

Wed.

Dearest - The cheese tidbits came & she is delighted. I'm trying to make them last. Funny, when the pkg was opened it was sort of not too crisp, but the way weather is here they "freshened" up beautifully & no one would know the difference. Just goes to show how damp so-called crisp things are in St. in unopened pkgs. even - so it made me appreciate what food producers have to contend with in packaging edible merchandise. I got your letter, says you were all headed for New York - hope you liked it - wondering what on earth you ordered to the taste of all of you. That's the Sunday letter. Glad you aren't quivering about towels. Let's hang on to our sheets & towels. By the way cheese tangs are the square ones I meant - they are OK. They may be saltier but I shall let her drink some milk which is a good thing. But you needn't wash them for these 3 pkg of cheese tidbits'll do swell for a while.

See Cochran is sure tight & cagey. Can't you ever borrow a gas stove & iron? They sure aren't using them. Yep, let's not paint. We needn't. Well I'm frankly relieved re: ldy prospective sale. That would have tied you down so much to run it right. Though I know you could make a wallop success & reap your profits. But I sort of like the idea of a omijage-mise, etc, too, & carry a great many items.

Mrs. Kawano gave me 6 dresses - with them, 1 or 2 purchased & 1 or 2 made I can manage. It's just that during the summer she'll be under someone else's care possibly & needs plenty to change into. So don't get more material, after all!

Regards home for Papa - eyes, Hell let him do it all. Regards painting - don't you have to have a big brush for ceiling? Don't Kentone with roller could you purchase better. I've read in mag. that roller ^{gives} better results. So that's just swell about basement - that it's so orderly. How declined you located ajinomoto. Yep we have only battered aluminum things - except for a few things never used - such as soup dipper, etc. We'll have to get a lot of things - but maybe we can wait until the day we open our shop & can get things at an advantage - pots & pans, silverware, dishes, so forth.

Now to tell you of the hellish time I've had since Monday. Today is Wed. nite & it seems a nightmare. Found out Mrs. Hanada was leaving Monday. I didn't pay much attention, altho ever since Papa left camp for the East last month I heard that people all over camp were rumoring he was marrying Mrs. Hanada in N.Y. & was already or would do so on return etc, & that it was poor match & wondered why, & some said he would wind up in county hospital, broke, etc.

So you can make up your mind that this is definite. I stay here till everyone is gone but the Fukubans & go for the home. Use enclosed \$50 to try manrei Kawabata. Right it be. I thought I'd need it.

The Tues. AM I got an email from M. in N.Y. advised. That alarmed me. I went to office to wire him to wait, not to marry her, that friends foresee dire future, & that there are surely others more suitable that they are willing to sever. It cost me \$5.70 straight wire. Two more cost me \$2.63. Phone cost me \$12.53. The 2 Japans went to Papa + Mauba asking for reply which didn't come so I had to phone — \$12.53 for 12 minutes. I min. by me, & of them Mrs. Sato talked. But it was worth it for we found out he was going to say no, or at least just postpone until return to Tokyo. So I said why not say no & be done with since you said no I'd be here already here in Tokyo. He doesn't believe the worst of her ability to sue or clean him out but he evidently agrees she is too old style. It was while there, at office 1st time I ~~thought~~ ^{thought} of return wire for him & I + asked to see record which they did without questioning, no wire. He had said he'd be in Chi 10-12th & asked her to stop off on way to NY & talk things over as he couldn't definitely say yes or no until discuss further & he'd meet her at station 11th. ^{UP} That he'd meet her alarmed me — also note of finality of M's letter plus her telling me in every letter he'd been saying about Harada. Other told me as daughter I should prevent in Fukubans to ask advice — while I don't & Mr + Mrs Hiroe, Tues aft. Mr T. advised she + I go at once to Chi to help him out of the fix which he may not have courage to do alone, that her accompanying me would bear weight about the imp. of it. Mr + Mrs Hiroe not showing results tho helped in spirit — because they went + talked to Horaka who lies with Sato the trishaku — naturally the Papa refused Harada to Horaka in absence of Sato once, Horaka living with Sato & best friend couldn't help break it up. Well at least they'll probably help look for another if Papa still feels like marrying later again. Mr + Mrs I talked to Kabokawas — a family here — & they weren't willing — everyone feels responsibility too much in case Papa serious about Harada & everyone under impression talk bet. then gone too far & already so finally decided as yes. All this time the weather has been of the worst kind. But Mr. Fukubans hit the nail on the head when he said Sumi, Sato + Harada made great breach of etiquette by failing to come see me or all of them — when I was only daughter here & if she asked definite yes or no

meant she had clear ambition - particularly asking him for \$1 to stay in Ky.
If P. had said yes, she'd have left without saying a hello or goodbye to me
she would be a daughter. As they felt, the Ts, that she won't on the up & up
nor the 2 Naishaku on the level. They don't like it anyway - they know who she is.

