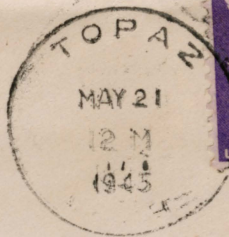


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Monday 10:20 AM

Dearest - Am rushing this off to you to say that I stoged 2-3 brooms with WRA - & should be there! Also several maps. Don't odd. Forget about dust pan - I know I left it there at time of evacuation but don't remember straging any. Some feel ashamed about lack of curtains though.

What does Helen do all day? Sew on the sewing machine? Tell her to use it if she wants to make summer clothes, mend, etc. I suppose she has the time - or does she work part time or what - I know they get \$1 hr or about that.

Regards Kanabatas - I'll wait till you hear from <sup>you if</sup> WRA has gone yet or not. I asked you this enard long before you started work, when you were idle, & we both needed money also something to do. It would have turned out to be a favor to us if you could have made something on it. Please look at it that way. Why you let it ride I don't know. Going to WRA wasn't so big, as going there once & just sliding one box to one side or tagging it & the irons with a sign saying it was for WRA to crate & send to Tokyo - 1-2 hrs. work at most. I'll talk to Kanabatas & return \$50, if you write to say WRA has already done it - but you've got to send me some news on the progress instead of writing whole pages each time on how much this whole thing worries you. I'm firmly impressed & won't do such a thing again when you are working hard, & no longer need money.

But please do tell me what a simple telephone call to WRA has resulted in regards their going to the Kanabatas. Nobody said you had to go out to the heads of WRA got there already - & ask if they were able to pick out trunk, pots & pans of aluminum ware, & 3 irons or as many irons as they could, if so how many. The girl who answers at the warehouse would know - she types the sheets of storage, etc. there. She'll tell you how to do - phone.

Suggest Buford eat out or whatever when Helen goes to Hanford. But Kanbas in Capra's room - tell them to move to his room. Marita's is too small for 2 adults. Papa won't go for a while.

Better get daikon seeds etc from Denver - nappa, daikon - gobo or whatever. I'll see about black pepper. Wish you'd asked me before - Kanbas could have taken it - now I'll send it. We haven't heard a word from Opie - do not say anything about any case.

Be very glad to receive cigarettes, Crystal White & cup. Will you get carton Philip Morris for me - Dr. Sugiya - send it via Jim Komba, & brown & white striped rayon to me from Kohira - so I can make Papa a summer shirt I once promised & which he hounds me for. I can't buy any more of that material regardless of price tho' it was 59¢ or less last year. I used part of it for a dress, so it has a cut-up edge on one end & stripes are about 1/8" or less. I wore dress to NY. Lots of love, Tomie



May 13, 1945

Dear Tommie,

Just got home from Aiko's place. She asked me over today for the afternoon + supper. Asako Satai came too + the three of us talked for quite some time after eating. Aiko's apartment is near the downtown section. It's just one room, and she has a small kitchen and own bathroom. It isn't much of a place but nicer than those New York or Chicago places. She is alone there now but says I can stay with her + share it if I like. That's awfully nice of her. She made tempura for us and we had rice, frozen peas, and cottage cheese + pine-apple salad and jilly doughnuts for dessert with tea. I thought that was quite nice since she only earns about \$100. to \$110.- a month and after deducting taxes etc. doesn't have any too much left. I hope I'll be earning more than that. Well, I know I ought to get somewhere between \$150 to 200.- even to start out.

Last night I went to a dance at the Fort with the secretary of the dorm. She goes regularly and so she took me with her. We went from the St. Paul. Y. W. C. A. There were two buses full of girls and I was the only Nisei girl. I had a pretty good time, but nothing exciting or anything. It's hard to get to know people at dances because you get interrupted in the middle of an interesting conversation, or else the fellow doesn't say a word and you don't even find out what his name is.

To add: The apartment is walking distance to the sleeping center, + there's a park across the block away. It is furnished with stove, refrigerator + has bathroom. Also there is a washing machine. To be used on certain days by the tenants by getting in so much money so you can own land there.



Friday night the nice on campus had a meeting and it was sort of a cabinet meeting for a larger one to be held Monday night on forming a committee to urge nice students to join extra curricular activities. Well, I tried that last fall + it didn't do much ~~good~~ because nice just don't want to join clubs on campus + no amount of urging will do any good. Those who want to, well regardless of others anyway, I feel it is all wasted effort. But if it's just an excuse to meet each other + get to know each other, it's alright as long as they don't pretend to have another purpose in mind. After all, it's only natural that they want to get to know each other - especially when there are nearly 150 students here.

