

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 Koon San Low - 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 <sup>gives</sup> 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 tin 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. Flight tickets I thought I'd need it.

The Tues. AM I got an airmail 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 it's before 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~~ <sup>thought</sup> 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 10-12<sup>th</sup> & 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 11<sup>th</sup>. <sup>UP</sup> 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 Haraka who lies with Sato the trishaku — naturally the Papa refused Harada to Haraka in absence of Sato once, Haraka 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 B + to stay in Ky.  
If P. had said yes, she'd have left without very 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.

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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  
Mantel'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, + no one 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  
hearses + 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 - Tokyo no  
Kawari waika - 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 300 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 meals, 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 door 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 - Osaki - 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. Osaki 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.