

Friday May 25, 1945

Dear Tommie,

Thanks for sending Henri's letter, your card and my dress. The dress fits nicely. The sleeves are about $\frac{1}{2}$ " too long, but otherwise everything is fine. When I go to the bank to get my check cashed, I'll send the money (\$6.90).

Since receiving your letter and deliberating for weeks, changing my mind dozens of times and looking at the question from all angles and talking to people, I decided I'll have to compromise. My plan is:

June 9th - Saturday - Final exam in Cereal Chem.

June 11 - 15 work

June 15 - 19 visit a Minnesota farm - the girl in the next room invited me to her home & I think it's a rare opportunity.

I'll leave for Topya sometime between the 19th and 25th and will reach there around the 30th or so; which will leave enough time before July 20th so that we can prepare for the new baby and you can tell me what to do, etc.

I phoned the railway station this morning and they said that the one-way tickets are good only for 30 days. That means I can't get a ticket all the way to San Francisco anyway because I'll probably stay in Topya longer than that - more like $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 months if they'll let me because I know you can use me that long.

I had Asako Sakai over here for dinner last night and she said her whole family is back in San Francisco except the sons who are in the Army. She is intending to go back the latter part of July. She's been here for two years now & had a good job at the YWCA & has met lots of soldiers & other Nisei but says she doesn't feel ^{she gives it to} ~~at home~~ because she hasn't her own place & feels restless. I'm so afraid that I'll feel that way

too. If I take a job I feel I must stick to it for a couple of years at least and I don't know if I'd like it well enough here. Also, there's no reason why I can't come back to the mid-west sometime. There are some young nice widows here & mothers of young babies. They aren't very happy. So I've found out there are worse things than being unmarried now while the war is going on. There will be lots of girls like that and it's best to try and see the better side of it. There's no use worrying over it, is there? I've been having a pretty good time lately. The dance last Saturday night was pretty nice. This Saturday the secretary of the dorm and another Caucasian girl who lives below me and I are going to a dance. I'm not too enthusiastic about it, but I hope it turns out alright.

Nobuo Kitagaki wrote from Camp Ritchie again. He says he may be shipped to California in three weeks & may be stationed there for awhile. He's certainly crazy but has talent in his line and quite a character.

It's getting warm here. Up until now, it hasn't been very warm & we needed our coats. I guess by next month it will really be hot.

I'll go down to the W.R.A. and ask them what I ought to do about arranging for my baggage and the ticket. They'll pay all the way to D.F. won't they? But they'll have to give me two separate grants because, as I said before, a one way ticket is good only for 30 days.

Must go to school now so I'll write again. My first pay check for + which was \$55.41 after taxes were withheld - isn't that good?

Please let me know if you like my plans as outlined above.

Love,
Martha

P.S. I hope you'll understand that it's my idea and I hope you don't think I want to be with you when the baby comes & I'm sorry as much for me as I'm sorry to do for you. We need each other, don't you think? I'd write to paper thoughts too.