Next Saturday night I'm going to a dance at school with a grad student in bacteriology, a fellow from <sup>St. Louis</sup> + a good friend of the Stanos. I met him when he stopped over at the Ryugo's once in St. Louis. He's very small, short, but seems like a nice fellow.

Last Saturday night I went to a show with Jack Kuechi, who takes up chem. engineering here at school. My, but it's different to go out with civilians as compared with soldiers. Soldiers seem to have a different outlook. They know that.



they won't be here long so "what the heck" attitude. Civilians are thinking of a longer term. The 'civics' don't like it here because the soldiers get the preference in everything.

May 14 — A.M.

Asako Sakai was telling us yesterday that her family was back in San Francisco ~~and~~ — got there only a few days ago. She said from what she hears San Francisco Japanese town is so full of negroes that it isn't safe to walk around there after dark. No one seems to know what to do about their folks who insist on going back to the West Coast where the feeling isn't very receptive. After living in the mid-west, it is hard to make ourselves want to go back to California. I've talked to every Nisei person I've met in the last year and not one person thinks there is any future in California for us and they all feel that we should settle in the mid-west or east.

P.M.

Didn't get to finish this this morning so I am doing that now. I received your card this morning. I guess it is just as well that papa is going back to San Francisco because he always wanted to go. Let's hope it will be as he wants it there.

Tomorrow I'm going for an interview to Archer-Daniel-Midland Co. where my prof is going to be working. They need assistants + my prof wants me to go. It may be a pretty good job. It will be a new lab and starting from



the very beginning - which is easier because  
~~then~~ there is no predecessor and also it is a  
job that a veteran can't come back to + take away.  
They will want the workers right away - that's  
the whole catch to the job. I'll tell you what  
happens but it's really a <sup>good</sup> chance of + a rare  
opportunity to be able to work under someone  
you already know + like.  
The whole thing is a problem isn't  
it?

Tuesday May 15, 1945

Dear Tommie,

I'm sorry this letter is in snatches. In  
spite of fewer classes, I'm busy all the time and  
never seem to be able to sit down long enough to  
finish this letter. Tonight the food research  
lab had supper in the lab and invited seven  
other grad. students. It was really nice. ~~The~~  
Meat, as you probably know, is very scarce  
these days and most people never get to eat any  
these days except wieners + cold cuts. Our  
research is on roasts (other experimental station  
work I do on vitamins) therefore we have  
some meat left over each time. We did some  
roast beef today so we had lots of ~~meat~~ beef  
left over and used it for our dinner. We  
used our lab glassware for our dishes and  
decorated the table with equipment and  
was very clever. We had a very nice time.

This afternoon I went to see the head  
of research at Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.  
and talked to him for 2½ hours. He was



very kind and explained the whole set-up and I found out that this Co. is the largest linseed oil producer in the country, & one of the top three producers of soy beans. So their research covers a good many fields. Their expanding research lab is probably a permanent thing and sounds like a wonderful opportunity. My professor is to be the head of the biochemical research lab and that would be where they will take me.

Base pay is \$140 - \$200. - per month - 40 hour week but they work <sup>48</sup> hours now, being an essential industry, therefore, 30% or time and a half for the 8 hr. overtime means \$192. - \$260 is the pay for senior chemists.

That really isn't at all bad for a girl & especially around here where living cost isn't considered high. The fact that they would consider hiring a niece without any question is something in itself because ~~this~~ <sup>it</sup> may not be as easy in California. They are going to start moving into their new lab in a couple of weeks so they want to hire one soon if possible, & in July at the latest. That is the only catch. What I would like to do is to start working this fall, Sept. or October, but they may fill their staff by then because there will be more graduating in June, July and August. Since this is a big decision - that is, <sup>in deciding whether to</sup> ~~staying~~ a permanent job here in Minnesota or return to the coast



