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A Short Short Story

to

E. K. T.

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from the pen of R.T.N. Portland,
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"Once upon a time" as all good stories as well as the not so good stories begin, there was a lady and for want of a better name, we will call her Miss Snooks--an Oregonian by the way. Miss Snooks though not a bit versed in the technique of writing decided to write a story. As all amateurs, the plot is vague, and upon reading you will note it is a rambling here and there of thoughts which I am sad to say there are none noble or wise. Therefore, although the end sought is to interest a H.W.Y.M.; yet, it is believed that this end can be accomplished best by pardoning the inexperienced literary style of Miss Snooks. She does mean well, and hereby apologizes to the gentle reader that the pages of her book are especially gay--but says Miss Snooks--

Over.

a splash of color now and then is relished
by the best of men.

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Signed Snooks.

Smile With Me. Chapter One.

Sunday eve and the girls have just gone home--what a reunion! Gay, cheery laughter ringing through the walls--pictures galore! and even some of you Earl--how do you do! Nice to see you! Tales of California--all merry incidents of the wonderful times we had down South, and the splendid hospitality we received from our friends of the Bay Region. What's all this I hear about California Sunshine and Portland Roses? Something's in the budding! Mrs. Matsuura breezed over in her shiny brand new car--Mrs. Tamaichi ever joyous and solicitous--with a dash of cayenne on her chapeau! Pardonnez-me--'twas a perky red feather! Frances was

(Over)

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over too and Emi, my future sister-in-law. Motoko and Sue giggling. 'Twas not all a fun fest, we did some committee work for a reception next Sunday at church, and my lot is to bake 200 bouncing biscuits.

The Wishing Well Chapter Two

My wishing well is just brimming over with sparkling wishes! Most of them for you and all good ones too--hope they ring true! I do wish you were going to be here tomorrow evening for dinner--we had planned to go out, but on second thought mother and father decided to share a dinner at home with some of the student friends who have just come from Tokio, and also our new pastor Reverend Kawashima will be with us. Wish just heaps that you were our honored guest and try the little cake I baked--will say that it is not half as nice as your mothers,--she's a grand cook!

(over)

I'll play like you are here!

I also wish I had taken my picture last week to send you as I promised, but time and lack of courage forbade. I will do it as soon as I can.

It won't be long now before you'll be up this way! It will be grand to see you, and I do hope Sir Jupiter will not shed any extra tears while greeting you. I do want you to see Portland under blue skies sometime! There are so many things for you to see and do--I wish the time would hurry up--Howard's anxious to see you in his pharmacy---meet Emi---and Misao's anxious to play that promised golf game and Mrs. T.....well I'm sure she will be ever so glad to meet you at the station. Turn about is fair play so now it's her turn.

Quite a jolt to learn all of a sudden that I'm to (over)

teach some high school girls in S.S. especially when I have just become acquainted with those live wire 12 year olds. . . the boys were a mischievous sort, but after a summer class with them, I found the old saying true that 'while there is life there is hope', and they were generals!

Adieus--Advertising--General

I'm going back to the accounting desk next week at the office--variety is the spice of life and I do have it in my work--what with spring conferences--summer camps--autumn talks--and winter campaigns.

Haven't heard from Mabel yet, guess I'll drop her a note--do hope she gets along well, and only wish I could be down there to render any assistance.

My Japanese is progressing so slowly--is it progress?, but it is nice to get back to studying again. My instructor is also teaching me flower arrangement--the latter is a result of my crude attempts at arranging flowers at a recent gathering. I am

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(over)

grateful to her for taking such an interest.

Father is planning to go to Seattle sometime next month--
and I may go up to the Y.P.C.C. during Thanksgiving
in Seattle--nice present isn't it? I'm sure I won't be
able to get away with all the work I've got to do and
the mail I've got to answer. Ho hum, I need an assistant
to help me keep other people's books and letters straightened.

The moving pen writes on--but mine has stopped functioning--
with all good wishes to the gentle reader.

Sole autographed copy.

Suoko K. Nomura

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My dearest Earl:

"I, Ruth take thee Earl to be my lawfully wedded husband, to have and to hold for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer until death do us part" — the vows we took five years ago today are just as sacred to me as they were on that September sixteen in nineteen hundred and thirty five.

