

Easter Sunday
3:30 PM

Dearest Henri -

Got your letter - about your arm - I'm afraid it was really a bad case of blood poisoning - but I'm glad it didn't get blue. The red is the prelude to the blue stage - & your lymph glands swell in the arm pits - really must have alarmed you to see you go to the clinic without my being there to good you. Yes, I am worried. I can't help it. The aftermath is bad, too. Take care of it, Henri. I can just see you sitting at home reading instead of tending to it - calling it illness & being excused from work. You worry me.

My period surprised me when it came - but actually it was due, not fast as I thought - I just didn't realize that time had flown so. Yes, May 1st is 14 days - I'll get home before that. I talked to Mrs. Tanner telling her about your letter, reading parts to her & she knows how we feel & says she'll let me go, but wants me to come back to finish up after a week, or so with you. She's too big to go shopping & is sometimes ill. Last Wed. she got sick & was in bed 2-3 days under doctor's orders & was told she couldn't do any work anymore around here. This work is very easy. After the thorough Spring cleaning, it takes no effort at all to keep it up. And she likes me & is proud of me.

I take the girls shopping to buy them shoes, give out lingies for her, type & compile minutes, etc. She isn't active in the Relief Society or PTA or Bridge club now but she has unfinished business.

She's got her reports all made up, & on time, & said she didn't know what to do without me. She couldn't get the little one in Easter dress but she wants me to sew one, & to make bed jackets, night gowns, etc for the lying-in period. I've got stacks of mending because she hates to do mending or any kind of sewing. She hates cooking & housecleaning, too.

Yesterday when we came home from shopping, she was in her blue chenille bathrobe at the sink in the kitchen and crying. She was so happy. She got a dozen beautiful red roses - the dark ones - American Beauties - from the florist with a card - "from your Sweetheart". It was an Easter gift from Ray.

The girls got outfits & Arcilee gave me a 25¢ plant - ^{small} begonia plant, Patty, candy to her. Ben gave Mrs. Tanner a box of candy last Wednesday AM.

He was down on the school truck to see the Bondivice parade. movie stars, etc who come to encourage the drive.

He dropped in, in work clothes before ^{lunch}. He said the teachers praised him saying he had real interest in his work.

Mrs. Tanner was very pleased. Others are younger & not so intent of purpose, it seems. There are 6 others near, one from Hunt, Idaho. Ruychi Knott is the best of the bunch, acc. to Ben. But they are clannish & leave out Ben in their activities such as going to town or to show together.

Therefore he feels very lonely. I guess there are a lot of girls
 in this town for I see them here & there. There are
 also boys mostly at Blyth, & have apts. around here.
 Some know each other & walk the streets hand in hand,
 swinging along Sunday afts. or evenings. Somehow,
 away from a J. community, they lose self-consciousness
 & become very caucasian & free in manner. They
 lose inhibitions, you might say. Poor frustrated niggers.

"New Voyager" which I missed in Cedar & also Delta is
 in town - in one dinky second run show. I'd like to
 see it. It's one block from here, so don't worry. There
 are no drunks in this town. No dance places. No night
 clubs - no cafes. No dives - no decent restaurants, even.
 No hotels. Just one, & it's for the steel mill workers. The
 "Workworths & Press" is as big nearly as SF's on Markt. St.
 Not bad. Got away this, too.

Get ph. equip. for you, addressing to Soortyals but tell
 them first. I don't like the plan, however. You're a non-cit.
 & an FBR too. Don't worry about the sewing mach. please. They'll
 be responsible for it somehow. It's OK. It won't make me
 stay any longer or be resp. for anything.

Ben is asking for a school dance next wed. at an outdoor
 place near his school, called Paradise Gardens or something or
 other. May I go? They are planning a get-together in Blyth near
 soon but I probably won't be there. If they do, & I'm here, & Ben is
 give permission to take someone, I'm sure it'll be me.