Mrs. T said it was flashy.

Wed AM 5:00 Utah Time

Anyway, after phoning Papa I finally found out he was going to say ~~no~~
can't say til return to Tokyo. So I urged him to say no. He said he would
after I urged him. He said he didn't wire reply for which I waited all
night - & didn't get - therefore phoned, that it had arrived amidst
Mant's friends & Aizawa's visiting her at hotel - that he thought he
would reply at home by letter. See after I stated reply.

Well, it's all over but the shouting - literally, too - because
it takes a while before rumors will be forgotten. It's probably spoiled my
a chance he may have had. It started - the rumor from block 12
to I presume. Helen told all to Mrs. Yabuki who also told all.

Otherwise the principals were so anxious to keep it mum, & none else
knew. Margaret was pestered night & day. She played surprised
& puzzled & mad she wasn't told by me or Papa. I had to act
quizzical & in surprised wonder. May still hear about it yet by late
hearers & repeaters at hospital, at canteen, post office, everywhere
I go.

Presently Mr & Mrs Sato have offered to let him stay in their
family & to take care of him - if he owns an apartment - they'd
manage it for him by cleaning, janitorial work etc. She also suggests a
nurse & companion on salary basis to protect his interests, & thinks maybe
there may be someone willing if it is a job & not marriage. Well don't
know how it'll turn out.

"Kawari waika"

Got Red Cross message from J. your father & says K. Kochiro
(want to hear) Let us hear from you
mima kawaranu - yōsu shiri tashi - fumi kure - Itayo mo
Kawari rashii - asa yū inoru. Oct 27-'44 via Ankara, Geneva

America Red Cross.

What'll I say - suggest: Everyone healthy. Reoccupying former Arguello home soon in former city. Wife expecting second child in July. Best regards to all relatives. God bless you.

What do you say to above. May not pass - the mention of Arguello - in which case delete only that word.

Re: Owl glad it is at least encouraging. My hat that your being barred for J in the future forever is foreboding - you can be a man without a country unless Congress gives you citizenship. As you see you know what you are doing - your relatives + parents are there, please remember. It sounds so final to commit yourself. I trust you to your own judgment, though, honey - just remember it is a serious step. Would you be able to go if you became Am. citizen? Sunday?

~~What does~~

No letter today - had to go to bed with P. She wouldn't sleep otherwise - so another day's delay. Alex wrote to Mr. Yamashita. His 500 is charged - hence delay - been traveling 1mo. he says. Mrs + Mrs. Kishida want to buy phono-radios + records, it seems. Mr Yamashita says that the phono. part is no good, old too worn, + no power to turn - have to give it a start.

Ought to be at tailoring class but advised Mrs too on acct Papa + I have it done any thing since so I'm behind - may as well miss today as we're all on our own sewing + no classwork. Will try to catch up week end. I shall buy bedroom curtains for our room by mail? Please new circular has some but don't know for how long. Just thought about \$30 Kitty's + P's things. Some very good stuff like 100% wool soakers for 69¢ each + Margaret says material costs 50¢ + not 100% wool at that, so crime looks. I got 3 but I ought to have 3 more. She takes very good care of

Poker I'm busy, feeds least realistic, etc. She plays with Dale. The Hijiras mean well but they don't know how + spoil her because they're so solicitous + never leave her alone for a moment but walk 2 feet back of her all the time + bent over. I'd like to get Margaret around \$15 for washing + etc before long - she won't probably take money so how about a fountain pen or something? I'm thinking of getting a big hole made in the room to keep it cool for summer. It's snowing today.

By the way how much are you charging Mrs? I suggest \$4 each per day or more - \$250 for room, why not? Or what have you said to them ??? Please tell me. Have you heard from Hilda beyond paying for her baggage? I'll bet she won't pay it back. Not so far, never. It's the idea bit. Everyone else pays me. It's the little things that get me down.

The mess' aide at 88B - Oshty - who was very nice to me when I was there, is only 18. She lost her mind - or got a nervous breakdown anyway she has been out. Her the next to go, I think, + more. I'll try to be sure for present. There's always emotional strain during the time. Oshty was wonderful + also didn't get along with her father at home + there was more else. Maybe she's crazy too - that's why I can't get along with anyone who gets me down + dislikes me too.

Friday AM, April 6, 1945

Dear Tommie,

Papa received an air-mail special delivery letter this morning from Mrs. Harada & Sami-chen and demanded an immediate answer, yes or no, concerning marriage with her — by telegram. and asked that if he decides to marry her, to wait here in N. Y. and wait for her since she is leaving Tokyo on the 9th for N. Y. He is trying to figure out what he should do, & I'm afraid he has decided to marry her. I'm afraid it's too late now to change his mind. If only you two could get along better, I'm sure he would ~~have~~ be satisfied to go back to S. F. and live there with you as we did before the war. If he is staying here to wait for her, I'm taking the first train back to Minnesota. There isn't anything I could do and I'm wasting my time here. This trip was the biggest mistake we ever made, and I'm certainly regretting it. No one got anything out of it and I certainly haven't enjoyed any of it.

