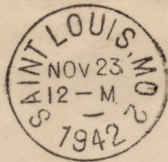


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Nov. 15

Dearest Yuri,

No doubt this finds you busy as ever in the midst of your work in Granada. I only hope that everything is ~~shy~~ going along very nicely and that people are becoming more settled and comfortable. Thanks for your elegant letter...it was worth waiting for... if you get what I mean. I've been ever wondering how you all were getting along and I was terribly relieved to find you in such good hopeful spirits, although I must say that under no circumstances did I ever find you otherwise. How is little Marilyn and her mother? Your father well? Gee, I certainly wish that the railroads were mine to travel for I would certainly head towards Topaz and Granada.

Except for my intermittent moods of homesickness for my folks and friends, I'm getting along very nicely and enjoying my new life out here. Everytime I get low, I dash off a letter to someone and it makes me feel a lot better. However at the time of writing this, I'm not in one of those moods. This is a very peaceful Sunday 5PM and since the weather is so much like that of California I just decided to chat the time of day with you. As all chronic ailments go, I'm ever swamped with work but I decided that there is no cure for it so the best thing to do is to do the best I can. I've been turning over new leaves ever since I started my work but the funny thing is there is always another leaf that can be turned!

To the amazement and to a certain extent--alarm--Wash. Univ. has a tremendous amount of transfers here. I think that things are getting along very nicely and each of the students realize what a problem ~~may~~ be created by bunching up and etc for this Campus has not known more than 2 or 3 Orientals at one time. Now there is a swarm of over 30...the official number as no one really knows but the Y asked the administration to set it as such. I don't know what is behind all this sudden release but I do hope that our coming here does not cause any unpleasantness...especially since several have been here for many years and have made such good names for the Japanese. Most of the former students have been from Hawaii. There are about 5 or so girls and 3 are staying at Ma Millan but here are over 20 boys in one dorm. There is no actual increase here at the medical center since the summer, however.

The student Y has a most wonderful man in charge..Arnold Haack. He is by far the most able and foresighted man in "Y" work that I have ever met. He has been so wonderful to all of us...honestly, I just don't know how to praise him enough. It so happened that a young girl going to a Catholic women's college here had her picture printed and a story about her in one of the local papers. So then the paper began to hound Wash U and of course the various offices began to confuse things badly. So Arnold asked the office to let him handle the thing. So he had to hustle and get together an interview and a picture in a matter of 2 hours. He shunted all calls to him and then went about initiating a scrap iron drive.



The boys posed with the scrap iron pile and thus made a very nice publicity picture. It was a very ingenious idea, don't you think?

Nov. 22

Please excuse my not finishing this on time. I guess that I got way ~~laid~~ along the way. I don't know what I do with my time but days seem to just fly along so that I can hardly realize that there is only about 3 more weeks of school in this current semester

St. Louis has become a very relocating center. There are ever so many people coming out to get work here or to go to school. There are lots of opening for people in the nursing and hospital work line. I had a call the other day vfor a couple of stenographers who would like to have a job in the local "y". I wrote to Topaz in the hopes that a couple of girls may want to apply. Nurses won't have any trouble getting placed either. One of the officials of one of the local hospitals went to Jerome Arkansas Relocating Center to see if they could recruit some nurses and laborers. I think that it fine that professional people get placed, but if they are leaving the camps to get work with full pay, why can't they be given full pay as the Caucasian workers do so that they would be serving their logical places. So in order for them to get along, they have to try to get work outside while Caucasians are hired to do the camp work. Something seems funny. As to recruiting workers for the hospitals. I do think that it is nice that some places are willing to accept Japanese, but I don't think that it is to the benefit of the people who will come to work, for after all it is work of the negros or of the lower whites and I don't think that freed m isew worth lowering one's standard of living. After all it seems as though the first generation went along trying to raise things for the next generation and then the younger people break that all down now. Oh well, I guess that these things will all work themselves out....and there is no use in my getting hepped up about it.

Last night we went to see a real show boat performance. An old boat is docked on the river and they had a very corny play called "Adrift in the City"... and from the title you can imagine what the play is about. The players were funny and exaggerated as that olden melodramas called for. So the audience supplied the rest of the atmosphere with its remarks, hisses, and yelling. Such goings on, the players were in the mood of the whole thing and they had good reborts and side remarks. The boat, "Golden Rod" is an old thing with a lot of musty old atmosphere and was really like what one think about when one reads about the show boat in stories about the Mississippi.

Bertha Akimoto was in St. Louis this week. She went to Rowher, Ark and was released to come to get an internship. She is at a hospital in Jefferson City about 150 miles from here but she wants to get into a hospital here in St. Louis. She doesn't have immediate results but I think that she will be getting a position here soon.



It was good to see her. She was in Camp for 5 months so she had more of a taste of that life than I did. It so happened that a group down at the Y had asked me to come down and speak to them about Camp life as they were anxious to be of some help if they could, so I dragged Bertha down and we had a good time. They were very interested and really were very understanding and interested. I think that Bertha was interested to see their attitude. I think that in spite of the general tendency for the people of St. Louis to be provincial, they have been very kind. I know of several Americans who are planning to entertain the students so that they will feel welcomed and at ease among the people here. They are all very keen about the fact that citizens are being concentrated and the fact that they are doing their part in helping us. Really, it's gratifying. I guess the fact that there are so many people of German descent who suffered in the last war has a lot to do with this attitude.

Do you know that out of the clear blue sky I got a note from Nancy Mimer. She wrote a note to me at my home and hoped to hear from me. She's in Chicago and I was so mad for I was not able to get in touch with her when I was up there this September. She's at the George Williams College there and is getting along nicely. Her mother is critically ill and so she may have gone home to Berkeley as I haven't heard from her. She asked me what had become of you and I told her and gave her your address.

I told you about my visit to see Sam and Pearl. Gee, they were so good to me that I almost felt that I had gone home. I ate 'til I put on 5 whole pounds and I really had a wonderful time. Every one remarked how I came back a changed person.. I don't know what they see in me changed...but I think that it was the rest and the joy of seeing my army family. I enjoyed the touch of army life. There was more saluting that I almost was doing it when I left. Gee, Sam is certainly enjoying his work. He lives and breathes it. He gets very attached to his men and they seem to like him ok. I was ever so glad to see him happy at his work. I was worried that the Japanese officers may be bitter because they weren't getting raised in rank, but that seems to be the least of Sam's worries. Pearl is keeping house and is doing a good job of it too. She was like a mother <sup>to me</sup> in the way she served and waited on me.

I'm still enthralled at the site of Chicago which I had on my trip. It was simply wonderful. I sighed at the skyline of N Chicago and the water of Lake Michigan....it reminded me of SF. I didn't have much time there but I got enough of a glimpse to see the hugeness of the city and the the splendor. I think that I would like to live there. It is very cosmopolitan. I guess that it is the contrast for I just can't see anything cityish in St. Louis now.

My work is coming along and I'm ever enjoying the work of the department. The system differs from that of a huge State University, but there are advantages at this smaller school, too. One thing people here seem more serious and they really turn out the work. I enjoy the difference in emphasis and am really learning new things every day.

Gee, this is getting long. Hope to hear from you and Alice one of these days. How is everyone? Give them my best. I met Gladys. She's very nice and getting along tops.

Bye now and do write. As ever,

Sammy.