

April 11, 1943

Dear Si -

Thank you for your pair of cards. In spite of my splitting head-ache, I had the presence of mind to read them in proper order.

Just yesterday I received a check for refund on the coat which Martha returned. As I looked at the check, it dawned on me that we haven't paid you for Martha's suit which came to \$14³⁷. ~~I am enclosing a check herein.~~

I have just finished a letter to Miss Smith recommending Yacko for that work in Chicago. I'm afraid I'll have to bide my time for a while cause of my "frail health."

Just this morning, we received a verbal message from Jack Hata thru a Mr. Lundquist, field worker for the Resettlement Committee - New York Office, inviting Martha and me to go out to accept employment which is plentiful and for us to request an interview with Mr. L. Martha and I hope to see him some time tomorrow.

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Tuesday nite in spite of my cold, I kept a kinder engagement in my dept. head's new apartment here on the project. His wife is going to Phoenix to shop this coming Monday and has offered to take me out with her. I'm really thrilled to think I shall be able ^{to} breathe some of the atmosphere unconfined for the day. Mamma & Papa are already peppering me with little bits of shopping they'd like me to do.

Monday afternoon I believe it was, Clifford Nakadegawa paid us a surprise visit. He is now our assistant Y. P. minister in Canal Camp - 4 miles away. He had supper with us in our apartment (room). He was hungry for some of ~~the~~ ^{Mamma's} Japanese pickles which she still manages to make. He had missed the last bus to Canal, so he just sat back and we visited 'til 'round 9:30. A friend and I saw him out to the edge of our camp. He walked the 4 miles back, which he didn't seem to mind in the least. He's gotten to be quite an outdoor man and no sign of that anemic look when he first returned to Long Beach.

Incidentally, lest I forget, I would be interested in having your beige outfit if you are sure you cannot use it. I only wish I were there so I could fit it to you, then you could still wear it - what with all this scarcity in new textiles and nice clothing cause of the war.

I went to see Mr. Runequist not (L.) this morning at the Adm. Bldg. He is recruiting drill press machine operators for a certain radio eqpt. firm in New Jersey. Workers to begin at 50¢ per hr. (unskilled) After inquiring into my training, he advised me to wait for a secretarial opening. I wish you could have heard his informal talk last-nite. I went despite my headache. The Fed. Church Council working together with the WRA & government backing is now trying to pry open the door to permit the evacuee to enter the Atlantic sea board. Mr. R. advises all Nisei ^{with} any amount of professional training to select employment in which they hope to continue even after the war. (Defense industries have this handicap) For us not to rush out and create employment problems - social problems also, simply "cause our clearances are speeding up. "Be finicky" is what he says and take care in selecting

Your work. We will be as free as any Caucasian citizen once we receive clearance from these centers, but it all sounds like this resettlement will take time. After all, anything that is meant to be permanent should take time. "Don't hold hopes for returning to Calif., but rather try to disperse yourselves into mid-western and Eastern communities that know nothing of you Japanese. It will be a new experience for you as well as those who are going to receive you as a part of the community." They are also working to have private homes open rooms for Nisei workers in these industrial cities. There is so much more I'd like to write, but I shall close with this much for now.

Please remember us all to Dad. We hope he is improving.

Oh! and by the way, Martha is sending you the money for the suit out of her pay check by (money order).

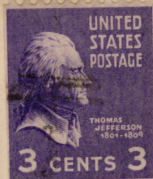
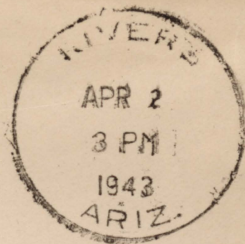
P.S. -

Martha has rec'd acceptance at St. Mary's Hosp. Rochester, Minn. for fall term and is elated. Will enclose her money order.

As ever yours,

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