

Dearest - Your last letter was most interesting - heard 2 postals today but
 am writing again. I hear from reliable sources that the Morioka
 want to sell their apt. house which they got at a tremendous bargain.
 Mr. Nakanishi sold it to them. Mr. Morioka is in the hosp. - has been
 for a month. He's been operated on last week to remove gas from his
 intestines, & will be operated on again this week. Therefore because
 Yuhico & Fred & his wife are all here from Chicago, N.Y., & Cin-
 cinatti. Seems like Fred doesn't want to go back to St. or
 something. It was a place the Morioka bought to rent to
 members of the Consulate & NYK officials, Mitani etc,
 bec. they had such a hard time finding high class
 accommodations where I were located. Find out
 all you can from Mr. Nakanishi - I hear the
 firm with which he was formerly associated is
 handling it. I got this about from Kiichi Sato's folks
 who are close to the Morioka, as well as from
 Mrs. D's wife - so it must be bona fide.

See, the Japs sure have nerve re: ice also
 sheets. What do you do regards charges - I think
 you can ask more from them. After all, you don't
 have to have set prices. They have more privacy than
 men who share rooms. Why don't they stay at a hotel?
 I hear Gwendolyn, the oldest daughter is engaged to Chickie
 (Geo) Shigizumi - right?

Mrs. Inukai's wife is having an appendectomy tomorrow so
 she won't be able to go back for another 3 weeks etc they
 planned for this week or next.

I agree with you 100% on the ice box store ^{\$} re: refri-
 gator - wherever they become available we'll get one -
 not til then. Also washing machines. Hope they'll be available
 soon.

So glad to hear you are enjoying the company of Mrs. Nakanishi
 & others. And profiting in knowledge by association. I guess you
 are pretty well busy but hope you'll work soon.

Where did you get the futons sleep on - I thought you
 said you - did you change since I asked you to? Are they in Joshi's
 room? What other furniture did you get them? Are they comfortable?
 Happy? Bec. we have to have them there a long time if they'll stay
 for good. She'll be a blessing to me.

don't know why I resent my letter writing so much but oh

writes to you lately except abt. rec. letters. I only have to
sit down in my chair & face the desk before she drops
everything to run to me & wail to be put on my lap.
I play with her before bedtime & let her play with other
children in the daytime but she still wants to be carried
in my arms to look out the window, etc.

Heard from Mrs. Bakanishi that Mrs. Sato's grandchild
(one of 3) who lives in Blk. 19 also - got burned with hot water
which he returned fat - day before Easter - his mother was
trying to dye eggs on an ironing board which is a lousy
proposition. His neck & chest burned. Gave me the shivers
when I heard it. Will be careful with P.

Haven't written to Johnny H in Alabama tho he
sent letter after postal I sat you, no to Ben who
may be thinking I went back to SF to join you. Must
send a copy of P's birthday picture also to him.

You writing this in bed with P asleep - hence
the worse than usual writing.

Mont Yatake went to the Army Monday after
Easter - the 2nd. He said hello to you.

Some Matsumotos are going to SF (a Beck) for
a while - stay in SF bc of M's work, maybe. Mr. goes
back next month & Hideo returns from Michigan to join
mother & brother & when house is found, will join husband.

March 27, 1945

Dear Mommie,

Reached Chicago Sunday night and called Kiku + got Lew but couldn't get Warren - they don't take calls after 10:30. Monday morning papa and I looked around downtown and after having a bite to eat, we went back to the hotel and Warren was waiting for me. He was in a hurry so we didn't say more than a few words - I felt bad because I think he was waiting quite a long time.

He gave me a gift for graduation - a beautiful Princess Gardner wallet - has a lot of nice features + is big so that cards actually fit. Lady Buxton is a bit too small for most cards. I'm sure he paid a lot for it so I'm planning to give him something really good for his birthday - a combination of graduation + birth-day so it'll have to be nice - don't you think a good leather shaving kit would be nice?

Well, anyway, I hope I see Warren when we go back to Chicago.