It does not seem possible that it is allready five years since we have been married — the years have passed quickly and they have been beautiful years of creating, planning and building through our deep love and understanding. It is not necessary to portray a cavalcade of all the things we have done for each other — because we have done them for the sheer joy and pleasure it has meant to us both. We have probably done many things which if we had been

wiser, probably would have done differently today — but that is experience and knowledge which only comes from honest endeavor and study.

I have truthfully enjoyed these five years because they have not been easy years but they have been years in which our daily experiences have brought out character. I do know that your travel and study in the orient this year will help you in enriching your life with a number of experiences valuable in years to come. I do hope and pray that every five years of our married life we can look back and say with a joy in our hearts "well done".

With my deepest love and may good fortune be with us always.

Lovingly

Ruth.

PLACES VISITED

DATE May 31, 1926

PLACE San Francisco

72½ Rodney Ave
Portland, Ore.

Today is memorial Day and I hope that this will be a memorable memorial day in that it is the last day of our Kengakudan trip. With pleasant memories of a perfect trip to and thru Japan made so by your willingness to help us and your ever-happy smile

Good luck to you
I hope you will come to Portland soon

Sincerely Ruth T. Nomura

PLACES VISITED

DATE May 27, 1926

PLACE Siberia Maru

9 hrs from S. F. Calif. U.S.

'Tis sad to break up our big, jolly family, but we've had many a pleasant day and memories of those days shall stick closely although we, ourselves, may be scattered.

Dante Big Sister
Miya Tomomiya

My dearest Ruth

As for the setting - tis Sunday afternoon and I can almost imagine myself somewhere in the good state of Oregon with such steady precipitation. Even the sunshine state has gone to the dogs with a steady downpour.

Rather nice to remain inside for a change going about leisurely doing the many things that must be attended to. Got a phone call early this afternoon for a bridge game but didn't go as I felt that I had too much to do. Then on the other hand, as long as I haven't spent much time at home with the folks, I thought that the least that I could do was to remain about so they won't get the wrong impressions.

Played in the JACL bridge tournament last night and was my face red. Imagine having two sections and coming in last with the lowest

scene. I got just as much booing as if I had won the Blue Ribbon event. I was merely accommodating and did we do a first class job. The surprise of the evening came with the announcement that Mr & Mrs Lido came in first. Nina wanted the small boudoir lamp (First prize) and I'm glad that she won it legitimately without beating the scorer.

Got this far last night but couldn't continue – thought about you many times being away from home. I suppose that you had a marvelous week end meeting new and interesting friends, sharing the problems of today –

I forgot to thank you for sending those kind thoughts by Paul Mays. Taking your suggestion I sent them on to Cora who needs all the break in this wide world to bring her back on thinking

plane again. I'm sure that it will help her and to you both I am grateful.

Somehow I get discouraged in the way this question of work has entered the picture likewise the problem of intermediaries. Probably I'm one of those elusive individuals that take things too much for granted and upon good faith and fail to be the exacting type. You know that my intentions are first sincere and I wouldn't say one thing and have you do the other. Couldn't we work out a problem like this between ourselves and if your father is going to put up restrictions on what you are going to do, I think he is outreaching his boundaries even though he is to be remembered, respected and consulted at all times.

As for the go betweens, I'm the last one to believe in them although in my case I should be the first to give credit where it is due. I know what your father said but as for myself I would just as

soon leave them out of the picture and if that is inconsistent, can't we use them in name only. They haven't taken an important part and I wouldn't want to get involved. If such is the case & understanding I will approach the old fn after all I feel obligated in spite of what I have said heretofore.

Useless for me to try and explain from this distance for the more I say, the more complicated becomes the situation. It's really all too difficult for me to put myself clear and possibly the less said the better. Perhaps I am a bit crude in my choice of words Ruth, hope you'll understand that I'm not trying to make an issue but trying to clear up any misunderstanding that might develop.

