

Thursday March 22
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Dearest - I think Mr. Nakamishi the real estate man left today - too windy & grey to go outdoors so didn't see him off tho' I wanted to tell him Papa is anxious to find a place - I really think it'll be the only to preserve peace myself & Papa wants to move away from us too, on acct. of me.

We had pork chops last night & I wondered what kind of dinners Mrs. Furboin fixes for the 3 of you & how much does it cost? She likes to cook rindles w/ot Oklahoma style I guess - have you had cottage cheese or ham loaves, etc yet? She likes country food - & plain & wholesome. Please tell me - interested & curious.

Already this AM Papa has reached Minneapolis - 9:35 AM local. So guess he really's hell need to do a lot of shopping like getting a hat, warm shirts, etc. Woolen socks, too. Overshoes - rubbers.

Please try to see some houses with Mr. Nakamishi - I have a blank check from Papa on the Ichijasu place - go with him to see it. Bert Conley is best found in his office just 15 min. before the end of the day - as he gives directions to his inspectors of what to do the next day. His secretary is Miss Eagen who'll take any kind of message & your name. You can call her back for the results of check-ups too - condemnation & blgs. Also there's a printed list of all that have been - she'll wait it to you, or you can pick it up there.

Mr. Nakamishi thinks Lora's house a little high for \$4500. Lora won't come down. Says someone else is interested, too. Mr. N. says subtract - 10% - 15% off annual income for vacancy, also running expense (water, taxes, etc), 2% for depreciation, upkeep, & if real estate doesn't net better than 7% it's not worth it, etc. So talk to him - he's got 30 day leave - short term, so tho' he'll stay 2-3 weeks see if you can't get him to find you a place. He says when he sells high he tries to make up for it by inducing some person to sell while still high to get money back. I'm very anxious to see he gets a place, bec. that's what he wants. Mr. N. claims he knows lots of places for sale - Duluth people, Eastern realtors, etc. etc. who want to sell their places. Let me know - flats or something that's good for him to get. Tell me soon how things are progressing. Want to tailoring class this AM - I slept all the time - tho' Mrs. Higuma picks in on her to see if everything is O.K. while I'm gone. She plays harmonica very well now & plays alone nicely. Maybe you can bring her back to St. with you when you leave? (After coming to see me - if Papa goes at that time too - then he can get Pullman.)

Mother wants phone - radio very badly. Seems like she's got lot of records. So I write also if we could borrow, rent or buy the one he left with his father, & if so how much.

and how he wanted money sent, (apt, or turned into war bonds), & to send release to Mr. Yamashita if yes. I can go to radio shop here in Tokyo & ask if they'll make one for me. Also Okamoto, radio man in Tokk. 19, see how much either wants. I mean, would you ask Glen if he'd make a turntable - maybe he can electrify the one we have in living room by removing the mechanism & putting another arm (more modern) on it. If so, for how much. He isn't cheap - but no one is now, unless a friend. Continuing this letter when mailman comes later - and 3- 3:30-4:00, H's 2 now.

Next day Fri - 23

no mail from you or anyone yesterday - just an ad from Spizgels. I had noticed a pimple on Pt's shoulder day before but the I was surprised was not alarmed. Last night she ate almost nothing & fell asleep before she drank 1/2 of her bottle. She was in good spirits. This AM she ate egg + milk. She slept 1 1/2 hrs. nap. She slept while I was at lunch, & when I fed her on return, vomitted everything immediately. When I went to change her, she showed rash in the genital region so I looked further & there were some watery, blistering spots scattered. I phoned & the hosp. came for her so fast I hardly had time to change her clothes. Then I took her & was looked at & told chicken pox. Don't know how she got it, but it's better now than later. I slept with her last 2 nights. This aft. the Pub. Health dept will come & give direction for her care & guarantee us. Only I will be able to go in + out. No visitors. Nothing to do about it but to let it blow over. Acc. to the baby books they very rarely develop complications like pneumonia etc from chicken pox. But I'm keeping her warm & well covered so she won't scratch, as nails infect spots & leave scars. Itchiness is the only discomfort besides low grade fever - 101 or so. She eats well now - last night + this AM. She had very loose bowels ^{liquid} yesterday AM & early eve. but today this AM it was OK - normal, color, texture & quantity. Mrs. Sato was over day before, night after Papa left & said he told her about Mrs. Harada but she says she thinks 90%. They won't go there with it. He brought me a bottle of potato vine several inches long. I have a pot of nidea's desert flowers just sprouting too I salvaged so they will both add greenery in the room. Am darkening windows for added precaution.