We left Chicago yesterday afternoon - a few hours after seeing Warren and reached Washington this morning at 8:45 and today we walked around town, ate a brunch and in the afternoon we went up the Washington Memorial and saw the cherry blossoms around the Jefferson Memorial + the Tidal Basin.

They say it was prettier last week when they were
in full bloom. Washington is very warm as
was Minneapolis - poor papa with his heavy
underwear is suffering. Minneapolis is having
real spring weather now - suit weather and
Washington is like summer & you see women
wearing dresses and blouses on the street
with no coat.

Wed AM.

Just got up - I was so tired & still am.
Last night a girl that I knew at Wash. Univ who
is now working here at D.C. came over and we
talked til 11:30 in the room. She is very nice
and I knew her quite well and today she's
going to try to get off from work to go night -
seeing with us. We may have tomorrow or
the following day for Philadelphia. There
are many places to visit here in Wash. but
right now a lot of places are closed to the public
because of the war. Yesterday we saw the Wash.
monument & went to the top & then to the Smithsonian
museums. It's tiring because we do so
much walking. Papa is still in bed. I'd
give any money to go back to Minneapolis where
I know how to get around without getting lost.
Papa & I talked things over and a Vic
told you before, he agrees that I stay in Minnesota
if that will help me. Ken may go overseas
anytime, but I want to see him as much

as possible before he does. Sometimes I think he's too good for me, but I don't think there's any harm in trying to hang on to him. I'm going to see if I could get a job and look for a place to live but in the meantime I'll stand it Comstock.

My, today is another hot day. I could hardly stay in bed. I hope it gets cooler because I'm not prepared for such weather.

Hope everything is alright with you and Pinky. The pictures you sent of her & all of you were very nice. Pinky is very cute and the one of her alone. It's nice that you were able to have it taken.

Well, I'll close now.

Will write again,

Maudie



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March 29, 1945

Dear Tommie,

I just wrote a long letter to Herd,
so I spent about an hour on it. I thought
he would like to know what I think & I
want him to understand my situation &
tell me his opinion.

First I'll tell you what we did
yesterday. My friend, Miriam Neven Schwab,
came in the morning & we three went
first to the Ford Theater where Lincoln was
assassinated & looked around the museum.
Then we went out to the Capitol and
got ~~the~~ in with the tour through the building.
We sat in the senate & the house of rep.
Both were nearly empty but someone was
speaking at both, so it was nice. We
then had lunch at the senators' restaurant
in the capitol. It was a good lunch.
Then we went over to the Supreme Court &
sat in on a hearing - saw the justices
quite close up because the Court is
very large. It was good that every where

they were in session. Then we went to the library of congress and looked in on it from above and saw the original decl. of Indep & constit. We then went to the botanical gardens. It was 4:00 & closes then so we had to go home — we were very tired & papa ~~went~~ took a hot bath & went to bed. after supper. Miriam got two concert tickets from her millionaire boss so we went to Constitution Hall ~~that~~ last night. Society people sat all around us. A member wore evening clothes. I saw the wife of the ambassador from the Netherlands. Mr. Roosevelt was in her box. I felt out of place but no one stared, & I enjoyed the "atmosphere" as well as the program. I feel that those society people are very superficial & pity them for the kind of life they have to lead.

Today we got up late and had breakfast around 11:00 and went over to the ~~street~~ financial district & walked into a broker's office & sat down & watched the ticker or whatever you call. the things — prices that change on the wall. Papa got a big kick out of it. Later we went shopping & got papa a striped shirt and then took a street car and went to the Lincoln memorial and sat on the grass in the shade — 85° in shade and talked. See, it's like summer here — too hot for words & humid! People are wearing sheer dresses and suits now. Poor papa is suffering from ^{the} heat. I'm glad we are at a hotel where we could take hot baths, & wash our socks & stockings & underthings & have privacy for a while before



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going to N. Y. + Phil. where we'll be at a hostel.

