

I left the house this morning at 9:30 and I did not get home until after 12:30. <I thought I was very busy today as I only took a half hour off to eat dinner.> I dictated straight through the afternoon and I finished up a case to be sent in. <I still have two long ones and a shorter case to dictate. I expect to have another case completed next week if I have any luck in my schedule.> This evening I went over to interview Chiyo Ch-48 for several hours.

Chiyo had a great problem on her mind so that <sup>4</sup> out the interview short and we talked about it for several hours. She can't make up her mind to join the WACS or not. I told her that it was a difficult decision to make, but that she would have to do it herself since nobody could tell her what to do. <There are so many factors which she has to consider. She said that the mental conflicts she has been having for the past two weeks have made her almost a nervous wreck.> Chiyo found out that her Boy friend was not killed after all. However he has not written to her for two months so that she feels that he has cooled off towards her. But she is not sure and this is one of the main reasons why she cannot join the WACS right now. <She kept saying, "There is one thing I must find out first before I join." I didn't ask her directly what it was, but I got the impression that the boy situation was the main element under consideration.

Chiyo must be going under quite an emotional experience at the present time. She is not as well adjusted as I had presumed, but she seems to be fairly well balanced most of the time. I suspect that she is a very sensitive girl, but she covers up by putting on an air of sophistication and worldliness. However, <sup>with</sup> I give her a lot of credit for thinking of joining the WACS. She has been consistent in her beliefs and the



principles to which she adheres. She is much more conscious of the war than most of the Nisei I know and I suppose that this is a result of her wide contacts with the 100th Infantry boys. Our interview was delayed a little this evening because of the fact that she had to take a five pound bottle of Shoyu sauce to send to Italy. (The Hawaiian Nisei boys over there want to cook Japanese foods ~~xxxx~~ and they take rice with them in their advance positions.)

< Chiyo was quite disturbed because of ~~xx~~ her best friend was killed in Italy. The boy's parents in Hawaii evidently thought that he was going to marry Chiyo. They sent her a beautiful silk house coat and nightgown. Chiyo said that she felt like a hypocrite for accepting the gift, but she did not think it would help matters if she sent it back and told them that she had not considered marrying their son. She thought that maybe it was best that they kept thinking that way so she is going to keep the gift.

She has about 50 letters which have been piled up in the past week because her problem on her mind has prevented her from concentrating on anything else. Usually she sends about 30 letters a week to the boys overseas. She showed me several of them which was returned and stamped "disceased." >

There are so many reasons why she cannot make up her mind to join the WACS. < She thought of it originally while she was in the relocation center. > She talked about an hour on this problem and the following is a rough outline of her comments, which clearly indicates the mental conflicts which she must have:

"I have felt for a long time that I wanted to do something more active in this war. It's not that I want to wave the flag,



but it's more to prove to myself that I am sincere and that I can do more than sit back and talk about it. I know that there are millions already in the Army and that this decision is only important to myself. But I like to think in a way that I am also doing something to help the Nisei out. { I suppose that I am more conscious of this aspect of the war effort than many of the other things, although the general principles of democracy and its fulfillment is the overall picture.

"I have had countless arguments with some of the workers in the plant. The girls come and go as there is a great turnover. Some of them are so ignorant that it seems to be almost no use to try and educate them. They have the most distorted picture of the Nisei. Very few of them believe that there are Nisei fighting and dying over in Italy until I give them actual proof by bringing some of my letters down to work. Sometimes I have to argue myself red in the face, but I don't like to sit back and say nothing and act as if I am guilty of something. I have noticed so many Nisei doing that and I think that this attitude is harmful to all of us. }

"My boss told me one day that all of the girls in the plant had respect for me because I was so 'patriotic' and that gave me some sense of satisfaction. But I want to do something bigger than that. If I make the grand gesture and join the WACS, then the girls at the factory can always say, 'Yes, we knew a Nisei girl who joined the WACS and she worked right here in this plant.' That would be doing something concrete and I think that it would carry more weight than if I just stayed there and talked. It's not that I am thinking I am making a noble sacrifice; it's a belief I have which I cannot explain easily.



