

Monday March 29

Dearest -

Hope you'll be very careful - June Nicks left today - she said Shig wrote saying there was another anti - returner demonstrator at La Mater where presumably feeling is good. So don't venture forth if it is needless. Particularly around the neighborhood - it's better to be down town rather than around home.

Have you found the curtains for the windows? It's important to have the house look good from the outside, for favorable impression. I see venetians are being sold - we don't have to get them right away but someday we can.

What dishes are you using??? Please tell me. And are there any dents in the vacuum cleaner? It was a snug ^{in the corner} fit. Have you put any rugs (small or large) on the floor? No so anxious to know more about the house. I hope you'll urge Helen to look for a job, domestic or otherwise. She'll need prompting. Her baggage she can reminisce over on weekends + nights or day off. I know you'll need money. Papa lent her \$200 so she can repay you what you let her have. Did you cash check I sent you? \$40? Where?

The mail should come in a few hours - It's 1:20 PM now - so I'll wait to write the rest. I've had about enough being boldy. Special handling + special delivery the P.O. man said wouldn't hurry it any more than straight mail. Nice day today - sunny - P.O. outside. Sure hope your letter tells about Ichigawa house - which reminds me I'll get check from Papa to bid on Jora's house by mail, before he leaves tomorrow for Minneapolis. Have to confess I'm going to be relieved when he goes as I'll have peace & can train P to take nap, sleep, etc. I just have to train her in order that she be a good girl when I have the next. He, she or it is very active, & I can feel the motions any time of day or night. I'll go to the tailor to get my jacket today. It'll be finished, & I'll have to pay by check.

No cash on hand, in large amt. I gave \$200 to Jimmy when he left for NY Saturday + \$100 in memory to Dick + Connie Tanaka for funeral plus 25¢ each door from block for flowers. Shubai's will leave on the 1st compartment reservation they can get after April 4th. Dave will go to S.I. around April 10th bec. one of the boys got scarlet fever + the family is quarantined for 3 weeks, + 10-14 days thereafter for observations of other 2 children to see if they caught it. Glad you see Tak + Chiyo often. I'd already written once when you first mentioned them - so I have it written second time re: furniture. But if you recall I told you all about yellow Va Gogh + blonde Swedish modern furn. + swivle lamp, etc. also madonna carved by Fred - when I ret. from Denver + visited them. Certainly like their taste - they said it took long to get them together one at a time. [Chances are people have talked to Jora + Buford - neighbors, the curious etc - ask them what Bertels or whoever are saying - did you get Goldstein flag?] Found you stood with OW?

4:00 PM No letter - so I'll close.

Long. you see because of Jora's. I want tenants out + Papa in there. Can't stand him at Arguells.

4:15 - Just got letters - glad I didn't close this up in the envelope. Abe wrote so enclosing same. By the way did you get P's photo? Am sending you Ben's he sent couple days ago with his picture of bombed blimp skin in foreground. Ardena also wrote. She + Jack are sure swell. Am forwarding your letter to Helen when - she left the day before ^{your letter} is post-mark cancelled. Wed 14. Sure will be relieved when Papa leaves tomorrow. I'm so busy doing things for myself + P without all I have to do for him + others + he disappointed in response or scolded even, as Papa does. If you recall I wrote Helen 4x's to her one postal prior to her visit here - + no mention of Stanford etc. she asked for. That's what I mean - + others are also the same. So she's not exceptional. Just ordinary. Few are like the Murata family. Did Nell you Toki Toki sleeps with it, etc. + shows everyone she ^{owns} it. It's about 7-8" long. How's the vacuum cleaner? Is it dented? I was so afraid it would dent. Is it? Kusumoki's not an easy teacher. He wants us to record what we learn in a note book, not go + forget it so he's making us form a note book. Good idea. Would like Martha to visit me + talk before going back to Arguells. Wish you wouldn't take any Japanese after Shigeyo leaves. Tell them there are 7 there + no room + you don't know where the family will stay, even. Hang a swiss flag in the window for Ben - I think it may help + if questions are asked say he's your wife's 1/2 brother or something. I'll send you his wedding photo if I can find it but I think it is already there as freight - no? Got another crit delirious for next baby today -

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