Fri 23rd 9 PM

Mrs. Sato came over this eve. bringing me candy she made of Karo. I just got thru sending you night letter re: Ichiyasu house. Tom won't take \$200 asking \$4500 still claiming has to consult all sister & brother if he'll sell cheaper because they ^{app'd} set (+ bank appraised) at \$4500. Mr. Nakanishi thinks too high for class C section of town & old bldg. So have him look at it critically for need for repairs & present condition & future repairs, etc. No use getting a place that will need \$2000 or so in going over or major repair soon after purchase. Maybe that's why he's selling. Have Mr. Nakanishi figure the pro & cons, and/or suggest other steps, or other house or prospects of another. Write me in detail air mail as regards this.

I'll go over & see his wife to see how many other places they really know of in SF or Berkeley of people who want to July or will resettle in East or Mid. West etc. & see if it really isn't ^{just} enthusiasm over prospective business or what it is. I know that if we all go, Helen, Martha, Papa, children, you & I live together it will be one merry mix-up or not so merry.

① Papa - A he is a difficult man. It is hard to train children the way they should be without offending him for his intentions are good. Yet he becomes absorbed in other interests & can't be trusted to watch them closely even when I take his offer to watch them. Also he has no idea what not to feed or when they sleep.

B. He is a difficult man. I seem to get in his hair & vice versa. I can't continue to take it. If forced to, I'll have to do the leaving bec. without removing the constant irritating source, the inevitable will result - the result of my mind snapping. I see it coming, & soon.

② Martha

A. She is frustrated, nervous, sensitive, particular. Although she would be a big help to have around, through

B mutual consultation, etc. she is single & we are married & ideas will someday not match; the children will get in her way, so interested as she is in them, she'll be someday more interested in entertaining her friends & beaux.

③ Helen

A. she is sensitive, distant, easily offended; probably desires more privacy as that's the way she has always lived - especially privacy of thought & contacts.

B If she loved, trusted, & was willing to be guided by you, she would confide, returning love & trust & faith for love & kindness shown her. She has told others she doesn't like it near me, & that P. interferes with every-

C thing she tries to do - write, knit, iron, etc which, unfortunately within the confines of one small room was too true. If she wrote till 11:00 PM, the lights being on, I wouldn't & couldn't sleep, etc. It would be same at Arguello to a little lesser extent bec. of bigger quarters - BUT we used

be many more of us sharing the bigger quarters which amounts to the same thing. This last goes for Martha too - she'll feel the very same way. Infant cries, P does mischief, wanders into their rooms & messes & damages while unoccupied, bothers occupants when occupied. You & I would feel the same, too if the position were ^{the} reverse. The same goes for Papa. He's already expressed it.

Well, that's the way it goes - the best is, since Papa can afford it his solution is the best solution. As for the two girls they'll soon make up their minds what they prefer as soon as their finances allow it. Live out, away, or whatever they care to do. A trial will solve it I'm sure. Don't see what's coming from what has happened in the past, & applying it with a little elaboration, to the future. I'd like the freeborn or someone else there. Somehow I know it'll be better. Can't think of a better couple, niece, niece, or otherwise. We can also give freeborn a trial, living together with us after the children come. Maybe they'll not like it, I don't know. Anyway, I feel I'd enjoy them, somehow.

I'd like to have a buggy when I get back - new or second hand. I'd need it to go shopping for food - with 2 children. Couldn't leave them home & couldn't walk it otherwise.

Financial World came - am sending it to you, also Tokyo Times.

No letter yesterday or today probably means you're waiting for some news about OWL to tell me. Wish you'd tell me re: vacuum cleaner, etc when you don't have other news - or if you've reconditioned wicker chairs & all the things I've asked & you've ignored. Patches me!

Thanks for letting me see Helen's letter.

Am so glad to go to Kusanoki's class. He is a learner & sure believes in teaching well & thoroughly. Small guy too. If Mrs. Sato is interested in seeing Papa marry some nice lady - anyone - but after he gets home & settles down, buys furniture, etc. Mr. Karabata suggested, too, so I said yes, he'll be alone after Martha marries - & wouldn't he look around - & he said he'd ask the flower arr. teacher soon.

Love, Tom

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