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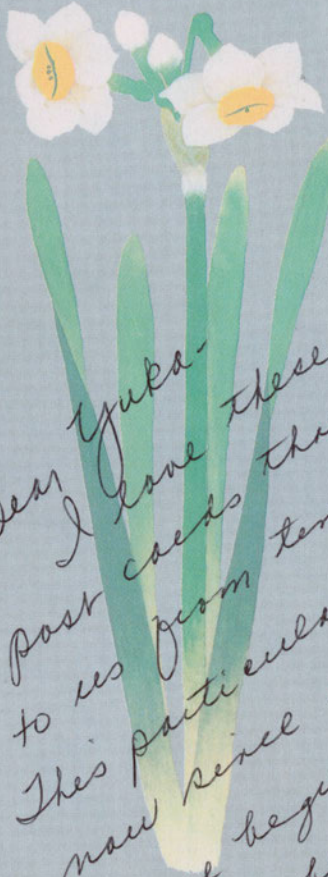

Dear Yuko-
I love these seasonal
Post cards that you send
to us from time to time -
This particular one is special
now since our buds
are beginning to
bloom - despite the

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rain & cold
weather that we've
been having.
We received your
love package a few weeks
back — the one with the tel
cesp with the Tachibana 'mon'
for Hames — the tasty 'ajitsuke
noi' & the very nice 'kappogi'
for me. Thank you for
all your thoughtful
gifts. I am
going to wear
the apron
to

CHIKYU CARD

 (60 + over. Ha!)

Ikai-no-kai – all seniors hot lunch program at Epworth Church – on Wednesday – my day as a volunteer. I've been doing this since November + it's enjoyable since I can keep in touch with the Nikkei Community this way. I've been wearing all the nice aprons that you've given me over the years – the beautiful 'bingata' from Okinawa – the cute purple floral print, etc. + always receive such nice compliments on them. Just wait til they see this new one!

The weather has been very windy + rainy here almost all of February + this month. But, I am not complaining when the poor people of California are having such a grim time of it. But even with all we get – officials are forecasting a drought for us later this summer. It's hard to believe!

Poor Mimi + Eric had their

breaths every time it rains - since their house flooded so badly over Thanks giving week. They have found out since that the house they bought has had a history of flooding! It seems like it'll be some engineering feat to correct the problem + one that they'll have to deal with as soon as the weather improves.

Barb, Bob, Mari + Danny are all fine + now busier than ever since both children are in School. Barb is completely free of Gymboree now — she said her business last summer + taught until the end of the year.

We are planning to go up to Washington in a couple weeks to visit the kids. We haven't seen them since Christmas.

Homer still faithfully goes to the Beaver House — as the Ore. His. Society warehouse is called — twice a week to work on the family papers. I had been going with him too, but missed the last 2 wks. due to a nasty, lingering cough. (I'm having

a chest x-ray tomorrow to see if this is more than just a chest cold).
The work progresses slowly - not only because there's so much to plow through, but because we find so many interesting papers that we end up reading almost every one! We are setting up files (one for Japanese - to be read + translated later + one for English) in chronological order. Of course whenever there is something of special interest - we set it aside so Homer can run off copies at home, make Commentary on it + record it in his Computer. My job at Bessie House ends when we drive out of the building, but Homer is up until past midnight, usually until 2 or 3, sitting in front of his computer working on the legacy. Such dedication! Your folks would be pleased — or are saying "baka ja na!" We are constantly amazed at the YB's diverse interests + the things that they undertook!

Homer - I are planning to take our kids + grandkids to Kauai for 10 days this summer. Whenever

were there we think how much they would enjoy it — so we decided why not take them & enjoy it with them than leave an estate after we're dead. Imagine our surprise when a United Airlines agent informed us that we have enough Mile Credits for 4 round trips to Hawaii! The tickets are transferable as long as the user has the same 'Yasui' last name. It's no problem since both Mers & Barb use their maiden names. Our trip is on 'hold' though until we have our official vouchers from United Airlines. Yuka — you & Toshio must have many, many credits with whichever airlines you use for your trips.

The cherry, pear & plum blossoms are out in some parts of the city, but the cherry trees at the JA Historical Plaza are only in the bud stage. We are eagerly awaiting the blooms — it should be spectacular. So far, the community hasn't planned anything special — but Homer & I at least — plan to take friends & obento like they do in Japan for "Ohana Mi." Wouldn't that be fun!

There must much joy for Army + Soroon to have the cease fire declared. I hope that Soroon will be able to return home early — but from reports - he may end up being one of the last. Such - since he's involved with equipment. We're glad it's over - but isn't it a damn shame that the fighting had to start in the first place!

How is your Tokyo wedding coming along? It must be exciting to watch it take shape — but what a happy day it'll be for you when you can move in. What a relief it will be for Toshie's to be able to finally call a place home again in Japan. How is Grandma Fujikura doing?

It is time for me to start thinking about peeling dinner. We're having left-overs tonight — pot roast + vegetables. I'll just fix a salad + gohan.

Take care – give our love
to the kids.

Love,
Miyuki

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