"Just last week some new girls came into the factory to work. I noticed that they acted a little peculiar towards me so I made gestures to be friendly. After getting to know them, one of the girls told me one lunch time that I was different but that she hated all Japs. I asked her why and she said that she had heard that the Japanese soldiers cut the privates off of the American soldiers who were captured in the South Pacific. She said that the whole race were cruel and uncivilized. I did not attempt to argue with her as I saw that she was emotionally upset about the whole thing and I could never convince her by going on the defensive and trying to refute these rumors. Instead I told her all about my Nisei friends in Italy. I told her that five of them had been killed in battle and many others were casualties. Then I added that I did not hate the Germans in the U.S. because of this since I believed that they were good Americans and they were not to be blamed for what the Nazi government was doing. I said that the Nisei should be given the same chance because they were proving their loyalty to this country. I think that the girl understood because she is much more tolerant now. All of these things are little things though and I think that I could do a lot more if I were in the WACs and a sort of a symbol along with all of the other Nisei in the service.

<"One of the things that I think about a lot is: will the actions of other Nisei who are not so positive in their stand drown out the good of those Nisei in the Service. I think that the record of the 100th Infantry and the 442nd will stand up anyplace, but sometimes I wonder if the actions of the Tule crowd will not be more dangerous because people are more willing to believe the worst of an unknown group. There are



many resettled Nisei who are already letting the group down. It has nothing to do with loyalty, but it is their actions in their work and other activities. They few make a bad impression because of quitting jobs in an unbusiness like way or by getting drunk in public places and other little things. All of this has a bad impression and invariably it reflects on their loyalty even tho this has nothing to do with it. But the public believes so and that is what is harmful. And then, there are so many Nisei who still have not taken a positive stand for this country because they feel bitter or something else. I know that they have a right to feel this way, but it is dangerous.

"I think of the Negro soldiers coming back after the last war and they certainly did not get any of the democracy that they fought for. It may be the same way again. But the Nisei will have much more of a chance if they have served. I'm thinking of the post war opportunities. I have an idea that Japan will have to be crushed and that a million troops in occupation will have to be placed there. What if they decide to commit national suicide? Then the Nisei here are going to suffer. We will be looked down on and all sorts of hatreds will be directed against us. We will be in a similar position as the Jews and the Negroes who have not country of their own from which their heritage sprang from. Wouldn't it be better if the Nisei had a uniform on in such an event? >

"I am looking at this thing from a personal viewpoint also. If I remain in my present job, there is no future in it. I may lose the job and then where am I? If I join the WACS before I am 25, then I may have a chance to go to school afterwards and finish up my education at the governmentx



expense. I can't save up any money this way and I wouldn't feel like spending any of my savings anyway as I have to have some sort of a fund in case I get ill. I may want to go to Hawaii after the war and the government may not allow me to go unless I had shown some evidence of service to this country. Who can question service in the WACS? Another practical consideration is the fact that I would benefit financially. I think I would be having just as much as an income as doing civilian work and on top of that all of my health and medical services would be provided. After the war I would be eligible for all of the bonuses, mustering out pay, and pensions. I would have preferential treatment for civil service and other jobs. There are a million concrete gains of this sort I could think about. But I think I am sincere when I feel that these things are not the most important reason for my wanting to join the WACS. <I have thought about my beliefs a lot and I feel irritated at the other Nisei for letting the group down and being so jelly fish, but I haven't shown in any way that I am any different.> I believe strongly in democracy and I want to see it achieved. Maybe it is naive sort of belief but I can't help that. If all the people would sincerely believe in democracy, then its achievement would be possible much sooner than we think.