Yours lovely to know
Thrilling to look at
Heavenly to kiss you x

Eric

Miss Ruth T. Nomura
3428 N.E. Rodney Ave
Portland, Oregon

My dearest Ruth

The last several days have been so delightful for most anything but to be confined within the four walls of an office. Several people are away from the office taking time out and the general trend of conversation these days seem to indicate about going somewhere. What joyous thrills in thinking, planning and then to decide where to go. Rachel has been away two weeks now so she must be due back on Monday morning somewhat tanned from the desert sun, sure.

I came home straight from the office tonight and coming across I ran into several people that I haven't seen for sometime. Imagine the nerve of them asking me if I were training to come home early for the days to come. Rather a direct query and to the point but you can't blame anyone for their foolness. I usually stay in the city where I eat and do some work that cannot be accomplished during the day because of interruptions. It's been kind of dry so thought that the front lawn and the back yard required a little moisture. Wish I can get a hose attached in the work around the house but then again its difficult to spend time in a fruitless endeavor without anyone ever being thankful and looking on.

Had an invitation to dinner tonight and then for some serious bridge but I turned

down the proposition. This week has been a long one and I somehow felt as though I should return home and take things easy for I can't keep the hours as I once used to follow. Yes, dear I can feel the strain and I'm not so young as I once used to be.

So here I am at home Friday night listening to the radio and taking things easy in a leisurely manner. Thumbed through several magazines that haven't been opened for over a week. I certainly have a varied collection that I often feel sorry for the mail man and in this lot I'm certain that you can find one or two that will suit your fancy. All the current advertising is keyed to the lovely bride and the future home. As I glance through the pages, I can't help but think how many are thinking in terms of our language with but one common thought in mind.

Darling I can't seem to concentrate or want to do anything. Ever get that restless feeling? I can't be by your side so I did the next best to read your letters from the time you announced the news. Twelve letters in all filled with interesting events reviving many happy by gone days. In reading your masterpieces, I notice that I have overlooked many things in my haste that should have been acknowledged or

commented as the case may be. You mentioned about Mr Otis writing your Father expressing himself about not being given due credit for his work. I made it clear to him what we were doing when I saw him last and at the time he didnt say anything but to extend happy wishes. Its just like him to shoot off out of turn. I havent seen him since but if I do, I will tell him in a polite way in so many words that he shouldnt express himself too freely an intimate before he knows the circumstances.

You inquired about the date of my Mother's birthday for some good reason. I realize that a good son should be aware of such a day but unfortunately I'm not an appreciative prodigy. The only two date that has stuck indelibly in my limited memory is October 15. I believe which day that marked the entry of one RTK. Just happened to think of the sweet letter that I received from Mrs T. and to date I havent even taken time out to drop her a little note in appreciation. Wonder if I'm just unappreciative, lazy or what have you?

Its getting to the wee hours so will retire hoping to dream about you. Tomorrow's Saturday but to work I shall go and be absorbed in my hide away. Cheerio Earl

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Miss Ruth I. Nomura
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Portland, Oregon

International Institute

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1860 WASHINGTON STREET :: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
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March 26, 1942

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Ruth Nomura Tanbara (Mrs. Earl) has been known to the International Institute for approximately five years. During one year she was employed as a member of the staff, working in the capacity of social worker among the Japanese people.

She is a woman of refinement and of exceptionally good educational background. She is highly skilled in her own profession which is in the field of home economics.

Before she came to the International Institute, she worked for a number of years on the staff of the Young Womens Christian Association in her home town of Portland, Oregon. She has been trained and has lived as an American citizen. I consider her not only a woman of fine character but also a loyal American and I recommend her to anyone who may desire her services.

Respectfully yours,

Annie Clo Watson

Annie Clo Watson

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

941 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET - Phone TRinity 0461 - LOS ANGELES

April 6, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

This note is to record that Mrs. Earl Tanbara has been known to me for twelve years through her active work in the Young Women's Christian Association of Portland, Oregon, as a member of the staff and as a personal friend in the years since we have both moved away from Portland.

I can most heartily commend Mrs. Tanbara to those in the community in which she may be living in these coming months as one who can be counted upon to assist in any constructive work for girls, women, and children because of the experience she has had in working in the Y.W.C.A. and because of her fine, cooperative spirit and desire to be of service to others. She is unusually fine in secretarial work and in the field of hand-work and crafts, having been a student in home economics in college.

