

1386 W. 26th Place
San Pedro
May 28

Dear Henri:

We finally located in San Pedro, after eight months of wandering in the wilderness.

Tommi tells us that you can find nothing better to do in S.F. than wash dishes, so we have a proposition for you. We can't furnish ~~Utopia~~ Utopia or ~~even~~ dissolve all racial prejudice, but this might be better than washing dishes.

My father is prematurely old, and is no longer able to do all the necessary work on our place at Vista, and help is practically impossible to obtain. If you would like ~~to~~ ~~can~~ go down there, we can furnish a house-trailer for you to sleep in, and you can board with the folks in return for part-time work around the place. Then there will be irrigation once every two weeks, which will pay you \$1- an hour, and there may be other times when we can pay you the same for things like picking fruit. The point being that we have only 3 1/2 acres there, which will not support a full-time employee, ~~at~~ but ^{only} at certain times, can we afford to hire help. However, you

cannot afford to work only intermittently, so I inquired about ~~other~~ possibilities ~~of~~ for employment in addition to what you would do on our place.

My Brother-in-law works for the Vista Water District. I asked him about general attitudes toward people of Japanese ancestry; he was vague, but said he would check further into it. ~~that~~ I gathered that most people around here are ^{rather} neutral. There are some of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the district, and who have a good deal of property. They undoubtedly need help. My brother-in-law also said that in Escondido ~~the~~ ~~laundries~~ laundries are extremely short-handed, and that he would investigate to see if there is any race prejudice involved. However, I am sure our own family could keep you busy, all the time. We have 8½ acres at Vista, one sister and brother-in-law have 4 acres near by, and there are two other places in the family near within 25 miles, one of 20 acres. There is also a brother at Blythe who has cattle and a good many acres. Also, ~~we could~~ there might be times when you could help Claude with his refrigeration. (I am now inactive in the business. As you know, my constitution is not what it used to be, and Union Oil Co. furnished a house, so I am now with them. Wilmington Refinery) ~~the~~ ~~well~~, the main hitch to all this would be finding a

house for the family, later on. ~~So~~ If you are able to buy, that would be no problem, but renting is tough, tho you're welcome to the trailer, for that matter.

If you decide to do this, you can stay with us here on route. We would certainly be glad to see you.

If this doesn't appeal to you Henri, I can write letters to Hall-Scott, Shivan-Young Refrigeration, and ^{S.F. & Oak.} Scatena-York (S.F.) refrigeration, which might do you some good. I can't promise, but if you would like that type of work better than washing dishes, it is worth a try.

Let's hear from you.

Robbie

P.S. If you do come, we naturally don't expect you a permanent set-up as described above. It is merely a stop-gap for you that would be beneficial for us and perhaps for you, until you can work out something better. The country down there is nice, I think you would like it.

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