

Mon 11:00 AM 4/19/43

Dear Tommie

Just received your two cards dated 12th + 15th. Well, I don't know whether to be sorry or not about the Sacrifice Situation. I think, myself, that it would be better for you to come out to the Med West.

Yesterday the J.A. Students had another meeting & Mr. Kennedy of the WPA & Mr. Haack of the Campus Y.

Here are some of the notes I took as their Secretary 1st: We are mailing out about 50 questionnaires to all those girls in St. Louis asking questions on the treatment, impressions, living costs, wages, etc concrete material for those in camp. We hope to have the answers by next week because I will mail them by Wednesday.

2. Mr. Haack's talk:

Sofar no serious trouble has been brought to anyone's attention in St. Louis. The feeling is exceptionally good.

They want - that is, the WPA office & friends like he & church groups, information in detail from our friends & relatives who want to come out here. They have more jobs than they can fill but they'd like to find a job after they get the qualifications.

Send letters to Mr. Kennedy, WPA office
Paul Brown Bldg.
St. Louis, Mo.

3. Mr. Kennedy said:

Importance of our writing to our friends & relatives to come out here.

There are openings for more doctors & nurses. The domestic jobs are not offered indiscriminately but thoughtfully checked.

However, they do not want you to take a domestic job as a stepping stone.

4. There is this wonderful opportunity for you two who do not seem to know exactly what you are qualified for now

what you want to do exactly.

The Committee of Resettlement in St. Louis, with Mr. Arno Haack (a wonderful man) as head, is ~~thinking~~ planning or has planned a Hostile in St. Louis where you can stay for 30 days or more while you look for a position yourself with their aid. Chicago has a couple you know. The plans will be completed within the next few days.

Now, if your people don't take advantage of these things, either here or in Chicago or anywhere, you will probably be very sorry because the WPA & the other funds don't want people like you to take domestic jobs & other unskilled work reluctantly, unless you particularly desire that kind of work for your living permanently.

The other jobs opening up are:

- Chemists
- Engineers
- Laundry & cleaning
- Civil Service
- clerical
- stenographers
- few labor & few professional

St. Louis Civil Service is way ahead of the others in opening up to Japanese Am.

The St. Louis U.S. D. A. is also working right along with the WPA. and really, these people are sincere.

The talks that students give are doing wonders too. You don't realize that these Midwesterners are ignorant of facts pertaining to us & they can be understanding when you explain to them & they are.

Housing may be difficult but

there is a shortage due to defense work anyway. The sooner people come out, the better the chances to get housing. When writing to the WRD office observe the following rules as much as possible:

One half of page - state in general

Type of work wanted
" " " " qualified for
experience
training
personal information

Other part of letter:

data sheet in minute detail
state machines able to operate
specific information.

This will express your personality as well.
+ they will take that into consideration.

If you like I will go & talk to Mr. Kennedy but I don't want to unless you are sure that you want to come out here. Otherwise I advise you to do the same to Chicago or etc. St. Louis only has about 150 Japanese altogether - population is over 1 million, larger than D. C.

This is being written between classes. I hope you can read my scribbling.

With all the jobs & all the nice people out here, I'm sure you'll like it. The mid-west, anywhere, is better than the no-chiefs, I think.

Yesterday after the meeting I went to see Barnes Hospital - supposed to be one of the best in the Mid-West. It's

much larger than Cal Hosp. Kuyoshi
Hekoyde & Ernie Foregue took me around,
& also took me to dinner at a restaurant
close to the Center. I got home early -
before 8:00 to study.

And yesterday morning, I went to a Catholic
Church - St. Newbery, with whom I eat,
also who ~~also~~ was recently elected into the
Phi Beta Kappa. She's beautiful &
very sweet. It was the first time I
went to a Catholic Church, but I didn't feel
too funny although I didn't kneel & stand
up in the rest. ~~I also to~~

This I also bought a Webster's collegiate
(1942) for \$3.50 Saturday - it's a good investment,
boy, how I needed one!

This week end is Easter, but I haven't
bought anything for it. I'd like to buy a
blouse or something but I don't have time
to shop & anyway, I'm still trying to
go on without using any of papa's money.

I also received a little note from
Burt Crowley today - he says papa
told him I was here & he wishes luck
etc. - that's all.

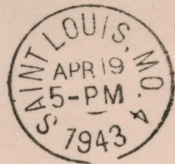
Well, I'll be late to class
unless I hurry.

So long - write again; please
Hello to Ben, Henry, Kay, etc.
I sure wish I had a typewriter
- now. & I guess you do too.

Love,
Martha

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