Mrs. Harada says in her letter, written in English, that she will consent to marry him "under the circumstances" and "remember the financial agreement which Mr. Sato & Mrs. Hagiwara made to ^{you (Papa)} about. I guess that means sending he son through college & also giving her some money at the time they decide on marriage. But at this stage, what can we do about it? — It's too late, & if we can't offer him any substitute & if you don't offer to take him in, he is probably going through with it. He is writing the telegram now — I have

no way to dissuade him now. All I can do is to hope
for the best. I can't offer him any more than the
best I could do. I have no home to ask him to come to.

You could have done that. You are all set - a home,
husband + children; I guess no one can ask for
anything more.

I ~~do~~ know this letter doesn't do any good as
far as papa + Mrs. Harada is concerned but I
wanted to let you know that she has cornered
him at last. He must say yes or no and he
won't say no under any circumstance now because
he feels lost + she is something he feels is a sort of
an anchor. There's nothing I can do.

Marita.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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dearest -

I guess you were pretty surprised to hear about the trip out to S Leadus to Lava-tatas - but still mean ore of \$5-10 so wish you would. It's like doing day work. He gave me \$50 for expenses plus any tip you'd pay the men + lunch you buy for the van men if you do - find out from Mr. White if WRA pays such expenses. Maybe he has expense acct. I think so but don't know what that covers. Also don't tip all on one day; the next day's van may have diff. men on the job. Ask Mr. White if he's going down by alone to survey job to be done - fee. Then you could ride with him if you ask. He's available 1st thing in the morning at the office - ask the girl when he'll be there, etc. if not. Keep track how many hours you're at it, # phone calls etc. Sayre got his check for \$1335+? or some such regard me \$5 for trouble. Providence always helps me out in money when I need it. Love,

one sch. 1901.25 now. So glad you told all to DWI Examiner.

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Dear Jommie,
Sat, April 7, 1945
Mr. Harada, Dick, came yesterday morning
and gave me your message about going back
to school.

Papa sent a telegram yesterday to Mrs
Harada telling her that he must discuss
plans further before he could definitely say
yes or no + that he will meet her in
Chicago on the 11th when she goes through
here on her way to N.Y. to talk it over.
So far he is planning on going back to
Tokyo as previously scheduled.


Yesterday we took a Fifth Avenue
bus and went clear to the end of the
line along Riverside Drive to
W. 160th. It took about an hour + after
walking around a bit we went
back to town by cut-way +
went to a movie. We had lunch
about 2:30 at a Japanese place
on E. 29th so we weren't hungry
after the show. It was about 8:30
and ^{after} ~~some~~ had some ice cream
at a fountain, we went home.

Papa is writing a letter now to
Mrs. Harada or Semi Chan.

I want to do some shopping
alone, but can't very well walk

out on papa. So, I guess I
don't do much of anything this morning.

Just got a letter from Ken.
Says it's cold up in Minnesota now.
He says the snow is about a foot deep.
It's nice that I've heard from him
every so often — three letters so far
on this trip. It's the only thing
that keeps my spirits up even,
though they are only short, impersonal
notes that he writes. By the time I
see him, he'll know more definitely
what he'll be doing and where he'll
be sent.

Just got your letter — must have
missed it the first time I looked. Glad
you finally realize how swell he is — Ken.
He may still go to Georgia though his
chances are one out of a hundred or two.
But says it won't be for awhile yet, thank
goodness. Got my suitcases — Simbels
delivered them Tuesday by mail. Has my
initials on them. They were very expensive,
\$12. — or vicinity for two. One is very large
and the other is the regular 21" — same size
as Henri's + my old one. They are the best
that they put out in air-plane luggage. Ply
wood, & light, canvas cover & dark binding
 & binding, looks very nice. That's all

I bought on the trip so far. I wish I had time to shop for clothes but maybe I shouldn't wish all that I have.

Please send to Conestock all those cotton dresses I left there last summer - you know the one with broad stripes on the skirt, the blue + white check + the peach one you made with white eyelid. I'll sure appreciate it. But don't send any old things because they would only get in the way. But I think cotton dresses make me look more feminine so I want to wear them + maybe make more too.

I'll write again. Will be leaving Monday at 5:00 p.m. on the N.Y. Central.

Love,

[Signature]
Marilyn

10:00 A.M.

