

2/25/42

DETAINED ALIEN
ENEMY MAIL
EXAMINED

Dearest Dad,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your two telegrams and three letters, and we appreciated them very much, for they reassured us that everything is under control at Fort Missoula, S. We realize that you miss us very much, for that goes for us too, but as per previous letters that I sent you (I sent two letters to you) we have every reason to believe your stay will be of short duration, so we are not disheartened.

This is to report to you that everyone at home is taking things very calmly, and trying to make the best of everything. You have read the papers and have heard the radio, and they must have exaggerated a lot, as the situation although tense here, is not as bad as the papers and radios paint it. We are still awaiting further instructions from the Federal Authorities, and until we receive actual instructions we are going about our every day duties, just as though nothing has happened. The position of Aliens as well as Citizens is not at all reassuring, but we are hoping for the best, as Los Angeles has been your home for approximately 30 years, and Los Angeles is the only home, we children know. We do not wish you to worry unnecessarily, so please rest assured that we will take care of the family, especially Mother, as you would want us to.

Aiji started working for Seiichi Nobe today, working on the Insurance end of Mr. Nobe's business, so if the situation does not change, he is assured of a steady position. Marshall is going to work for the K. Nakashima Nurseries (formerly Mr. Sasajima's place) or at the Star Nursery, so he has a job. We regret the fact that he did not return to University of California this semester, but as he has to serve in the U. S. Army eventually, we thought it advisable that he work to help the family until he is called. Tets is trying out for the Freshman Tennis Team at U.C.L.A., and is continuing school, as he is too young to work (because so many older experienced people need the job more than he does), and he wants me to tell you that he will really study, and get a better grade than last semester, last semester he received a "C" average, so he will have to study pretty hard, as "B" grades aren't so easily obtained. Marjorie is still growing-up, and she is trying to become a young lady now, instead of the baby she used to be, as your grandson Toddy is now "the" baby of house. Emmy has probably told you in her letter that she is still employed by the State Department of Motor Vehicles, and so at this writing we still have some income forthcoming to meet our household expenses.

I am still trying to help those in distress, and so find myself busily engaged in various activities - personal and for others - especially in the Y.W.C.A. Emmy and I are still advising the Y.W.C.A. clubs we were affiliated with, and the Y.W.C.A. is in there pitching, to help everyone who needs aid, so we, in our small way, are contributing our part towards national defense, especially to bolster up Morale. They say "Morale is a Woman's Job", especially when we cannot use our physical strength (the little we have) to help the U. S. Government.

All of us at home are keeping the home fires burning, until you come home, so we still try to run the house just as though you were there, so----you will find us laughing, cheerful, and looking at things from an optimistic angle, although it is hard sometimes. We have plenty of everything now, and so Dad, if you need money or other things don't hesitate to let us know---as we do not want to deprive you of anything as far as material things are concerned.

Emmy has told you that we have sent a few things to you. You will be wondering about the Phonograph and records. I saw Father Lavery yesterday, and he told us about the records, so you will get them shortly. Father Lavery told me quite a lot about Fort Missoula, and I am glad you are having a comfortable time. He told me the Government is doing everything possible to make it comfortable, and I was especially glad to hear how everyone's health improved.

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BY MAIL

I think I should congratulate you and Taka-chan for your/elected to the offices of Councilman and Mail man respectively. That is very nice, as you will then have something to do to pass the time away. Do your duties to the best of your abilities, and then, the persons who elected you will be glad they chose the right men for the job.

Take good care of your health, Dad. You do miss those tri-weekly jaunts to the golf course --- I know, and to make up for the golf games you are missing, exercise moderately (watch out for those two legs of yours--don't over-tax them) every day, and drink lots of milk, etc. Tell Taka-chan to watch that tricky stomach of his also, and to do some exercises with you, if you need company.

Toddy is growing fast. He really is a healthy baby, a sweet-tempered one too. He is almost two months old, and weighs approximately 12 lbs. already. Everyone says he is cute, and we think so. You can be a judge of that when we send his picture to you. We intend to have it taken this Sunday, and if he isn't sleepy, and if we can catch him just when he smiles, the picture will tell you the whole story. Anyway, he is the King of the house, and we cater to his demands. He manages to keep us occupied, and that is something these days.

All of your American friends have inquired about you and send you their regards, as well as their regrets---they all feel badly about your being detained by the Federal Authorities, and hope you will be released very, very soon. Mr. Hancock, Mr. Sindorf, Mr. Pine, Mr. Geo. Williams, and Mr. Blair, have told us especially to tell you that they expect to see you walking down the street again one of these days, and they hope to be surprized. I saw Mr. Blair at the High School today, and he was very much concerned about the welfare of those children in his school, and their parents. He said things weren't too bright, but again, things aren't too black either.

We are going through something you and I never dreamed would ever occur, and I know you feel just the same as every loyal American citizen. We can only hope that the day will come soon, when we can wake up in the morning without any fear that some catastrophe will be upon us. If we go through this crisis successfully, we will have learned through experience that God is with us. I have prayed like I have never prayed before----and I hope that God will answer our prayers. I guess we must have patience, so I am trying to be patient, but it is hard.

I seem to have written lots and lots....and yet have said practically nothing. Excuse this letter which is written in a haphazard fashion. As it is, I'm not a person gifted with literary talents, so you cannot expect much more from me. By the way, here's a suggestion to pass along to you. If you have time, now is the time to brush up on your English ----conversationally you are okay, but there is room for improvement along other lines, and they say you are never too old to study. If you wish to study upon Bridge....I can send you some books on the Culbertson method, and etc. If you are allowed a newspaper we can send you the Times, so let us know what kind of reading matter may be sent to you.

I have reached the end of the paper ---so I will close for now. Mother will write to you in Japanese just as soon as she has finished her work, so that she can give you a full report of what she has done since your interment. Be good and lots of love from, *Frank*