"In spite of all these arguments for joining the WACS that I have built up in my mind, there are certain negative considerations which pull me in the other direction. <I've gone over the pros and cons a million times and I can't decide.> There is only one negative factor which is really important to me and the others are incidental, but I can't dismiss them from my mind either. The thing is that I have to find the answer to



one thing: Am I finished with my boy friend or not? If I go into the WACS, I might as well forget all thoughts of marrying him. <It looks like he is finished with me as he hasn't written for weeks. He has many selfish ideas and I think he has a distinct idea that the Nisei girls place is in the home. It seems that most Nisei disapprove of any girl going into the WACS. Some of my friends think I am crazy of even considering it, but I don't care about that sort of public sentiment. It's only the one person that bothers me. Should I give him up entirely with the rationalization that my principles are more important than marriage? I am feminine enough to want the things that all women want.>

"I'll have to resign myself to being an old maid. I'm going on 25 now and there isn't too much of a choice now. Maybe I played the field too much in the past. All of my friends are in the service and they are getting killed off so fast. By the end of the war, I'll have very few of them left. The civilian Nisei are not compatible to me because of I overly critical of their indifference to the war. In all likelihood, I'll have to cut all of my contacts from Nisei if I join the WACS. <I know that things will not be easy but I am willing enough to give up the comforts of civilian life for the discipline of the Army. Maybe I will feel rebellious about it for a while and think I should kick myself in the seat for every joining, but I can get over inconsequential things like that. I may even face discrimination in the WACS, but at least I can fight against it on an equal basis. If I lose, at least I shall have the satisfaction of trying.

"The last important thing which holds me back is the disturbing thought that I will have to cut myself entirely off



from my family. I never did get along with my brothers, but they are family and everyperson likes to cling to that. I don't know if my parents will ever give their consent. It may be a terrific blow to them. They are more Issei in thought now that I have been away from them so long and the older folks in camp have taken over so that the thinking is more pronounced in the direction of Japan. <sup>thru 58 71</sup> My brother at Tule write letters to my folks and I know that this influences them. I can't write well enough in Japanese to combat this. If I were there in person I know that I would have more influence, but that is impossible since I never could put up with the camp life again. I know an Issei man, Oguri, out here who used to work in community analysis at Gila and I am going to see him in a day or so and ask him to write a letter in Japanese to my folks explaining my desire to join the WACs.

"I may be kept out of the WACS in spite of any decision that I may make because I do have brothers in Japan and I suppose they are working directly to help Japan win the war. One of them might even be in the Japanese Army. The FBI may not give me a clearance on account of this. But the fact that I want to volunteer to the WACS should be proof of my loyalty. But then, Edith Kodama was not allowed to join the WACs because she was Tojo's niece. Her sister got in though. I'm all confused in mind and I don't know what I am going to do. I'll have to think it over some more."

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When I got home, Emiko and Bette were just getting into bed. They had gone to a downtown show after meeting one of Emiko's school friends and having dinner with her. They went downtown directly from work to shop around for their material



for the suits. Alice had convinced them that they would be wise in not spending over \$15 for all of the material and Emiko persuaded Bette that this was the best plan as they still would get very good suits made. They were able to find some wool material that they liked so they purchased it today. I gave Emiko \$10.00 for the material as a birthday present and I also gave Bette the same amount. Because of this savings, Bette may have about \$180 to start the new school term out with, an amount which is way over our expectations. The University sent her some instructions about books to read for the Humanities Orientations test so I bought her a copy of Shakespeare to start her college library. Bette is so thrilled about going to the University and she said that all of the girls at her factory are envious of her.

Emiko and Bette were disgusted with one of the Nisei girls there. "This girl is 30 years old and so backwards. She took me aside at lunch time today and told me that it was not a good idea to talk about such dangerous subjects while we were working. She thinks that Emiko and I are a disturbing force there because we think it is a good idea to talk about democracy and race problems. It embarrasses the girl and she never will say anything. She just agrees with everything the Jones sisters say so that they will not get mad at her. I think that the caucasian girls respect us more if we talk about all subjects without being ashamed of it.