He tells Mrs. Tamer he doesn't know you & doesn't care for the company of those at school & is lonely. He had 3 days off for Easter, but couldn't get back to Ugaspec. I had transportation & no ride on a car with someone, so instead of spending 2 days both ways by train he went to the ranch in Rey to spend the week-end. He took a cake he bought at the Bakery to the boys & a gift of a musical instrument to Lloyd. Also work clothes. Expects to work & help out a little I guess. He is as thin as ever & just as uninteresting as far as conversation goes. But he's a good kid. He tells me how much he likes you & me. He also said what boys thought of Helen. Very enlightening. I'm sorry to hear of her flu. Perhaps she overdid while we were gone. I guess you know by now the wild jitterbug parties she threw. Otsuchi told me in detail, tho' we only had $\frac{1}{2}$ day on the ranch together, & both of us working apart from each other at that. She disturbed the neighbors, something awful, seems like. Better not say anything to her, tho'.

Did you know Ben was in love with Martha? He was. He said he fell for her hard. But got nowhere. Remember when we were in Cedar? He wrote. So did Martha. But she's cold. She's that way to everyone, as you know. Ben told us she's different, & very Hebrew-like girl, & swell dresser (which was what attracted him first), attractive, brainy, & would make a swell wife (!), and likely marry some Caucasian someday. I didn't ever know he felt that way. ^{Did he ever give you to think he fell in love with her, Henri?} ^{He said he wished he were Martha.} I sure felt sorry for him. I would feel sorry for any man who fell for Masako & got ~~brushed~~ brushed off, because

He's not likely to do it too gently or with much kindness. I told him what of Aya - he said he liked her & would make her a good wife - but she was reserved in her statements & so he didn't know how she felt altho she responded when they were alone - whatever he means. I don't think either of them are the kind who would go very far, tho. Do you? He said "any girl can get hot" when I said "couldn't he tell" when he held her. Maybe he'll end up by marrying her bec. he got stamps from me on a letter - it looked thick. He says she writes long & regularly, but only talks of her friends & the work. He says he won't settle down for a year or two, maybe the duration. He only went steady with her 1 month. Ray is definitely free, broke up on return from Cedar. He's one track minded, & is now concentrated on chicks. Whatever he concentrates on, he does thoroughly, ne.

Ray told his wife about you - she hasn't met you so she goes by what he said evidently to her, re: quitting. That you were such a gentleman about it. She asked what was wrong - Henri's feelings hurt, or what - & Ray said "oh, he'll never fit in at the ranch - he's too much of an air to suit."

The other day, the lady in the down stairs apt. on the opp. side who is pregnant, tho not far along, asked Ray about me, & ~~if~~ she could get one for Topaz. And he said something

like telling her it was hard to, & that chance were
skin because they down at say they were all
from SF & LA and "they were all aristocrats".

Today is Easter Sunday, this AM 10:30 went to
Thomson Easter Services. Dressed in what best I
had — black dress, shoes, coat, lge black hat &
pearl necklace, holding furpiece in my hand as I had
no gloves nor purse to match. Done at all, for
that matter, but the knitting bag. I guess the Carp Co-op
is selling dress-goods but there is all the dress goods
in the world in Buvo, downtown, most reasonably
priced, too. I'm buying some for your shirts & my dresses.

Bought for you a women hat — the African style ³⁹. Sending it
tomorrow. I don't know your head size, honey, what is it?
Would you like a hat, from Buvo? A real hat? felt?

I have 't seen woman's Page to which you refer. ^{Have it taken} Now any paper
other than what you sent up via Ben & wish you had, with
Memott. If you go to the hosp, ask John Tech. what
about the tray of the chest — the chest plate — he had taken.
Results. Please. Be back Fri. or Sat. leaving here Thurs or
Fri. this week. Will stay here a week or so, & come back
for another short period to see. OK? Please write. Miss you.
Love, Tommie

Saw P. Cit.
Comment on
my column here.
Youi Sugihara
wrote me.
She's a small
gal.

Please tell circulation to
send my stamps deposited with them, the papers. That you look care of my change in address. <sup>Very annoyed -
mail them yourself -
please</sup>