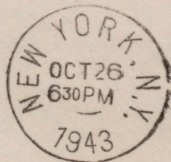


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Hello Yuri,

At long last, it seems that I'm settled.... that is as settled as one can expect under these circumstances. Consequently, I'm getting around to all these letters and stuff which ought to be attended to now and then. Thank you for coming to see us off before our departure that night so long ago. All of that does seem so remote now. But for all of the pleasantries that we experienced in Amache, I am not getting into a nostalgic mood or anything.

Perhaps this is because of the fact that I like N.Y. so very much. It is all that I had hoped and expected...Unfortunately even to the point where we expected N.Y. to be a poor labor market, especially for social workers. It is all of that, and yet I like it. I have finally landed a job, a respectable job as a social worker. My difficulty in placement seemed to arise from "not enough education". Everyone I contacted seemed to be amazed at my temerity to look for a job without a master's degree. All of that did a lot to reduce my dwindling ego; and it was enough to put on a brave front to cover that feeling of being a "penny waiting for change".

I can imagine that Amache is cold as it is here in N.Y. We live in Manhattan very close to the Hudson River. The wind that comes from both the East River and the Hudson makes life pretty miserable. I can not get used to the crowded subways, sts., stores, etc. It reminds me of S.F. at Christmas time. Commuting from Philadelphia and such points, seems to be very common, and New Jersey is nearer than Berkeley was from San Fran. I sound provincial don't I. ...the gauche country girl who hit the big town. So far, the people I have come into contact with, (ie the nisei) seem to be

pretty well adjusted. They impressed me as a group who knew what they wanted and were all very self sufficient. There are a few queers, that is the zoot-suiters. Let us hope we do not have the problems that Chicago is facing as a result of these non-conforming individuals. All of that is a question for much discussion but all of us have heard of it before so let's not go into now.

I would not suggest that people of your calibre come out here because it will be difficult to obtain placement equivalent to your talents. It would be too disappointing. I am considering going to night classes at the N.Y. School of SW. There are so many things to do and to see that it is difficult to get around to doing and seeing them. The fact that they are available is stimulating enough. Our immediate environment is rather pleasant. We live two blocks from Columbia U, one block from several parks, and even Central Park is nearby.

People complain that N.Y. is a poor labor market, and that the cost of living is so high. Actually there are plenty of jobs, but they are menial, and the wage is low. This is no boom town, but perhaps the bubble won't be quite so big when it will be time for it to be bursting after the war. Small consolation for those evacuees who came out expecting a stupendous wage. All of this sounds so erratic; please do not be too critical and forgive all the mixed up mumbo jumbo. Maybe it is partly due to the feeling that we can never sit down long enough to get the wrinkles in our thinking smoothed out. Please also forgive the use of the typewriter but I haven't even gotten a bottle of ink yet. (Gee what a lot of buts, and excuses.)

I do hope your situation will be straightened out so that you can plan to relocate soon. It's swell. Until again,

*Jas*