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to be with the family, I should think it over  
some more and ask you and the rest of the  
family their opinion on it. I wish all of you  
would come out here to live where there is very  
little prejudice because you have really nothing  
to go back to in San Francisco except a house and  
that is something that can easily be taken  
care of by selling, leasing, renting etc. but  
the thing I'm worried about is Henri's job  
and your future. But this way he has a  
good chance to get into almost anything he  
wants to or has the ability in because there  
isn't any prejudice or at least very little.  
He may work in an office of some kind or  
start a business e.g. cleaners (suits + dresses  
are \$1.00 to clean here - always was - much  
higher than St. Louis). Of course you will ~~to~~  
want to go back to California and live there  
for awhile to find out the general feeling, but  
I'm pretty sure we'll feel pushed down and  
not quite completely free even if the war ends,  
but now that Japan is our only enemy, it  
will be even worse. It's something to think  
about because it means your future +  
that of your children. They shouldn't have  
to live through discrimination if it can be  
avoided. But I urge you to go back to  
California even if it's just to feel that  
you've given it a try. In case you find it uneasy  
or find that Henri cannot get a decent  
permanent position, you should decide to come  
out this way. It may be next year or five years.



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from now, but don't ever feel that California is the only place to live. Climate alone doesn't make for a happy life. People count a lot too.

It seems right now that I ought to hang on to the application until fall when I will know just what to do. I want to help you very much and I know you want + need my aid, even though I don't know very much about babies + children. Then too, we ought to talk this thing over. We must be sensible and realistic, and plan for the future.

Please keep me informed as to Henrie's activities as well as papa's. I wish H. would write to me too. There is no excuse for his neglecting to write — absolutely none. He is terribly stubborn + selfish in a way, isn't he? A "rugged individualist", I guess. He is a swell guy, though and I've really learned to like him in the past few years in spite of the fact that he never ~~write~~ answers my letters.

It's mighty late so I'll close now. I must be sure to send this off so you'll receive it. Please forgive all the "going around in circles" that I've done, but the problem is all very confusing and you can see why. I wish we can have one evening together to talk it over — it may help. ~~My~~ letters are so inadequate in discussing such a complex topic. Will be looking for your reply.  
Love, Martha

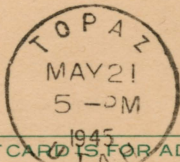


Nov 12/4

Just heard WPA is working  
very hard getting employment for  
returnees — & they can  
enter war plants like Simmons  
Beds — now ~~con-~~ converted to war work,  
& several others) are willing to  
hire J. I talked to John High of  
WPA Prop Bureau (WPA St office) when  
he was here to take Morris' place, &  
he said Employment office of WPA was  
changing policy & now will help J. I'm  
glad you went they were discouraging returnees  
now they'll help. So why not try there.  
They would naturally have better leads  
than USSS because people interested  
in J would be the ones to contact WPA.  
Also WPA makes it its business to  
find out, too.

There are several good paying jobs  
not req. mech. aptitude, etc also office  
jobs acc. to Ito Kitayama who ~~was~~  
mainly interested in deferment. He's  
going to Oklahoma now. Think I can get wiring  
cheap here, so don't worry. (Mang Ogi Murata)  
P. can say "Kore chodai" & so on. He under-  
stands a bit now, sometimes even seems 1/2  
trained. Got some liver today. Love Tom





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Sat PKP

Dearest Henri -  
Just got letter from Martha saying she  
got real good offer at a new lab (Biochem)  
as senior chemist under a prof she likes  
who's leaving U of M. for this job. Free lab is new  
no veterans returning will claim job, no seniority  
either - catch if they need her right away &  
after July, all openings will be filled. She  
says it pays well & living is low in Mpls  
so she wants to discuss it. I'm writing to  
say it's up to her. She wants us to go there too -  
some day after we give Calif. a trial. Will  
send you her letter soon, enclosed in mine.

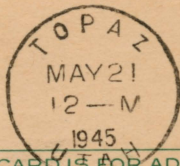
This will probably mean she won't come to  
Tops - go. I ought to ask Papa to stay.  
Is it likely that you'd be with Dad by July 30  
or 21st - if so, can you get off?

I didn't buy wringer. Probably can get another as  
good or better \$5<sup>#3-4</sup> or less, from others anyway. So  
I'm glad you said not to. If cheap enough, one is  
worth investment. Mrs. Seto gave me lots rubber  
gloves discarded in surgery - for washing, mopping,  
packing, etc. Very handy.

Got another clothing check <sup>paid</sup> for a few books, got  
one for you re: tools & furn. making. Sending it to you.  
Pd. 10<sup>#50</sup> for golf book for months.

This baby must be kangaroo-eare kicks. Sometimes a-  
larming. By the way - is old Phonograph in  
running order or broken? Please try it & tell me, &  
if I should sell this new one, & typewriter before  
value drops - due to availability in near future  
of new ones -  
Love - Dan





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