Emiko: "The caucasian girls are learning a few Japanese words and they are so surprised that Bette and I do not know what the phrases they have learned means. The other Nisei girls find it more pleasant to do this because they think they are getting in good with the workers. I think they are going



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to build up a resentment against me as I have only been there for two days now. That Bette though! Everytime I get ready to tell a joke they say, 'Yes, Bette already told us.' Gee, Bette sure has bragged about the family so if you ever come down there, you had better wear a halo!"

Bette: "The funny thing is that all of those Nisei girls think they are so different from the other Nisei and they think they are something special. Yet they are so conservative. I don't know what makes them that way. Lily tried hard to educate the caucasian girls, but she doesn't have enough arguments so that when she gets in a hard spot she laughs it off by saying, 'Isn't this supposed to be a Democracy?' I think that we can educate the Jones sisters and some of the other caucasian girls a little even though they are so prejudiced against the Negroes, but I think some of those Nisei girls are hopeless cases."

Emiko: "Well we will just put out a lot of light fixtures tomorrow and make them work hard. In a few more days, I'll be able to go much faster and if I get mad at any of those Nisei girls, they will have to work their heads off to keep up with me. They are not such bad girls, but we just don't agree in our thinking. I guess it's because they have not gotten enough education and they had a very conservative background."

No news yet of the Battle of the Century. Mariko has not phoned us so it could not have been too drastic.



Very uneventful day today. I slept all morning as I was tired from the long interview I had last night. This afternoon, I went down to the office to get some typing done and I was there until after five. Emiko and Bette came home shortly after I did. They had been allowed to quit work at 2 so that some of the workers could go away for the Labor Day weekend. Emiko and Bette felt that they were gyped. They would rather work as many hours as possible as they do not have much time left to work. They went downtown and bought the food supply for the weekend.

Emiko got quite angry this evening at Jack. He was teasing her about Dolores saying that Tets was backwards. She wouldn't talk to Jack all evening. It sort of dampened things when E, B, and I went to the show. I told E. that Dolores had only mentioned it casually and that she meant bashful. E said that the reason why she gets so mad is that she knows it is true. That doesn't sound like a very logical reason for getting so angry. Emiko has always been very defensive about her friends. She will probably take it out on Tets when she sees him tomorrow.

After we came back from the show we read the paper for a couple of hours. Emiko went right to bed and Bette whispered <sup>see</sup> that she was crying because she was still hurt. I don't/why she has to get that upset over a little teasing, but I suppose it is a serious matter to her.



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Dear Charlie:

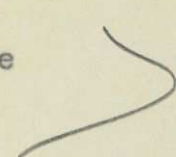
I should have written long before this, but Miyako told me she was writing to Mariko about your mother and her operation; so I neglected to write until today.

As you know Dr. Iki was going to schedule her for operation last week sometime, but before he set the date, your mother developed a slight touch of cold. She is better now, but the doctors says she should rest for a little while longer. She is to report to clinic for a check-up on Tuesday, Sept. 5. If, at that time, everything is all right, Dr. Iki will most probably schedule her. Then I shall let you know.

How are you and all your family there? I often think of you and Jack and your sisters. Somehow, perhaps because we came from Tanforan, I feel much closer to your family than anyone else here. I am still here, and I will be for sometime yet. The weather was almost unbearable, but it is getting a little better--very gradually however. The evenings and the nights are quite enjoyable, I mean the weather. We often climb the mountains here and talk till way late -- if you were here, I think, we would have some real enjoyable evenings together, discussing your point of view of life and mine. I know you can't understand me, but I am hoping that some day you will.....

Sincerely,

Elsie Inouye





The Labor Day holidays were quiet and restful. Emiko went on her date while the rest of us went to the beach. Alice, Mark, Otto, Teddy (Albert's brother), Toshi, and Lucy joined us later in the afternoon. The swimming season is now over, but we just loafed around in the sand until the flies chased us to the rocks. The water is ice cold but we dashed in a few times. Mariko and George ~~does~~ not go swimming with us as George says we show off too much and this embarrasses him. I found out the reason why Mark is sore at Mariko. Alice said that the night before Mariko got married, she made some remark that Alice was a damn fool for singing with Ray at the party and Mark was right there to hear her. He resented her very much for this and that is why he refused to let Alice have anything to do with the wedding. Alice said that she tells Mark everything and naturally she is the heroine of it all so that Mark has built up the resentment over a long period of time and Mariko doesn't have a chance to defend herself as she is unconscious of what it is all about. Mariko does step on people's toes without realizing it because she is frank in saying things, but sometimes she goes too far. Nisei are sensitive people and they take everything personally. Mariko has feuds with several people now.

