

Hello Tomoye:

I guess I shouldn't write when upset, but I want to let off a little steam. Last week I arranged for a pass to be issued to a friend I have in Salt Lake City to visit here today. The pass was issued after traveling through the proper channels, only to be cancelled this morning, and the maddening thing about it all is that the visitor comes all the way in to camp before the ~~guard~~ guard stops him and turns him back. The cancellation was unknown even to LaFrabreque until I went down there to raise hell. The cancellation applied to isseis and not the nisei. The fellow I wanted to see dropped off at Delta as he couldn't get in, and his brother returned later to visit briefly friends and relatives. The community welfare office wouldn't issue a permit for me to leave camp, as they waited a clarification of the order, as issued by the military authorities. It sure was hard to take, I wanted to sock somebody, tried to find a way out into Delta in the afternoon, but all trucks to town had left in the morning, and the ambulance leaving for Delta to pick up a patient due on the afternoon train, was loaded with the patient's relatives.

Every new restriction has been adding to the straws on the camel's back, it won't be too long now before that back may be broken. Articles in national magazines, newspapers, telling of the deprivations, hardships will soon mirror the conditions we face, if improvements in food, housing, and education, are not here immediately. Coal is starting to trickle in, hauled by niseis from Delta. No washing, showers, 'till after 6 in the evening. Schools may not be built pending O-kay from Washington, stoves are still unavailable for many apts. I am in a dark blue mood again, discouraged, fast losing faith in principles of democracy, I once preached. Maybe I should wait before I write anymore. I guess I will -----
 Would you do me a favor? If toru has a sugar ration card and can spare a couple of pounds of that precious sweet-stuff, will you have him send ~~in~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ of it in.

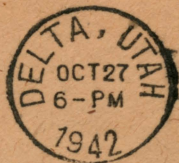
You folks sure seem to have been lucky in finding work in the right local---making money too----

Thanks very much for your kind offer to shop for us, I can't think of anything I want, but I will keep your offer in mind and will take advantage of it before your return.

I will of course write again,

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