I hope that those to whom she may present this letter will welcome her and help her to be of service, or to secure a position, in those fields in which she feels she can contribute most.

Very sincerely,

Grace C. Steinbeck

Grace C. Steinbeck,
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned wish to certify that they have known the bearer of this letter, Earl K. Tanbara for more than ten years, and that they have known his wife, Ruth Tanbara since their marriage some seven or eight years ago.

Our acquaintance with the Tanbaras has been more than a casual one. We have enjoyed their friendship and confidence. We know them well enough to be competent to judge their loyalty and to be able to estimate their character and ability with what we feel sure is a high degree of accuracy.

The Tanbaras are both completely loyal American citizens. They have a genuine feeling of patriotism that is stronger than that of the average citizen. In the past few months they have made great sacrifices cheerfully, with a feeling in doing so they were making their necessary contribution to this country's war effort.

They are both exceptional persons. They are both University graduates. They are both entirely honest and trustworthy. They are industrious and exceptionally competent. They deserve the trust and confidence of everyone.

This letter is entirely voluntary on the part of the undersigned; it was not solicited by the Tanbaras, but it is written by us in the hope that if they ever need to use it, that it may help these very good friends of ours.

Sincerely,

Henry R. Harvey

Ruth M. Harvey

HRH:cm

OREGON STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS
CORVALLIS, OREGON

June 15, 1942

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to indicate to you that Ruth Nomura Tanbara was one of our honor students in Home Economics at Oregon State College. Ruth did not only excellent work as a student, but she won the respect and admiration of the staff and students because of her charming personality. Since her graduation she has done some excellent work in Portland and also in California. I believe her teaching and other professional experience qualify her admirably for teaching.

Very sincerely,

Ava B. Milam

Ava B. Milam, Dean and
Director of Home Economics

ABM:d


HOME ECONOMICS
Milam Hall

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FORM: PM-2
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CERTIFICATE—CHANGE OF RESIDENCE NOTICE
and
TRAVEL PERMIT

DATE July 24, 1942

NAME Ruth Tanabara

NEW ADDRESS St. Paul, Minnesota

If an Alien,
Alien Registration No.

The travel of the above-named person from the place of issue of this permit to the address given above has been approved by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, Wartime Civil Control Administration (and, if an alien, has been approved in the name of the United States Attorney in the district from which he has moved). It is requested that all authorities permit this person to travel to the above address by direct route without molestation or hindrance.

(Issued at, or Office Stamp)

By authority of the Commanding General,
Western Defense Command and Fourth Army

Herman P. Goebel, Jr.

Major, Cavalry

Per ~~Chief of Regulatory Section~~

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Every Japanese, German or Italian alien, or person of Japanese ancestry, resident in the States of Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Utah who changes his place of habitual residence is required to obtain and execute a "Change of Residence Notice" in advance of such change in residence. (Proclamations Nos. 1 and 2, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.) All enemy aliens are required, by regulation of the Attorney General of the United States, to secure travel permits. Failure to comply with these requirements is subject to heavy penalty.

Upon arrival at the destination indicated on this form the bearer, if an alien, is required to report his change of address to the Alien Registration Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Post Office at the place of destination. A new travel permit is required for travel from the destination indicated on this form if this destination is within the above-named States. Travel from the place of issue of this permit to the destination indicated must be by direct route and completed within a reasonable time after the date of issue.

A copy of this form is required for each member of a family.

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WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division

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Telephone KLONDIKE 2-2611

July 24, 1942

TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS AND
ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

1. The bearers, persons of Japanese ancestry, of this travel authority are;

Earl Tanabara	Male	36 yrs.	Citizen
Ruth Tanabara	Female	34 yrs.	Citizen

who are now residing at Route 1, Box 319, Reedley, California.

2. The bearers will be permitted to travel to St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose residence.

3. Travel will commence on or before August 3, 1942. Travel within the Western Defense Command will be by public carrier and by the most direct route possible without stop-overs en route, except for those necessitated by carrier schedules.

4. This travel permit is granted upon condition that bearers will not, after leaving the Western Defense Command area, return thereto without written permission from Wartime Civil Control Administration or higher headquarters.

