

March 21, 1945

Dear Henri,

Received your letter ^{today}, which was forwarded to me today. I was very glad to hear from you. You don't realize how happy I was to hear from you.

Got my ^{travel} grant Monday and the ticket is good until the 19th of April so I've decided to stay and go to S. F. some time before or around the 15th of next month. I went to the florist where I used to work and told them I would be glad to help them during the Easter rush. I could earn a little money while I'm here. As for me I know that you must be lonesome so I didn't want to go and get in your way knowing I always am. But after reading today's letter I'd like to go and

cook for you. A decent meal at least. Until today I didn't know what to do. I'll try and hurry and let you know when I am coming by wire. I'll try and leave here after Easter rush is over as I would like to be here for a couple of my girl friends wedding. One has hers on Easter Sunday, the first of April - April Fools day - The other has hers on the following Sunday the 8th. Both had a very hasty engagement. I wouldn't have it that way. They are both happy so I guess that counts.

I saw the Nieras yesterday in town. June phoned me so met her and her mother and friend in town. They will be in San Leandro by Thursday because they left this morning from Ogden. Or will they be in S. L. around Friday. Well, that's not important.

Since Monday I have been keeping some girls who belong to the Buddhist church with some songs. They are going to have a joint meeting this Saturday night at a near by town not as far as Ogden but in that direction. We have been practising every night since Monday. I am playing the piano for them. So, I guess I'll be going out to meet more friends.

Friday is Mas' birthday ~~birthday~~ and I sent him a card. I just finished writing a letter to Tommie and Mrs. Yabuki. Be sure and send Tommie and Mrs. Y. an Easter card. Even a card will mean so much at such an occasion.

Well, I guess this will be all for today. Will write again.

Take care of yourself.

Love
Helen

Dearest Ann -

Caster Sunday PM

P is almost completely well now & only has isolated spots left, those with scabs. She is anxious to get out - & yesterday I let her play on the doorstep in the sun. I got your letter in the AM & enjoyed it immensely. Sure hope you get to work at OWS for sometime soon. It's important you know definitely soon because we need the money saved up - not merely subsistence. The new baby will need \$100. This will not count my maternity clothes as I needed for P. But they are so close I need duplication in blankets, diapers, underwear, soaker (wool pants), bottles (few), outer clothing, nighties etc. That above amt. is needed too. I'll need help too. Also have to give token gift to Dr.

You are a great help and I'm very much relieved to hear that things are going so well at home & you have surrounded yourself with such congenial people. I'm surprised to hear that the Inos are sociable - neither impressed nor

that way the little I know of them.
 How are they to the Furbans? Hope
 the Dees don't make the older
 couple feel bad or inferior - for
 I'm 100% OK & I imagine by
 what you say Buford is a sweet
 guy too.

Today is windy & grey & cold
 for Sunday Easter, reminds me of
 the Easter before we left for our
 trip east last year - remember
 the day of the egg hunt? Drizzling.
 Same today only worse, because I
 fear snow soon.

Wish you'd cover the rice
 or whatever so it can't be seen
 & claim henceforth it isn't ours.
 Would you do that? Please. And
 ask \$1.25 at least for 10th rice.
 How do you know it was 10th you
 gave her - how did you measure?
 Weigh it? Rice is scarcer than

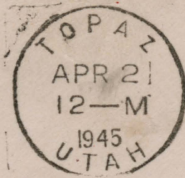
a needle in a haystack & smart Mrs. Ino knows it — even WKA cannot get it. Army hdqtrs is sending all available to Philippines & now to India for lend lease. It's the Philippines that takes all, I hear. Sanyuzen's block hasn't had rice at any meal for 6 days. Mrs. Sato's for 4 days. Ours for 2 days. Before this happened, we haven't had rice at lunch time in the whole center for weeks now. Mrs. Sato's block & also 16 have it had margarine for 2 weeks. We have it. They use peanut butter at the table instead. But the rice situation is real. So hang on ^{to it}. In the East they haven't had rice at all for ages — Mrs. Tokunaga of Bldg #12 said so when she came back from seeing her ~~tray~~ daughter in Ohio in February when you were still here.

I guess all of you are eating big meals in the kitchen — or me you in the dining room? What are you using for a tablecloth? See that kitchen is so dark I've almost made up my mind I want that hole idea of mine carried out.

That hole cut in the wall bet. the
 bkfst room + kitchen - a large
 square hole in the wall nearly up to
 the ceiling - 6-8" of the bkfst room
 ceiling, 8-10" of the corner + door
 sill, centered there in the bkfst room
 wall. It should make a big difference
 in light. As I'd like to see the bkfst
 room painted sunny yellow wall +
 ceiling with a fairly high wainscot
 of washable oilcloth, linoleum or
 tile board and linoleum to protect
 floor for the babies to eat and
 play in.

I'm glad to hear that you are fixing
 the heavy chest of drawers - painting it or
 whatever. It is a very sturdy oak chest tho' it
 looks awful. It'll need a filler coat to seal
 the pores before it can take enamel or any other
 paint. It'll store linens very nicely & tho' it
 looks awful we shouldn't throw it away. You
 need a bedroom set - a nice as one as we can afford
 either now or after the war. Let's get to work on the
 downstairs - 1st floor 1st. I'll manage with what we
 have in the bedroom meantime. We need 2 cribs or
 rather 1 crib + 1 junior bed - so we can use day
 couch for junior bed for P. if you put a railing around
 one side + a foot + head. For such, Amer. Home had a
 wonderful work-plan for 15 or 25¢ that adapts itself to older
 child later. Don't you intend to enroll at Poli High Evening
 School? They teach during summer too, don't they? Ask at main desk
 opp. main door, 2d floor Fred. st. around 7 o'clock. Love Tom

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