

March 29 - '45

Dearest - got your long & interesting letter this AM and enjoyed reading it. So Mr. Nakamichi has been telling you about houses - I wonder - I don't like stocks & bonds or studied it or something long years ago. Do bad ours have not done too well - 20th C Fox - or yet.

His wife is very nice & kind - has her hands full with 2 children born close together like ours will be. The 1st boy is 2 yrs old & the second, girl, is P's age, but a lot smaller & can't walk because he was 4th - oz. when born, & hasn't caught up yet. Akio & Mariko.

Naoko writes saying she has definitely decided to stay in Minn. as her prof is leaving school for job in private industry & will take her & him as asst. or something, job starting late May or June. Trouble is lack of housing. So she may take another quarter at school & says she got a room at brother's down, not beautiful as Comstock but a room & that counts - couldn't get back in at Comstock.

They left Sunday aft. Minn. & were reaching Chi - 9:30 PM. Ayo Papa went to Snell's with Bro Ken & saw Peggy Jones & Hooten who took him around. He saw Margaret a postcard in English - photograph of Minnesota lakes or something - thanking her for lunch she prepared for him, etc. Jimmy wrote Margaret saying he got a room at 6th week but was getting out in a hurry because it was filthy. Coming back soon so he came to get back. Pickie tries to eat alone now. Gets very little eating done & is more play, but she likes to see I let her. She'll eat greens that way but won't when fed, etc so I let her take her time.

No class in sailing today because the high school has 3 days vacation for Easter. The Pub Health nurse should be around again tomorrow or Saturday. She was here Tuesday. Seiji's quarantine probably will be lifted. He looks fine & is dying to go out. P is fine too & just waiting for the crusts to dry & fall off. I took her to play at Seiji's & the dog, Dale & I had a good time - & she was so tired she slept for 2 hours after coming home. But I think she'll sleep well again tonight. She chases the bigger kids & the dogs around while

screaming & hollering even if they don't pay attention to her. She
chases their dog too - all in one room with Margaret & we
there - she trying to knit & me watching P. She's been doing laundry
for me again - 3rd or 4th time now. I want to get her something nice.
She has never asked me if I wanted it done - when it's soaking or
she's not home she carries the bucket out & does it, in a quiet
matter of fact way. I haven't been seeing my support but I guess I
should if I don't want striations worse than the slight little ones I
have - evidently so slight compared to others - that he missed
them when the doctor examined me the last time this time.
Most of them are white & only around lower abdomen & ^{over} hip bone where
strain was over the pelvis. They're not grey blue or green or red or
black as they can be very easily.

P. eats her meat & veg. very nicely - she's in the hi chair
now. When we go back I'll need ladder floor in new room &
small baby table & chair for her meals. Also shelves for toys &
toilet seat & playpen, nap bed. I'll have to cook, etc. in kitchen
so I'll want to watch her thru the glass door - if she won't break
it ~~down~~ ^{through} with a toy on her head. It's a shame to have to keep her in -
it's so sunny out, but she can't go out yet. She's a baby that
doesn't like a too warm place. I have lots on her & she likes a cool
bed & room better. She crawls out & all over the place to find
a cooler spot. I guess that's the reason, anyway she doesn't like the
heat in just much.

See I'm glad to hear Mrs. Feabon keeps the house clean. And thank
you for vacuuming the rug, etc. The main thing is routine care rather than
a yearly trip to the cleaners. Yes, we'll have to save money & buy our
furniture & rug, etc. because we won't have a rug when the green one goes.
It'll not be possible for us to buy a good one like that but we can
at least choose our color & maybe match it with the stain & fall.

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v. wawa - (water)

I can now say hello, nainai (put away), + a few other words in addition to others she knew before. She no longer tells she she wets or b.m. She forgot it. Hey do, after - relapse.

Heard from Ben's sister this AM - expected nurse today or tomorrow. Have a pile of rocky beds as I'd like to get some sheets done. I sleep with one or soils a lot with milk etc. Keep the light on.

By the way there aren't any gloves here not in use that I know of unless put away. Otherwise I could get new ones for a dollar. Tell me where they are, if you've put them away.

I'm anxious to have Papa find a house soon. After Mr. H. gets a license is too vague + too much a possible disappointment. You pick a house + have him examine it for price + sturdiness. 187K bush - Wakuishimoto's is for sale too so look at it. Also Mrs. S. here can't be so many for sale when everyone is rushing back. Can't you see everyone leaving when school closes in May? Women are leaving adult ed. classes to get ready, crates + lumber are unloaded everywhere. Please get a move on!!

The ideal property + the available don't click to what you say is right. Forget our investing, + think of Papa's willingness to buy, instead. Do not go home until he gets a place to live apart. I guess we ought to make that sort of definite. Also I suppose he'd better find one before the camp closes or he leaves.

Mrs. Sab says there's a nurse aide a Mrs. Kikuchi whose only daughter is married to (SA) Kimbo Yokitomi. She seems about 57 years old - I can ascertain that at Otta station - + she has no one else. Her daughter is back east + has a baby I think. I know her slightly, + remember her to be a very talkative person who did day work + domestic

work all her life. Mrs. Sato says she's willing to remarry. He's real old fashioned man who is familiar with Bk. Sec of her work & speaks broken English with courage & assurance. She is the gossip sort & lively & has pep. She's a big eater & drunker she has false teeth. She lives alone in ^{block} 41. She's dark & wears glasses & has greyed hair, bobbed. Hard worker, & bossy, too. She does so much herself. Has lots of nerve. Maybe she's better. Mrs. H's no better by nature - having been stubborn & courageous enough to divorce her husband. Mrs. K. is a widow & her 1st husband was a drunkard acc to Mrs. Sato. She doesn't seem to have a lot of relatives. Oakland woman - don't know what church, etc.

Acc. to Martha he's set on remarrying to someone or other so she's staying in mind. She may come here for awhile or to S.F. She'll only have a few days at S.F. if she gets out that far. She'll want to get her things without delay if she does. She'll be awfully tired after trip.

Hope we can someday (next depression?) buy a home in Berkeley when the children are ready for high school or before. When they are thru college we can come back to S.F. Hope circumstances allow it.

Understand Inukai's are ready to go & their compartment reservation has been determined. Yatabe will go after that, I suppose. Guess I should drop in on Inukai's soon - heard they're having an additional bedroom built on.

Have to make clothes for P. so will you send me 3-4 pieces of 1 yd. printed material - some cut into a bit at places - also finely striped rayon - dark skin - brown & white stripes. Have Mr. N. buy above pieces back. Oh yes, & crepey ^{see - sweater like} crinkled no-iron white cotton with print on it - for P's nightie. I guess I have 2-3 pieces about 2 yards each. Love, Mom.