5. It is requested that all persons concerned facilitate the travel of the above named persons.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, C.A.D.

Herman P. Goebel Jr

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Major, Cavalry
Chief of Regulatory Section

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Mrs. Earl Tanbara
1725 James Street
St. Paul,
Minnesota

2944 Divisadero St. San Francisco, Calif.

Ans
Oct
15

Sept. 4th

Dear Ruth:

For weeks I have been thinking of things I wanted to tell you and now I suppose I won't be able to remember half of them.

In the first place - Mrs. Agle wants to order a pair of gloves. She saw me in the booth Monday and asked about you. I couldn't give her your address so I promised to tell you to write to her. I certainly hope she doesn't want to match the people she was wearing at the time.

Irene stopped by one day not long ago and we had a nice chat. We exchanged news about you and Marian, and promised to call each other "real soon." Then we both laughed because we knew it would take the Tanbara's stopping by enroute somewhere to bring us together.

Mrs. Bishop was quite impressed with Irene and was terribly disappointed to find that she lived in Berkeley. She wanted to put her right to work.

Brian hasn't been called yet. Last week he and Betty and Frank & Barbara Rovere spent the weekend with us at the ranch. We had an awfully nice time. We had a lot of fresh lima beans, and Sunday we barbecued hamburgers. We made what we call "dagwoods" and if you remember your comic strips you will know what that means. Barbara and I like onions so we had a thick slice of onion on either side of the meat - sliced tomato, cucumber and a dash of homemade chutney. All inadequately held together by a bun - it was wonderful.

The week before we had a forest fire on our place. The people who were staying at Dr. Petersen's were careless with their cigarettes and started a fire in that little canyon just above our spring. We were awakened by the fire truck roaring up our road so Henry went out to help fight fire and I patrolled the rear of our cabin because we had sequoias with us. By three o'clock (a.m.) Henry came back and went to bed. There were plenty of firemen

and fire trucks to take care of the fire. Fortunately there was absolutely no wind or that fire would have been over the mountain in no time.

That is about all our news — what about you?

I suppose it is too much to hope that you will be free from any unpleasantness, but I hope you do not have to endure the official kind from a St. Paul Fritz.

If you are settled enough to want any of your things I will be delighted to send them. I will even be prompt about it. Irene said you were thinking of having a place of your own and I hope you can manage to get it. After living in Grand Central Station at Reedley a little quiet and a lot of privacy would seem pretty nice.

Remember me to Earl and don't forget to write even if I do.

Love

Ruth

P.S.
Do you have curfew in St. P.?

A. Ohashi
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Relocation Branch
McGehee, Arkansas

Mrs. Earl Tanbara
1725 James Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Dear Ruth:

Well, we are finally getting settled here in Arkansas. We arrived here on the 17th after a 5-day trip which took us through Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas and most of Arkansas. I was terribly disappointed in seeing Arkansas, for it is barren (as are all the other states compared to California) and desolate looking. We saw nothing but dirty colored people's shacks, dried up fields of corn and ~~and~~ what seemed to be very poor crops of cotton. But, on the other hand, our camp is much better than the one in Stockton. The buildings are more livable as we have ceilings, cleaner walls and wooden floors. We are fortunate, too, in having a lot of trees around here. Rev. Chapman of Berkeley was in Stockton before we left, and he told us at that time that we have more trees here than all of the other camps put together. We're living in the wooded area of the camp so that it feels as though we are on a camping trip.

I had been planning to write to you much before this to tell you that I am engaged to Stewart Nakano and will be married sometime next month. We didn't send out any announcements and so I have written to a few of my friends to tell them about it, and then I became involved in the packing which had to be done, and I wasn't able to get around to writing letters anymore. We waited until coming to Arkansas as Mrs. Lynch said she would make the trip out here. We inquired in Stockton and were told that no one could enter the Center for the wedding but that in the Relocation Centers outsiders were being allowed to visit and stay in camp. Stewart's sister lives in Dallas, and she is also planning to come. However, since coming here, we don't feel that we can ask anyone to come!