Mark and Otto, Teddy and I played poker on the beach and I cleaned them out. Mark is supposed to make all kinds of money playing poker with the soldiers, but I don't know. He never wins when I play with him as he tries to bluff too much and he gets caught everytime. Maybe he is successful with this sort of tactics in a real big game. Alice always keeps telling him to remember about "Joyce's" shoes and maybe that kibitzing gets him nervous.

Toshie and Alice are getting as big as ~~xxx~~ balloons so that Jack took a picture of them in profile when they were not looking.



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Toshi is not too worried about having the baby since she has her doctor and hospital all picked out. Her mother in law is now here to look after her. Toshi is a little afraid that Albert may get sent overseas before the baby is born. Albert (ch-34) is now in Florida and Toshi thinks that he is going to be trained as a Radio specialist. Yuri (ch-25) is all set to go into the WACs and Mrs. Ikeda does not raise any objections. Mrs. Ikeda came out from Manzanar last week and she has been busy looking up old Pasadena friends since arriving here. She has been getting after Otto for not making definite plans about school so that he is considering going to Jr. College for a semester until his other plans work out. He would rather go out of Chicago to go to college so that he can be more independent. Otto is working at a Nut and Nipple Company for .65 cents an hour. He makes the same weekly salary as Bette, but the big difference is that he has been averaging a savings of almost \$90 a month for college. On top of that, Otto claims that he gives Toshi \$35 a month for his room and board. He helps Ken in plumbing once in a while so that this keeps him in spending money. He does not have any carfare expense to work as it is within walking distance.

I met Mrs. Ikeda but I did not talk very long with her. She speaks fairly good English. Her brother (Albert's uncle) is also staying with Toshi now. He has been working all summer in a summer camp as a cook. He is a sort of a drunkard and he was a little under the weather when we saw him yesterday. He said that he had diarrhea, but he smelled like limberger cheese and whiskey. I don't see where Alice gets the "Uncle" business with him as Mark doesn't call him that and he does not consider him as a relative. This is the uncle which Yuri said was so prejudiced against ETAs and he kicked one of Yuri's friends out of the house once because he considered the individual of the "untouchable"



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Teddy is only 15 and he will be starting his junior year at high school this week. He has a nice, but quiet, personality and he does not act as if he just came out of camp. The whole Ikeda family is now resettled as the father is in Washington doing some sort of translator work for the government. Albert and Billy are in the Army, Carol is taking his Phd. at the U. of Nebraska, Yuri will soon be going into the WACs, Dorothy into the Cadet Nurses Corps, while Otto and Teddy will be in school out here. The sister given away for adoption is still in Montana.

I don't know what Toshi thinks of taking all of these in-laws into her household but I guess she does not mind it as she is a very sociable person and she likes a lot of people around. I'm not so sure that her street is as friendly as she says as Aki told me that he tried to rent the house next door to Toshi and the landlady said she definitely would not have any Japanese in the place and practically slammed the door in his face. Aki is a mild mannered fellow and not given to exaggeration.

