

April 1st, 1958

Dearest Henri,

It sure is lonesome without you. We are going to apply ourselves to fixing the house to occupy ourselves in your absence so that you will be surprised when we get you back. Norman and Pinkie got your post also yesterday, and they were happy to read them. There did you get the pretty postcard of the Kenkakuji? If that's what they give away on JAL, you may be able to buy them from JAL's Tokyo headquarters in the new Maruhiru Bldg opp Tokyo station or wherever they have moved to, and buy some, for the customers. Dorothy will type names about tomorrow. Today is Tuesday, she is home with Masami who is sick. President Wilson came in with our Kagawa Kenparasols and Old Colony Mariners with ZLX, PTK, Iron coasters, Water colors. Paid duty to HB Thos. Cadillac was sent to be done over. Dr Jules Key sent bill \$6.00 and was paid. We've been having more bad weather, but shorter heavy rain hours, more sun in between, but real strong rain and wind when it does, with flash lightning, etc.

Handas didn't come to see the house last Saturday. I went to Mr. Hood this morning re: financing (FHA, adding to our present loan, etc) & his advisee was to get straight loan at 6% on our colateral of stocks and make arrangements to pay monthly which might be easier on us. Other types of loans would mean discounted loans on 4% which we'd end up by paying 8%. His own opinion. He says, otherwise make a hobby of fixing own home, as he does on week-ends, putting in a new swithh, floor plugs, etc. Wife got estimate of \$35, so he did it for 65% per outlet, put in 3.

Pinkie went bowling Sat nite with that Terry (Ch boy) and bowled 155 in first game, 85 in second, due to ball being too heavy, giving back-ache for a bad second game.

Norman had his club over for Friday nite, Met in the penthouse, played ping-pong, I drove them home at 9:00 pm.

Monday, yesterday, P and I went looking around downtown, after I went to Dr Sobieski. I had a hearing test. I can hear fine except low vibrations and low frequency, and it is not a serious impairment. Eustachian tube still stuck, and attempt at blowing out failed. Throat swelling was cauterized so he decided he wouldn't make me suffer furtherto "strain our relationship" he joked. Himuro went to get treatment, and he thanked me. Dr. also asked me what I thot of his moving office to Geary bet 16th-17th bec at Laurel Village he isn't getting the business. I said L.Vill. doesn't get foot-traffic, and how would anyone find him, except by accidental good luck like me, who asked Mt Zion? I said I can't tell him WHERE to go, but going somewhere else was OK. He said his patients tell him L. Village looks too expensive. That garage is still empty, still for sale. Piece in Sunday Examiner said area of Geary St. expansion and big area tearing down will take until 1961 but our place will be first. Mrs. Smith negro, is head of the relocation and evacuation, so I'll talk to her re how long we have here on Post.

Mr. Hood told me when I asked him, that the TRUST DEPT of the Bank gives advice on estate planning, tax problems, real estate counselling, gifts to children, wills, insurance, so on. He'll make appt to meet and talk, and this guy can come out to us or we can meet him at the Bank, where he comes anytime they ask him to (post-Fill).

Re: N's trumpet I think I can get one at whsl locally. He's busy every day measuring himself and doing exercises. Wants a chin up bar, usually a pipe between poles. Tonite am taking him and Geo Whitsell, Armstrong, to judo gym to watch.

Now, for business. . . . how do you want the boys to take off at the warehouse. . . . alternate Monday and Friday, if so, what about Masaji? or all 3 take off on Wednesday? As you know, from June or July, the wages demanded by the union will go up. Now is the time to save for it, but depends on if you went to the warehouse before you left for Japan, and how the reaction will be. Of course, they won't like it, and before we tell them, we will check with the employer's council to check if we can do it without recourse on their part so tell me what to do.

