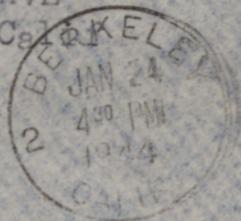


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Miss Yuri Domoto
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My dear Yuri:

Thank you so much for your recent letter. I carried it with me into the field, hoping to write from there but the opportunity was lacking. Had wanted to write you at once, for it was with regret that I learned of your father's death. At the time my father died, it was so hard to realize that he was gone but actually he was probably more at peace. Your father might have been interested in seeing more of the United States but he now is spared the problem of adjustment to life again. I'm so sorry for you and your family, that you will not have him to council with you. Will you please extend my sympathy to your brother, that I know, also.

You mentioned the fall weather, that your father had enjoyed it. Actually, in California, we never experience that fall air and it is something.

I'm so happy to know that the Nursery here is still being operated and that your brother has had an opportunity to relocate where he can carry on his profession.

As for you, I was a bit distressed to realize that you were still at Granada for it must be particularly trying for you. It is undoubtedly difficult enough without having lost your father. I do so hope you can do social work somewhere there. As you can understand, I came out here immediately out of University, so have not kept up with social workers or the field there. However

there is a dirth of social workers everywhere. California has eliminated the residence requirements for many positions, the Eastern workers therefore are coming here, thereby leaving vacancies there. I have a cousin who is a lawyer in St Paul who has been a liberal and much interested in the Welfare field when he lived in California. I will write to him, ask him if he can do anything about helping you to locate there. Then I also had a social worker friend who remained in the profession after her marriage, if I can locate her will ask her what she can do in Minneapolis. You know, the University of Minnesota had an excellant school of Social Work, might you not write there and ask what the possibilities of employment are in Minnesota. Then too, why not write the State Department of Social Welfare in St Paul, advise them that you would be interested in taking the merit system examinations when they are given for county welfare positions and ask them to send you a copy of the Minnesota Laws. Of course, if you went to Chicago, you would be nearer your brother and family. I will continue to see what I can do to make contacts for you.

What is your sister's background and what are her plans if you leave? Is there anything I can do to help her.

Have just had another thought. The woman that lives with me, a Mrs Anderson is the house mother at the Pacific School of Religion. She will write to a Dr Bennett who went from here to the Union Theological Seminary in New York, also to her son who is a minister near New Haven, Connecit

to see what suggestions they can make for you. Dr Galleger has just come to the Pacific School of Religion, is an outstanding person in the Race Relations field and was brought to the Institute of International Relations at Mills by the Friends last summer and we will see what suggestions he can make. Will you, please give me your background, that is when did you finish the course at California, how long did you work at the International Institute and how long at Alameda County? What in detail, have you done since being in the Assembly centers.

If you will give me details about your sister, too we will see what can be done.

You never considered joining the Waves, WACS or SPARS? I wouldn't blame you if you had not, surely.

Did I tell you that at the Pacific School of Religion they have a course for as they call them PostWarriors. Friends, usually, who are willing to go abroad without remuneration are being trained to go to countries where they will be needed. I heard Dr Steer from Haverford College (Friends) describe the establishment of such a course at his College. Naturally it is difficult because the field is so new but he contends that without religion the work is even more difficult. As for example in Spain and in Vienna after the fall of the socialist party.

I am having an interesting group in shortly do wish you might be included. The assistant pastor at the Congregational Church

is a very earnest young Christian who was married at Thanksgiving. Then there is a student at the Pacific School of Religion Roy Nichols who is one of the pastors at the Bi-Racial Church where they have a white and a colored pastor. Another negro, a kindergarten teacher in the Berkeley schools has gone out a bit with Roy. Recently, I met a young German Jewish girl from the south of German, who has been in this country four and a half years and has just finished or is about to graduate from the University. She is attempting to get a scholarship to the School of Social Work for she is handicapped in obtaining a position because she is not a citizen yet. Her brother has just obtained his PHd at the University and is a teaching fellow in Econ. Don't you think they will be an interesting group to get to-gether?