The town of McGehee, which is about 15 miles from camp, is the only town around here that we can go to shop, etc. At present, our plan is to go out there with the family for the wedding. We could hold it in camp in the Recreation Hall, but it is still unfinished... and then too, there would be the problem of taking care of lots and lots of people. I've requested to be allowed to go shopping and have been told that I can go with one of the men here. The sad part of it is that McGehee's population is about 3500 normally, and there are only a few stores here...and those mostly Jewish stores. Maybe I'll have to resort to Montgomery-Ward for my wedding outfit! I should have made preparations in Stockton, but I didn't think it would be <u>this</u> bad around here. I'm going to try to do all of my necessary shopping when I go to McGehee, but in case I can't get some of the things I'd like to have you get them for me. Will that be okeh?

My mother has just asked me to have you buy some dress material for her. I hope you can do it without too much trouble. If you can't get around to doing it, will you please let us known soon so that we can order it to one of the mail order houses. It's so hard to buy material from a book! She wants some navy blue material - three and three quarter yards (3-3/4 yds.) It will have to be some kind of rayon crepe, I suppose. I don't know how much it would cost now,

but something like the materials that cost about $1.65 before the war would be satisfactory. Will you also buy mercerized thread, placket zipper and a buckle to go with it. If you can include some of those free pattern books, please do.

We're busy fixing up our rooms now. Stewart is doing carpentry work, and he's really doing a good job. It's the first time he's done anything like it, but it looks okeh. He's really amazed himself! He says he's worked harder this first week than all the rest of his life. Life is certainly hard...we have to carry our water to the barracks, chop our wood for the stove, etc. If we life through this, we'll be sturdy as the pioneers were.

By the way, if it isn't asking too much, and if you can do it conveniently, will you get me some samples of inexpensive cotton materials that can be used for drapes, closets, etc. I would like something in maroon shades or patterns.

Just yesterday I received a letter from Eiko. She said she passed by our camp on her way to Jerome, Arkansas. She seems to be homesick for people from the North. Too bad she can't be with the Berkeley people.

In your last letter you asked for Barbara's address. If you still want it, here it is:

Block 5, Apt 4E
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

Mary Hata is in this camp, and she has asked me to order a pair of gloves for her. She wants the same kind of pigskin gloves that she got before. If you remember, they were natural pigskin with dark thread, and she had an extra gusset made. She wants them the same way again. Her size is 6¼.

Yesterday I went to sign up for weaving class. There is a Caucasian instructor...a young person who has done work for NYA. It looks as though it will be interesting, but the equipment is old. When we learn how, if we care to, we can work at $16.00 a month and weave all day long!!! Isn't that something?

Dr. Chapman told us that there were opportunities of work on the outside if we cared to go out. From your own experiences, do you think it would be wise to try to be released? Have you found it difficult or unpleasant? It would be interesting to hear what you think. You were fortunate to have your glove business and also the work at the YW. Are you still there?

I hope you'll write soon and let me know if it is okeh to have you do so many things for me. We're really at a loss here as when we were in Stockton, we could even phone to have things sent to us. We're really beginning to feel isolated from the outside world.

My very best regards to Earl.

Love,

Alice

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara

218 S. Avon St.

St. Paul 5, Minnesota

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AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW BETTY LOST HER BABY LAST WEEK SHE IS HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL NOW AND I WOULD LIKE TO FIND SOMEONE TO GET DINNERS FOR US AND TO BE HERE ONE FULL DAY A WEEK DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE YOU COULD SUGGEST OR SOME REPUTABLE AGENCY I COULD CONTACT PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT IN CARE OF MRS ALBERT MOORMAN 727 BAY ST THANK YOU SINCERELY

=CATHERINE DAVIS.

Mrs E W Davis
c/o Mrs Albert Moorman
727 Bay St
S F

H L.

