

Sunday Mar 4-45

Dearest - Yesterday was King - Day (Doll) and tho it was quite windy & slushy Papa went to the canteen where he saw Mrs. Yabuki - she called to him as he was leaving went over, & talked to them. They just casually mentioned Helen, & gave him her rick-crisp candy to take back for Helen. So in the aft. I suggested she go thank her which she did - from lunch time til supper - during which time Mrs Y + Helen went to block 3 Doll Exhibit together. Last night Helen went to a movie at the Acad. with Mrs. Y. etc. Helen had 2 tickets bc. her late couldn't go at the last minute. Today we're invited to lunch - Papa, Helen, I are invited for lunch at the Yabuki's and we'll all go. It's 10:15 AM now. I'll leave Pinkie home. She'll sleep. There's snow on the ground today, & Dale, Sachi, etc are making snow men & rolling huge balls of snow around. They'll miss snow in Calif. Margaret Kitayama said their family won't go back to Calif. for the duration since her husband Ietsu has a deferrable job, tho the father wants to go back since all the neighbors have made plans to. Johnny sent postal for Cheyenne.

Papa has told Helen to remain friendly with the Yabukis, too. If anything further develops, I'll let you know promptly. You know I tell you everything just as tho' you were here. In the morning yesterday I took Helen to the leave office & showed Mrs. Jenkins the letter I got from Stanford & asked them to teletype for her, & meanwhile got Helen to fill out Form 5's in duplicate the night before. She gave Helen a personal history form necessary for all those in strategic work, & will teletype when Helen has the papers ready Monday AM - at least I did the promising & hoped that would get her to fill it out by then. And if Jenkins will request teletyped answer, that'll be swell. In the meantime, I suggested she apply at Boulder in case Stanford says no so she'll have somewhere to go. If both say yes she can take choice. But so far tho' Papa offered writing to Opisan etc. she hasn't done latter.

Pinkie spends more time on the floor & yesterday had a tremendous appetite toward evening & hope it'll keep up.

Susanoki's tailoring class starts Tuesday & I heard from Adult Ed. office I've been accepted - oh joy! Went Wed & Sat to fitting at tailor's blk 16 & think he'll do good fit. Martha wants 3 more dresses made by Mrs. Furada. Kiyu Dobori's children leaving 13th & got compartment - don't know whether WPA cost or her own pocket & will ask.

Washed dishes last night while Helen was at movie - Papa came to talk over Mrs. Harada while I was doing it til Helen came back. He went to see her bc. she sent him a note by mail - Thursday morning, & talked til 12:30. She was mad at what he asked her last time & did most of the talking this time & gave him a big piece of her mind - saying she had shied as a dressmaker to earn 300 month & was doing it before evacuation & also earned 3x's more than any woman during depression & was able to support 2 children & husband, too. He doesn't expect to work after marriage tho. She wrote son she has marriage offer & he wrote back saying if she'll be happy it'll be o.k. I'm sure if they get married she'll be able to talk

rings around Papa - & hold over his head the fact she sacrificed a career at which she's still good, & considering the times, she'd be even more successful at. Also she's worked at Fairmont every day & used to high class hotels, people, etc. She said to him she's always dussed well & eaten very well & never wanted for anything. Doesn't seem frugal - never had to be. Now she says to all his questions - "but you said you had more money than you could count" which is what he probably did say at one time. She told him he was "kechi" and was "hidai" when he said things & accused her of ~~saying~~ thinking things that hadn't even occurred to her. (Same thing he always does to me.) As she knows what he'll be like. And she's not the kind to take it. When he asked "well, do you want to be married?" she said "aren't you the one who started all this -" meaning he's to say yes or no. Well I can see that he'll have a hard time satisfying her with what she's ^{been} used to - fee. he may have the money but he doesn't have the technique nor the experience, finesse, etc. She'll feel she'd be able to afford more if she had been single - because her son is self-supporting & then some, & daughter married. She said to him herself she doesn't need to get married because she has a little put away & also had tremendous earning capacity for the next ten years anyway that'll put her on easy street. I'm sure good times will last that long.

3 yrs. of war & 5-6 yrs. boom. I'm sure no profit but Mrs. Harada may be a pleasant lady but her life has been lived very high & her tastes & leanings & demands are also. But Papa says all I say is true but he won't let anyone interfere with his decision - that what he decides is going to be determined by him alone. He says it's his money. If anyone interferes, he'll prevent it. Then started thinking that Frank & I were engineering this trip to break it all up between them and got pretty riled up over it & went to write night letter to Martha late at night (11:30 or so) he was cancelling whole trip. Yesterday he says he wrote her airmail saying if he was spending a big sum of money like \$1,000 just to have an uncomfortable, embarrassing time, also being maneuvered around by others, he'd quit all of it. All this after he told me to buy ticket to Minn. one way from Delta - & I got reservation last Thursday for Monday AM. He wants to go to NY with Mrs. Harada fee. he wants her and the trip too, as he's afraid she'll always feel cheated out of a trip to NY: since that's been her wish for years - & now if she wants to, can go with WPA expense, etc & if she doesn't go, he'll never hear the end of it. He asked her over - & said Helen was here, too, & wouldn't she come to meet me - as she claims she doesn't know me, etc. Don't know what she said to this. Papa'll go tomorrow to see her again & I'll know more. 4:45 PM

Came back from lunch at Yabuki's - Papa & I at 2:30 & I started ironing & taking care of P. while Papa & I talked. Helen helped & dishes & came back an hour later. Guess she's written you already & would like to have you show me her letters so I'll know what's going on, that is, if you want me to know. No talk at Yabuki's - except that Mr. Yabuki said money bet. couples was the lot cause of trouble & both sited Dr. Harada's, etc etc. marital troubles.

Will you tell me what color d. room seats are, please tell me more about the house - isn't there a reflector bowl on the lamp? what's it like - deep or shallow etc? what are you doing? what has Tak Y. said? Please write me. It's awful not knowing. What've you done re: Freeborn's? Okubo san's brother says they'd like to board you with understanding they'll get out when I come home. Are you making rithenette in basement? Love you.