April 4, 1945

Brooklyn

Dear Mommie,

Yesterday we went to Manhattan in the afternoon and walked around. We went into Sals Fifth & got the Buxton ballets. They are very much alike & since they didn't have much selection in color, I got 3 blues & 1 green - the green - papa wants to give to someone himself. I hope you like the dark blue ones since one of them is for you (\$5.00 one - ~~each~~ ^{each})

I just got through doing a big washing for papa - 4 shirts, 3 pieces of heavy underwear, 2 pairs socks, 1 large night shirt & my things. Seems like all I've been doing is wiping dishes, helping cooking, washing, ironing & so on. I have to vacuum the stairs & sweep the kitchen - gosh what a vacation! I have to do double work because papa won't do it & we have to work when we stay at the hotel. Papa likes to eat his meals here so we hardly ever eat out like we did last year. But don't you tell him that I'm displeased with the trip or he'll harp on the subject the rest of my life and I'll never hear the end of it. So keep all this to yourself - I'm sure trusting you a lot when I tell you everything, but after all, who else can

I say these things² to. It was nice to get your letter here, and Ken had written too. He didn't say anything about his orders so I assume nothing has happened as yet - I only hope he'll be around for a while yet.

Yesterday after shopping we went on the Rockefeller Center Tour \$1.20 each. - for about an hour. It was worth while I thought. We don't have to go to Staten Island since we saw the Statue of Liberty when we were on the ferry boat to come here on the B + O. bus. It certainly was a good thing we took B + O because the bus takes us straight here to Brooklyn & the cab fare to the hostel was only 30¢. We are going to Chicago on the N.Y. Central so I guess we'll have a hard time getting to the Grand Central Station with all our baggage. Jim Pinkney is taking a couple of trunks over there. Papa brought those Japanese things in jars from Tokyo & they make his bag awfully heavy & he brought all his dictionaries too. One jar leaked & the inside of his leather bag is all a mess. He bought underwear - light st. in Phil. also socks for Pinky & he goes

and leaves them at The Phil. hostel. I guess well have to go + buy some more bec. he didn't bring enough underwear with him. Gee why is it hard to travel with him. I don't know when to take him, + he's never satisfied and really, a man like him, he hasn't any special interests, so there isn't anything that will make him happy. There are lots of places I'd like to go, but can't because he wouldn't enjoy them.

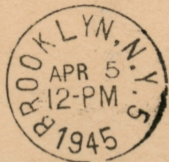
We did get to talk about a lot of things, but I guess he's pretty well set on Mrs. Harada, but if you can only get along with him better, he will be satisfied with going back to San Francisco with you. Right now he ~~thinks~~ thinks he isn't wanted by anyone that's why he wants to get married. I would like to take him in, but I'm not in the position right now. Even if he gave you the house, he did have something to do with it once, + he ought to live there, but if he wants to pay you folks rent, let him, + I'll be more satisfied. You can put it in a special account or

make it into a building fund for repairs
& improvements. Financially he had
done a lot for us so we ought to
do something for him now. I suppose
he would give me something if I were
married & needed it like you, but I'm
not, and so it would be silly for me
to expect anything and I'll be satisfied
if I could only find a good job in
a pleasant place with a decent
place to live with enough friends, &
eventually, I hope, a husband. Nothing
would make me happier than to settle
down with someone as good & nice
as Ken, & I hope the war ends soon
so that they'll come back safely.

Don't know what will do between
now & next Monday when we leave
here. We should have arranged to
stay longer in Chicago & just here
because of the many friends in Chicago.
Mrs. Aizawa wrote here in ~~the~~ N. Y. &
said he'll be waiting for papa &
gave him his phone number. I hope
I'll see Warren this time - he said
he may be working but I'll call him
up by phone & see what we can
arrange. I'll write again.

Love,
Maretha

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Npl 14, Maine.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Tomoye Sakakuchi

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Tropic, Utah

Dear Lorraine,

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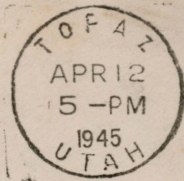
Well, I'm still here in N.Y., and only a week more of traveling, thank goodness.

Today we went to the zoo in Central Park after a lot of arguing. Papa doesn't know what he wants to do, and yet he doesn't want to go to any particular place. It's sure hard! He keeps repeating old, old stories over & over about you & me and it's sure unpleasant all the time.

We went to Gimbel's today but couldn't find any lining material for my dress jacket & I guess I'll have to get grey, but all the material there were expensive & not worth it for that dress - I only paid about 2.25 or so for the outside & think it foolish to pay more for mere lining. They had no guberdine at all. Can't take papa around looking for other material at other places so I'll just let it go - too bad, but can't be helped. I'm all in, & don't feel like arguing or anything. We bought some rings for Pinky today - clothes - hope she can use them, but be sure to use very pleased when papa bring it to you. Not even time to look up friends.

March 9

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To pay Utah



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Latest rumor:

April 20th will be
announcement of camp
closing in August.