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Dear Papa & ne sae

There is very little change in the weather here, it is still cold and probably in the

twenties. Most of the examinations are over now except for a chemistry test this Thursday.

None of the subjects that I am taking are easy for me even though they are mostly for freshmen and sophomores. Last week

my activities were very little few. Friday night, two other girls and I went to the First Unitarian Church, about fifteen minutes on the street car, to hear Mr. Roger Baldwin from New York of the American Civil Liberties Union. Most of his talk was

on the Evacuation and the reasons for why it was racial discrimination. He said, with much confidence that from high authorities in Washington he had heard that the government may decide to allow all loyal Japanese to return to California. However, he did point out

that there are ^{many} active forces against it which the American Civil Liberties Union is now fighting. The question of loyalty is, according to him, ^{totally} wholly based on the answers you all gave to those questions on their registration forms a few weeks ago.

He quoted many figures from those records so apparently, Washington has all the information already.

Another thing he said ^{was} that there is much in Washington among the high officials to change the oriental exclusion act and also to remove

the law prohibiting naturalization is directed to the Chinese & other oriental allies. However, they will still keep

the quota which states that not over 350 persons of oriental race - (including one half the world's population) could enter the United States per year.

He said too, that most of the government men in Washington admit that evacuation was a bad mistake which they made in haste. It is a sore spot, and they feel it should be corrected. ^{He} ^{also} ^{mentioned} that ^{there} is an impossibility ⁱⁿ ^{removing} ^{the} ^{evacuation} ^{of} ^{Japanese} ^{American} ^{citizens} on other memoranda also but he said that the evacuation of Japanese American citizens

is the most important, the thing to American
civil rights that has ever happened.
He was a wonderful speaker. I'm glad I
went.

Saturday, Peggy Little, her friend
Betty Kellez and I went to Delmar to a
place called "Shanghai" to have lunch.

They both had cha-meen & I had
vegetable chop suey. It has been such
a long time since I've had Chinese food
so I enjoyed it but I could still
tell that it isn't the real Chinese stuff.

That night, Peggy was to go on
a blind date with one of the army cadets
here but when she took a back around 5:30,
she found out she had the measles. So
she couldn't go. I was with her all day
and hope I don't get it, too. It's known
to last 10 days or so, by I suppose, it's spread

Sunday morning I went to the
Sunday school meeting and in the
evening at 7:45, I left to go to the
Caroline Meurons to talk. Mr. Lassant
and Mr. Yare, the former is my chemistry
lab. teaching assistant, went with me.
Mr. Lassant, especially, talked a great

deal at the after supper meeting when
 I was supposed to speak on evacuation.
 He helped me a great deal, especially
 by saying that his personal experiences
 with us nisei have made him feel
 the importance of it all, etc. I emphasized
 particularly, the fact that we nisei are
 very American in every respect and
 that you are all living in a very
 artificial environment. That the most
 important thing at present is to get
 you all out, back into the normal
 life you were used to before this
 happened. They asked lots of questions
 and I answered the best I could.
 Mr. Kawano told them that they
 ought to help us by spreading the
 truth about us around & if they
 belonged to Unions to act favorably
 when issues arise concerning the admitting
 of nisei into them, etc. Besides doing
 a lot of good will work at this church among
 the lower-middle class, I also was
 able to get acquainted with my last
 instructor.

I meant to say that I worked
 last week for about 5 hours. The librarian

explained that. The Law School had a very
 limited budget and could not afford very
 much but wished to give work opportunity
 to as many as possible, therefore, she
 gave us all 6 hours/week @ \$5.00/hr.
 I mend books with silk erasoline,
 and paste book plates and card pocket
 into the covers. It's tawny work but
 very busy because I work alone in a small
 repair room behind the stacks and
 Thursday night I thought I might
 visit for dinner to a girl's home. I'm
 not sure yet but I'll know by the time I
 write again. My room-mate is as quiddy as ever
 and now she works at the student store
 as a soda jerk. She studies quite a
 bit, often staying up as late as 3 o'clock
 in the morning.

I received the Free and the Times.
 I enjoy reading them more than anything
 else. When I read, about all the social
 functions I feel rather envious. These
 are leading a comparatively
 careful existence but I feel a life that
 is slower, but surely charging over
 industrial people into a bunch of lazy
 people. It takes twice or three times more

effort to get things done which I used to do before without even thinking about it.

I still haven't gotten any Citepsis. I feel that that paper is more important material in speaking to groups than the Tokyo Times which seldom contains the type of facts which I need in speaking.

Before I close, I will say that I am healthy and fine physically, and getting along pretty well. I hope

& papa you are alright. Please tell me soon to write me about what

the doctor said when he examined

you. If anything has changed in any way in the family please let

me know. Good bye until next time.

Masako

I am enclosing the letter I received today from Dr. Mochler.

Dr. Mochler

is a very good person. He takes people into a house or three times a week. He takes people to the hospital. He takes people to the hospital. He takes people to the hospital.

Dearest Martha }
Tomoye }
& Co. }

Sunday afternoon -
Mar 14 '43

Martha, your homesick, lonely letter should, in a sense, have been answered at once, but I let work & weekend business and the children delay me - but not quite as shameful a delay as in writing to Tomoye: of you both I think so often, but with so little really to say.

Yet all day yesterday you were with me. Friday evening I had people over for dinner & for just the kind of music-listening-evening you might have enjoyed. I wore my newest hostess gown, a curious French handblocked print of vague anemone-like, seaweed-plumes against a grey-white background - the predominant colors chartreuse & jade, very unjapanese, but a lovely background for my favorite sli - the peach-and-white peony patterned one.

Then Saturday I saw some magnificent kimonos at Marshes' in the Ambassador.

My reason for going into the shop had been a heavenly piece of metallic brocade - maple leaves on an icy sage background. We window-shop through the Ambassador concessions nearly every Saturday, but previously the very snippy saleswoman had spoiled my visits. The local manager was in & we talked silks.

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I can't see myself buying enough of this, however, at $22/yd$ (even though it's double width) and am using the excuse of the green's being "wrong" with the chartreuse-to-olive of "our" kimono in justifying my not buying it for myself.

Last night again I was wearing my grey & blue dragonfly yabuta with the peony obi - jumping the season, but it's long past winter here - looking like early summer, in fact.

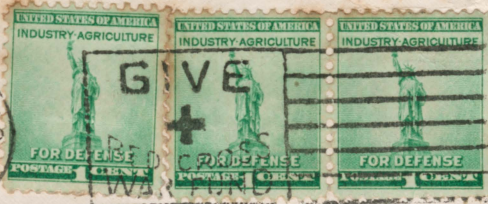
Tomoye, I've never thanked you for Trek or the Topay Times. I am especially interested in your "How to catch a man" series for it they're extraordinarily well done. I hope point rationing won't ruin such small opportunity for entertaining as your girls have been able to manage. What the evacuees have been able to do is so little - esp. in view of some notes that came a few days ago about use of floor space - should be useful for a long time.

Monday, 9³⁰ pm.

I should have finished this earlier, but, Tomoye, you know what a little idle time can do to ruin plans. Listen, you two, can you use a bundle of stamped envelopes? No, I needn't ask - I know you can. And, incidentally Tomoye, asking, I'm sending on the Resolution re Nisei Issei positions to one of my correspondents, a Filipino student, in the Army. Damn it, I can't get used to thinking of Japanese or Filipinos as a racial problem. Why on Earth should they be?

Oh, shut - I'll finish this & send 'em on. Try to do better next letter. Martha, I'll try to write after, but I'm pessimistic in advance. Affectionately, Helen M.

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