Toshi still doesn't realize that it is almost impossible for her to integrate with the caucasian group because she has so many relatives out here--Satows, Ikedas, Kikuchis, Takis, Tajima, etc. It's quite a large group and I have contacted members of each family group. Not all of the members are known to each other. Toshi's group also includes a number of married couples--Ikenakas (ch-335 and 36); Saruwatarus (ch-37 and 49); Tomita (ch-40); Moriokas (ch-42 and 43), etc. The core of this whole group is centered around the Ikeda and Satow branches. Mariko's group cuts across with them and many of the members are known to Toshi so that it really is all one large group and it includes a hell of a lot of people. I'll shoot them if they



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ever organize into a formal clan. The group is much too large to ever get together into one meeting, thank God! >

Toshi invited us to come over to her house to have some noodles, but instead she served us a complete dinner of ~~ham~~ baked ham with all of the trimmings. Her icebox is crammed full with food and this ~~make~~ Jack's mouth water. I don't see how Toshi does it on the budget she carries. She doesn't have too difficult a time living on the Army allotment since she gets \$80 a month from them, plus money from the relatives who lives with her. Albert left quite a large savings with her as he worked very hard for over six month in preparation for the draft. < Her expenses for having the new baby will be at a minimum since the government will assume most of the charges. She will get an extra allotment after the baby comes in Nov. Toshi would like to have Albert around when the baby is born, but Florida seems to be a long ways off and she does not know if Albert will have an furlough by then.

Otto, Bette, Toshi, and Teddy started off for alate downtown show after dinner so that it was decided to have Bette stay over with Mariko. We forgot that George owns the house now and he is the boss so that we may have inadvertently caused some resentment because we took it for granted. George is doing very well getting established as the master of the house as Mariko is very submissive now. But every once in a while her eyes begin to flash and one of these days there is bound to be a resounding explosion. > We hung around Toshies before going to Mariko's just to tease Mark. He was so anxious to get rid of us so that he could say goodbye to Alice, but we played dumb and did not take the hint until Mark and Alice walked into the next room and left us flat. Weck and I hung around Mariko's until after 2 and Jack



was a little worried that we were ruining another romance, but Mariko said that it was okay because of certain female conditions. We sat out on the back porch and talked of nothing of importance. George is not a very talkative person anyway. He has made himself right at home and as the master of the household he has assumed his prerogative to lay around the the back porch clad only in his drawers. It didn't take him long to get domesticated to his new marital life.

This was the first time that we saw them since they were married. Mariko tries so hard to please him but it is a struggle for her to submerge her individuality and there were several times that they started to explode but caught themselves just in time. What will happen when initial love flies out the window? <sup>t. 5880</sup> George said that he was not contemplating the start of a family for a while yet, but Mariko would like to have a baby. She said that they would wait for a while yet. George is thinking of changing his job now. I remember a while back, he considered it such a good job and that was the reason why he did not want to go to New York.

Mariko would like to finish up Emiko's and Bette's suits this week if possible because she has so many other things to do. She said that she could only work on it during the afternoon as George resented any imposition on his time during the evening. She added that Emiko could make most of her suit so she has apparently forgotten her rash promise to do both of the suits as her contribution to their welfare. Alice is very willing to help out and she said the only thing to do is for Emiko and Bette to get it started and then bring it over so that Mariko would have to work on it. Mariko feels that she has to go to work pretty



soon because there should be some income during the time George changes his job. Mariko has been very busy fixing the apartment up so that it looks very good now. George is going to make some furniture for the place altho he is not a very good carpenter. He said that every time he started to put up a shelf or something, Mariko would begin to yell about artistic balance and this discourages him. George got even by telling Mariko that she should not tell such vulgar jokes in the presence of timid Nisei girls altho it will not be so harmful to her reputation now that she is married. He said he never mentioned this before they were married because Mariko would have exploded.

I have to give Mariko a lot of credit for trying so hard to please George in everything because he does have a lot of old-fashioned ideas about women's place in the home. Mariko is a definite individual and after living for 30 years as a single person, it is extremely difficult for her to make these new adjustments. She keeps her apartment very neat and that is something she never did before. She is very conscientious about getting George up in time to go to work and to feed him a appetizing breakfast. She has started to take special pains in cooking meals for him. Before she was married she used to dish up spaghetti dishes so many times. George invited us to be their first formally invited dinner guests next Sunday evening. Toshi is giving a shower for Mariko on Saturday afternoon. It is Emiko's birthday that day and Mariko's birthday is on the 12th. Miyako's comes later in the month. Mariko will be 30 but Jack says that she is still immature and that's why she acts so young. She made the deadline of getting married by 30 by two weeks.

