

11-5- F, Topaz, Utah

November 4, 1942

Dear Tommie and Henri,

The disk storm yesterday was just as bad as the last one we had while you people were still here. Golly, was it awful, and it came as suddenly as the others. Last night we had a terrible wind and rain storm which later became snow. This morning the roof tops were all white and although it is nice and sunny outside, it is still very chilly.

I'm writing mainly to let you know that the Union Pacific Railroad Company sent you a notice regarding the arrival of freight. It must be your chest of drawers which you ordered since it's from Sears. They will deliver it to your apt. according to Ben.

Nebo came back yesterday from sugar beet work I haven't had the chance to speak to him yet so I don't know how he liked it. Mrs. Enomoto, Eichan's mother passed away last Saturday and yesterday was her funeral. Kitty is getting awfully big and rather out of control. He's as wild as ever. Thanks loads for the fruit. The pears especially were so MEZURASHII. I divided them with Ben and the three of us, Helen, Papa, and I had the rest. Sunday Johnny Hoshiyama came over from Delta and brought me jam, peach preserve (35¢ for 1# loz jar) and gave me two small cans of pineapple juice and also three bottles of genuine coca cola. Oh yes also ~~some~~ three deer steaks-thick! they were certainly good. I brought one steak over to Ben's place Sunday night to ask him to help put in the interior walls of your place. He says he will help as much as he can, and I think he will. Last night he took me over to play bridge with a young couple. I think his name was Jun, and he works in the post office. It was rather fun.

Well about your staying out, The more I think about it, the more I think you should as long as possible. After all, you people have a long future to look forward to and those of us who are here have nothing in the way of security. Most people feel very keenly that all these thousands of people will never be relocated permanently as Mr. Myrer wishes. Even though that is true, I know that they can't stay here forever- the future is pretty dark for most of us. As for myself personally, it's awfully hard to make up my mind as to what I should really do. At any rate I wouldn't want to stay here for the duration. We have to think of others too, but it isn't always the wisest thing, ~~to~~ we have to be selfish to a certain extent sometimes.

When I see the way people are changing, it makes me shudder. Everyone seems to be getting so greedy and grabby. The little kids are getting just as bad. Ben was saying last night that there's a person going around now to different apartments, saying that there's a COD package and collects the money - the sucker doesn't hear anything more about it. This is probably only the beginning of petty rackets here. After all, there's a lot of merchandise in the canteen but no one has the money, \$16 won't buy very much now-a-days. Those fellows who are working in here for Daley Bros., and who get paid more in one hour than we get in one day are sure in the dog house.

11-8-41, Lopez, Utah  
The council is trying to set up a system whereby all those who have outside employment be charged a tax-like fee into the community fund. This is to discourage such work because of the current shortage of labor inside. It seems rather dumb to me since the getting outside employment is probably the only positive way of permanent relocation. All this may never materialize but I know that there is a great deal of resentment against those who are getting more pay.

As soon as you find out what kind of jobs are open for girls like me, please let me know. Maybe I should work a little before going to college since I have only enough funds to go one year and after the war I wouldn't know what to do if I use it all up.

About how large a town is Cedar City, and what kind of people live there? I'd like to know.

Please write about your plans and your opinion on all this matter. You see, if the earning power of a family lies outside of camp, and when the dependents (both physically, morally and financially) are in camp, I'm pretty sure there's a good chance for those dependents to get out to join them. That's how Teiko Ishida's mother got out.

You're probably awfully busy but please write.

Lot's of luck.

Always,  
Martha

Well about your staying out, the more I think about it, the more I think you should as long as possible. After all, you P.S. Enclosed please find a letter from Mr. Nedbal. Papa told me to send it to you. Please let me know what we should do about it.

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