they certainly should be helped by someone.

Have heard her here for a while but I guess child comes
later. Will probably drag her out to the zoo - which is
something we've done for years on Easter Sunday.

The circus is in town & I guess will have to be certain
about getting the kids there this year. Did not get tickets
which cost fifteen dollars - but I guess it'll be worth it.

Hope everyone is well - thank you for the painting - ^{embroidery}
it's really quite nice.

Love

Sally