This Jewish girl tells me that they are taking nearly anyone who applies into the curriculum if they are not over thirty five. Which goes to show, again, the shortage of workers in that field.

You speak of the Friends, actually I had never had much of an opportunity of knowing them until recently. Last fall I went to a meeting at their center in San Francisco which was formerly the Japanese YWCA I believe, and they discussed their programs and the need to work with the negro. Since then, have attempted to go to meetings when possible. I admire them so very much, too.

This is a heavy letter, actually I should tell you about something more amusing but these times are not conducive to the lighter touch. However, yes as a Christmas gift I was given a ticket to the San Francisco Symphony and the guest artist was La Argentinita and her troupe. She is so excellent, of course and the costumes were so fresh and gay. Naturally the music was good.

As for my reading, it is a bit heavy. I am enjoying Common Ground which you may not have seen. Louis Adamic is a contributor and actually it deals with problems that we should all be aware of. Then, when I go to County Libraries, read Foreign Affairs which I feel gives one an excellent outlook in international affairs. Free World may be a bit heavy at times, but it has an interesting board of directors who are internationally known. Orson Wells is interested in this movement-free world. You would probably like to see a bit of professional reading and I would be happy to send you some, if I only knew what you would like. Do you ever see the Survey, Family, News Letter? Ever since you left, I have wanted to send you something, something that you could use and that would help you to realize that you have some friends here but was always at a loss to know what. Maybe books might be the answer. Will you help me?

Yuri, is live so earnest with you that you have had no time for romance? If you have not found someone there that interests you, would you be willing for me to suggest that

Cpl Masao Kanemoto from Camp Savage, Minnesota writes you? He is a fine lad, who had just completed his law course at Santa Clara University the day he was evacuated and has now been admitted to the bar. I have asked this same nephew, that I mentioned to you, to ask Masao to visit him. He writes such fine letters, as do you, it might be a bit interesting to write each other.

You mentioned that your brother found people under tension when he returned to California. The way that has been evidenced to me, is the dissatisfaction everyone seems to find in their work. I do believe that is because they or we are all, unconsciously, upset that we are not doing as much as we might to bring about peace.

Maybe you did not know but the Kiwanis Club of Los Angeles went on record for racial tolerance, outlining that most people came to the United States to escape from religious persecution, poverty etc and that it behoved us all to be tolerant. You would be pleased to realize that there are many people with just that attitude but naturally they are not as articulate as those who preach hate.

To-day, we are having a nice soft rain. The vegetable men have been so concerned because we have had so little rain thus far.

Did you know that Miss Chickering had resigned and has been succeeded by Mr Wallenberg as director of the State Department of Social Welfare. Formerly, the director was appointed by the Board but the law has been changed so that the Governor, Warren, had the

appointment. Miss Chickering was so professional and although Mr Wallenberg has been head of the Institutions of San Francisco for many years, he was retired for age some months ago-seventy years old.

As I sit here writing, am looking at a bowl of accacia or in Europe it is called Mimosa and out of the window the pink is just showing on flowering plum trees. Wish I could send you a bit. For one who is used to California, the winters seem even longer, I'm sure. I still have the azzelia that your brother practically gave to me, to-gether with the container.

If this is a bit disjointed, please forgive. I'm trying to have the flu or something. Stayed home from church, from dinner and a harp concert to take care of myself. Maybe I'll do better next time. Please, do let me know if there is anything at all that I can do for you.

Again, thank you for your very fine letter. I am proud to know one who can be so objective, so fair and so lacking in bitterness. To-day over the radio, I Heard Do Loper preach that because of different capacities and opportunities, some of us had much greater obligation to contribute to society. You will make that contribution surely, for you have come from excellent family with great mental ability and you have so much to contribute if we just make the chance for you.

sincerely,

Mildred.

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not proof read.*