Regret to learn about Betty Stop
Since leaving the Coast have lost
contact therefore I telephoned my
Closest friend Mrs Henry R. Harvey
~~2941 Gen~~ 2944 Dwinelle Street

who will get in touch with you ~~there~~ ~~here~~
and hope she may be of
assistance in finding someone
~~for you~~ soon ~~there~~

Ruth Tanbara

Ruth Sanborn

was initiated by

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Mr & Mrs Geo Rokutan

Miss Thorson

Martha Miller

Chicago July 7th '53

Dear Ruth

Received your letter contain 2 checks also good news of your study you may get degree in July 16th I hope & pray you get finished this time after many month of hard study have good luck, Paul said he is starting his vacation on July 27th and take one week and in August take another week. I think you heard from Howard that I have been in bed since June 29th trouble with neuralgia on chest, Sunday I wrote to Howard send me medicine to kill the pain that night get worse can not sleep at all from pain so decide to get Doctor. Elsie's Doctor have office hour last night so Leah got me Dr Hasegawa (Cal) for me

Dr examine lung - heart &
stomach there is nothing wrong in
those, neuralgia I had one is
very painful one he said
nerve came out from spine
with certain germ it makes
pain & Breakout (Big Blister)
on the chest, and Hot weather
too I had suffered quite while
but Dr said his trouble is
nearly over and I will be
all right week or so - About
name of ~~disease~~ also medicine
Elsie will explain in letter to
Howard, Dr Prescribe 2 kind
of one is 10 Tablet for 6 dollars
other one is Emprin compound
for pain with codin it,
I have nice Sleep last
night first time in the
week, so I think it be
all right soon Best of you
see letter of Elsie Dad

Thank you so much for taking care of Fujiko's Bulb there is no hurry whenever you got time, She send me book of flower's I send it separate cover

Mr. Frank J. Nomura
3734 North Magnolia
Chicago 13 Illinois

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Mrs Ruth Tanbara

218 S. Avon st

St Paul 5, Minn

Chicago July 9th 53

Dear Ruth

Received your letter of July 7th & found 2 checks Thank you very much I also received Package Contains Personal label and Package for Elsie Thank you very much for this Please let me know what Price and I will send money later. Mr Tanbam & Grace & Tom ready to move to California, I am sorry that I can not see them before they leave as you know I am still in bed (Feeling Pretty good but not able to leave bed yet) Please express my & mother's goroshim to them, You are Taking Vacation soon and Planning to Calif & might

see us before you go, wish you
come see all of us if you
can, did you M T found place
to live in Calif? about bulb
I was thinking same way please
find out in Post Office. This thing
out of season now May can send it,
from Japan can not send vegetable
seeds when time to sprout
I ask Shizuko's son to send Azuki
and goma (They raise them for com-
mercial purpose) for me but
Post office do not take them.
I am glad you have done house
cleaning. I was going to start
pretty soon & I got sick.
On your vacation Earl able to
go with you?
With best wishes

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Mr. Frank J. Nomura
3734 North Magnolia
Chicago 13 Illinois

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Mrs Ruth Tambara
218 - S. Avon St
St Paul 5, Minn

Monday July 13th '53

Dear Ruth

Thank you very much for nice letter also announcement of graduation am very proud of you ~~done~~ wonderful work, I would to attend ceremony but as you know my illness very very sorry that I can not do so. I am feeling better ~~little~~ little by little but those Broke ~~part~~ part place in chest & back is not healed yet nearly half of dried but others still wet & stick to cloth and painful. Mother give me sponge bath & change bandage & cloth every day make me feel good I still have pain I do not need codine in it but some tablet to cure pain I ask to Howard send me some. I do not know mrs Kusumoto at all but sorry to hear loss of such good worker in church.

When you decide come to chicago tell us, Mrs Hayashi wid be very glad to see you in her daughters wedding -

Paul is not decide yet I think will let him write to you

I can not stay up long time for Pain will close this time but all kind good luck on graduation & have nice time with best wishes

Dad.

Mr. Frank J. Nomura
3734 North Magnolia
Chicago 13 Illinois

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Mrs Ruth Tanborn
218 S. Avon st
St Paul 5,
Minnesota

Monday July 20th '53

Dear Ruth

Thank you very much for graduation Program also New Paper clippings - I am very glad you have finished and get degree, It was lot hard work for you study while you are working - are you going to vacation soon? you better take good rest, Mr Kurihara's moving in end of this month and stay all of august, Do they find house to move in California? I feel better to day + stay up half day. Hope get well soon - you said Torii san called you last Sunday. I have been worrying about them since they did not called us and no information, other day I wrote to Torii San still no answer but I learn you had talk to him and

I am very glad to get information they must skip Chicago.