We aren't getting any extension on ~~our~~ ^{Japa's} leave - it's too long as it is - I'll be too tired, + I'll be late anyway as it is for school, even if I take one or two courses. I wish I could have changed it so that I could get back to Minnesota by the 1st or 2nd of April but it's too late for that now. I'm just hoping Japa will enjoy the trip + be glad he came. I hope too that everything will work out for him + for me too. It would be too bad if Ken has to go before I get back. He didn't tell anyone except me, + I shouldn't be telling you, I guess, but he was supposed to go to C.C.S. - he may not make it because only 10 out of the 1500 or so can go. He was one of the 4 out of 350 or so in his company that was picked to take the C.C.S. exam. He didn't tell his folks lest they be too hopeful, and he didn't know the results when I left him. He said he didn't have a chance maybe not, but in case he doesn't go, he'll be shipping out soon + if he does go, he'll

be going down to Georgia. In any case I want
to see him as much as possible before we part.
I'm willing to wait for him until after the war
if he wants me to; if he doesn't, I guess I'll
get over it with time. Anyway, I won't get
anyone by going out West. There's very little
chance out there, & though I've said in my
letters before that I've given up marriage,
after thinking it over, I guess I'm too young
to give up yet. Tak Yonemoto is back in
Sunnyvale again, & wrote to me from there,
but he may be going into the army since he's
1-A. In the next three months I ought to
be able to decide what I'll do. I have to
decide in that time.

Papa is thinking about marrying Mrs.
Harada yet, but I still think she's the wrong
person. I can't blame him for wanting someone
to care for him, & he feels I'm not the one who
can do it because I may get married. ~~but~~
He says I may marry someone who has other
responsibilities & I won't have my own way.
Anyway, he still wants marriage only for that
one thing - someone to look after him. He's
done a lot for you & me & we should take
care of him. I can't do it now because (as
much as I want to), I'm not sure of my future.
It would be perfect if ~~you~~ he can ~~live~~ live with
you, but you two can't get along. If only you
& he will go half way & try to get along,
if you just don't let him aggravate you & give
him his way, you might get along better.



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I hope everything turns out alright, but I feel Mrs. Harada isn't the right person. If I were married & settled, & had a home, I'd ask him to come & live with me, but as it is, that isn't possible for a long time, if ever. I guess I can get along with him a little better than you can because I don't listen to him half the time so he doesn't bother me.

Please write - I'll be in Minneapolis ^(Comstock) on the 12th, will be staying at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago on the 10th & 11th of April. I had everything packed to be sent to California but now that I changed my mind, I'm going to have to unpack everything. This time when I move, I'll take my time in packing & throw a lot of stuff out and sell my books to eliminate all those cartons & stuff; I'll probably never look at them again. Papa is going to buy me a set of luggage for my graduation, so I can return to you your old brown foot lighter & I can give papa one of my air-plane cases. They cost plenty nowadays, but I want a good one so that it will be good for a long time. Your suggestion of an eversharp is good but I'm afraid you won't be able to get one until after

the war. I have a pen, & I've been looking for one to give you, but find it impossible to get under \$30.00. I'll let you know when I think of something.

I may get some silk or wool in N. Y., but don't intend to get much. Sounds like papa wants to buy a lot of stuff to take back to friends & neighbors. I think it's silly, but guess he feels he has to. I could have gotten him more of cigarettes, but feel those things are useless because they just go up in smoke & there's never enough of it anyway, no matter how many I get.

Peggy wrote me a letter of introduction to his boss at Hooper. I may still use it if I decide to go to D. F. so I'll hang on to it.

If you feel that I'm making a drastic mistake by going back to Minnesota & staying in the mid-west, tell me, won't you. What I decide the next few months & within the next year may change my entire life; who knows.

Tomorrow we're leaving for Philadelphia and Monday will be in N. Y. The B. & O. ~~has~~ only goes as far as New Jersey - Jersey City & the rest of the way is by bus so we can ~~have~~ ^{take} the bus to Brooklyn if we want. I think that's best because I think the bus depot is near Borough Hall. I can't remember N. Y. well because I depended on you folks last time. I never thought I'd go back there again.

It's getting late so I'll close.

Love,
Maretha

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condition - how?

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