

Dear Aki, Junji, Eiichi -
Naifu, Dorothy, Jim - Masaji Joe Wayne -

Monday - Tues
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2:10 AM

It is the perfect temperature for comfortable sleep but I'm not sleepy. But this afternoon I was so sleepy at 3 o'clock I had to stop work to sleep because I was so ぶらぶら and almost 目がくらむほど — Japan is tomorrow already — Today here is tomorrow yet in San Francisco. We missed one day while we slept, between Wake Island and Japan. Always, on the way, we set our watches 3 hours ahead. I slept 2 times 5 hours each time, and one night for 2½ hours, but we lived 32 hours + somewhere lost a day of the calendar, too.

At 3 o'clock I decided I couldn't sit up straight, as I had my head against the wall, to hold it up, the telephone ear-piece in my hand was getting heavy, and I was so tired. So, making an appt. at 6:30, I decided to sleep. The telephone rang twice. I don't remember what I said.

Then at 6 o'clock the desk awakened me as I requested. I was dozey. At 6:30 my appt. came - but I was

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2/ wandering around in a daze in my room, I kept them waiting. I talked, & an hour later went to eat O-sushi. I was starved. The hiya-shi gomoku soba I ate at the nearby Ch. restaurant for lunch was a great disappointment. It wasn't at all what I dreamed of and talked about — gee, that's life. The interior decoration of the place was the only thing good. It cost me ¥100 for a bowl of gummy stuff, chewy and in a oi-shi-ke-mo-nai soup.

But I'm glad I walked out of the hotel because I found a beauty shop next door that gives "Shampoo" for ¥100 and with Conditioner, Creme rinse using BRECT for ¥150 and "Setto" is ¥100 with oil spray dressing — so who's going to bother doing her own? Open from 8 — 8 pm, and right next door. The price list also said "O-pa-ma" was ¥700 for short end curls, ¥850 for long hair, ¥500 for bangs & front only. It is supposed to be a high class shop, but small. Facial treatment is ¥500 — I've never had one — and so on down the list. I wonder if they're any good at styling?

I'm writing this and have my SONY transistor that Henri gave me for my OMIVAGE this summer when he returned. It was good I had it in Chicago — it gave me the news & weather every day, music while I was alone. Now I'm listening to the Far East network broadcast "while the city sleeps and the lonely lights of the first street lights blink on" The announcer said. They said acc. to

3/ Mainichi we will have a typhoon Thursday unless it changes its course. It is proceeding with winds at 120 miles per hour. Hope it goes somewhere else. The last one 2 weeks ago was terrible. I shall see trees & fences keeled over.

Today I found some wonderful things (already) they're pretty nice. I'm sending them right out. Sept. 9th shipment out of Tokyo - more details later.

Boy, what a crowded city. Boy, what a crowded country, boy, what little shack-like houses. The man announced "2:30 AM." I'm tired, but I can't sleep & I have no newspapers - all sold out by the time I went to buy them.

My bathtub is about 2 feet wide, 2 ft deep, & 3 ft long, & I have to keep bent to fit inside. All handmade - tiny pieces of tile fitted together. I always wished for a small tub but not this small. Even I think everything in Japan is small & compact. My bathroom has only room for maneuvering. If I were that size I couldn't manage. Wonder what they do - get a bigger room & bigger facilities by paying more, I wonder? My bed is katai, but I sure love it. Mine at home is that way but I had to pay more to have it made orthopedic. This one's great.

Well, I got here safely & I got here without sickness so I'm lucky. The flight was smooth as ice all the way. Like sitting in the airport with the motor turned on. But it takes so long, I hate the ride. And this hotel is full of strange faces, languages & clothing - Koreans, Hindus, Philipinos all in their native dress & talk. The Koreans are wearing trapese dresses (Yes St. Laurent style) & have been for a hundred years!

4 I saw a Chinese NATSU-FUKU — !! wooo wooo! It was open on both sides, 'way UP to here! And made of lace all over!! and a thin white slip cut the same way, no sleeves, with thin ^{silk} gauze stiff stole, dangly ear-rings, and the whole thing so transparent! EVERYBODY GASPED — STOPPED TALKING — AND STARED — I DID, TOO, EVEN MORE THAN OTHERS. I'm NOT USED TO THAT KIND OF SHINA-FUKU. There are a lot of 日本人 who speak lots of Japanese, and they're travelers or buyers. Of course there are lots who live here & speak it even better. My Japanese is terrible. I'm run out of vocabulary & can't talk. I can ask a question but I'm tongue-tied for an answer when someone asks me. It will take another day to get used to it. I've talked English all the way over.

Thursday Sept. 4th — 6:00 AM

Taking me too long to write so I'll finish this and mail it. It has been not too hot but hot enough for me to be drinking 3x's dayiced tea or cold coffee with diff. people.

Been asked how we want Gift Ribbon packed — each box about 4x4x10 holds 48 (4 doz. in) each. If pack 3 Gross/carton — pretty small cartons, huh? Reply.

Can't regulate myself to Japanese day — still awake once during night — tho' not at 4: AM any more — & get sleepy in middle of a business conference. It is 6 AM + I'm full of pep, ready to go. Thinking of S.F. and of all of you, best regards — Love, Tami

P.S. Anything I send, write me % Hotel Dai-ichi Opposite Shitashi Station Tokyo Japan by air mail.