Cousin of mine in Tokio Hosaka who run fine restaurant in Ginza wrote to me his friend Mr Y. Kimura (Pres of Kimuraya Bakery Co Tokio beggist Bakery) is coming to Chicago in few days. He might coming to Minnesota too. I will write to you when he comes

with best wishes

Dad.

F J Nomura
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Mrs Ruth Tanbara
218 S. Avon St
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Chicago Oct 9th 1954

Dear Ruth

Received letter this morning it enclosed check for mother's social security - thank you very much - How is your cold? Hope get better by this time about will we were talking other day when you were here. I ought make it some time before too late - about money I put into building I should make agreement between Paul & I. that when Paul sell the property he will pay me back $5000. which I paid when he bought. and another $5000 which I paid to Jack last year this amount should taken off from Sale Price I do not know what value of this building worth now (according to other Building

which my friend owes around
this place here cost not less
than thirty thousand dollars)
Paul ought make Will too
this time will you please
talk to your lawyer to make
agreement between Paul & I.
and Paul's will and my
will for this money other s
in the bank other thing such
as ring watch's ring in deposit
box is not necessary to make
any will for that because
those thing is not in my
name just cash in the
bank is most necessary I think
Do talk to Howard about this
when you have time
Hope this find you feel better
with best wishes

Dad.

In agreement of Paul and I should understand Paul will pay certain amount of interest also pay me when Building is sold.

Whenever sold it should make some profit and do not want to pay excess income much as you can help -

Mulsb

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Bangkok, Thailand.

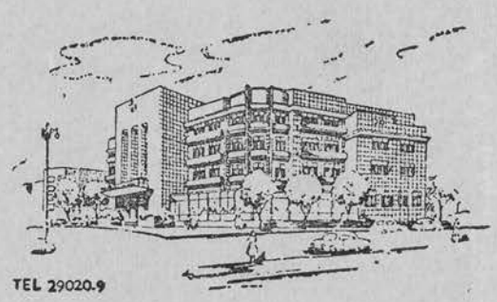
Date, September 1964

Kyoto

In no other place in the world is there a city like Kyoto. Ever since its founding in 794 it has been the intellectual, artistic, and religious center of the Japanese Empire. For more than a thousand years, until 1868 it was the capital of Japan and during the war it was not bombed because of its cultural importance.

In our short stay there, we visited a few of the places of interest. At the Golden Pavilion we could recall the glory of Japanese aristocracy; feel the calm and peace in the beautiful simplicity of the Stone Garden; see the enormous Torii gate at the Heian Shrine built to commemorate the founding of the capital of Kyoto.

We learned about Japanese silk and saw the outstanding gardens of which Kyoto is famous for; and saw, in the very heart of the city, the Old Imperial Palace.



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Date,

To many of you this was probably just another city in your travels in the Orient but to me it was the focal point of the whole trip.

To be able to kneel in front of ~~Mr. Tanomura~~ Chokugai Tanomura (Sensei) and feel his quiet dignity, to watch the brush of the great great grand son of an artist who had actually painted on the walls of the Imperial Palace was a dream come true.

To see the book of paintings in miniture and the working drawings which were actually presented to the princes was an honor that few westerners will ever experience.

To shop at Kyukyodo's, established in 1663 and the oldest store of its kind, where ~~all~~ some of the great artists of Japan purchased their material makes me hope that some of the greatness of their art will come to me thru these brushes.

I'm sure that you too enjoyed the Jukain Temple, Nijo Castle, Sanjusangendo Hall and the "Kyoto Art and Craft tour".

Meeting friends in the city, visiting

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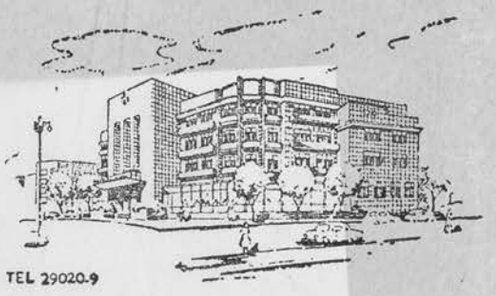

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a Japanese home, enjoying the tea ceremony and flower arranging were highlights which made our stay in Kyoto unforgetable.

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