After we got home Sunday night we read the papers for about



an hour. Emiko wasn't angry with Jack anymore. She said that the only reason she gets mad is that she knows that it is true that Tets is backward and she gets angry at him.

Today we got all of our plans mixed up. Emiko was too tired to go to the beach and Jack said that the water was too cold. I helped Emiko do all of the laundry after we got up. Emiko muttered that "Bette is always getting out of everything." We were supposed to meet Bette and the others at the beach but Emiko decided to take a nap after the laundry was finished while Jack went out in front to take a sun bath.

Bob (CH-13) came over with his sister who has just arrived in town. His sister is a direct opposite of him. Bob said he was now working in a printing shop. He received his 1-A notice and he has been called for his pre-induction physical for next week. Bob doesn't think he'll be drafted immediately since quite a few of his friends have been put on the reserve. He sang over the radio two Sundays ago but he did not win the prize. Bob doesn't look like he has started to settle down yet and he is extremely restless. He doesn't know when he will go to New York again. Jack and Emiko went down with Bob and his sister to see the Air Show in Grant Park but I did not feel like going along. I went on down to the beach to keep the appointment but they had just left because it was too windy. I arrived at Toshi's just a few minutes after they got home.

I then went over to Mariko's to ask Alice and Bette if they wanted to go to the Air Show. Alice was all set to go but she was afraid that her hay fever would get the best of her so she finally decided to stay home. Otto then decided that he had better keep his other appointment so Bette and I went on alone.



Mariko and George were too busy fixing their apartment up to come along. This is the first time I ever seen Mariko more willing to stay home than to step out! Bette and I wandered through the exhibit and then listened to the talent show for a couple of hours so that we didn't get in until 10:30. My impression of the war exhibit was that it was too bad that man had to use his best creative ability for such destructive things. In the program some naval heroes told the audience gruesome stories about how American paratroopers had been shot down into the Mediterranean. The equipment weighed a hundred pounds so that these paratroopers immediately sunk to the bottom. After a week or so the bodies were bloated to six or eight times their normal size and they would come floating to the top. The navy men then went out to put weights around these bodies so that they would sink again. War seems to make men forget his civilized manners. There has not been any news of the recent development on the European front during the past several days as the Allied forces are engaged in a huge secret maneuver which may penetrate into Germany within the week. Several allied generals have predicted that the European phase of the war would be ended by October 1st.



Bette and Emiko went over to <sup>Masako's</sup> ~~Emiko's~~ to start their suit so I didn't see them at all today. Jack was sleeping when I left the house this morning. > I didn't come to the office at all as I went directly over to Masako's (CH-49) for the second interview. I spoke with her all afternoon and she had some very interesting comments to make on the effects of the segregation program within the camp. Masako definitely ~~x~~ feels that she is a part of this country but she is also sympathetically inclined towards the Issei. She feels that her father was most unjustly treated in being interned but she was pleasantly surprised when he did not become embittered by this experience upon his release to his family. She said that her father got even more broad-minded than before and the internment experience < definitely influenced him to think of his family. Her father would prefer to be united with his family rather than be in an internment camp because he does not feel that strongly for Japan. > She said that his attachment was mostly sentimental and that he would never be willing to do anything directly for Japan. Her father felt that he was treated quite well in the internment camp and he was greatly surprised that he was not mistreated.

< Masako then went on to tell about the influence of the short wave broadcast within the center. She felt that this definitely influenced most of the Issei not to resettle because they had heard rumors that Japan was planning to give \$1000 per family member if they repatriated to Japan. She said that this actually was the reason why many families decided to go to Tule Lake. She told of one case where the father was 70 years old and he had been a farm worker all of his life in this country so that he had nothing to return to Japan for. All of his 7 children



were under 17 years of age and they had no choice in the matter. In another case which Masako mentioned, a family in her block decided to repatriate because 2 Kibei sons had volunteered into the Army before Pearl Harbor but they were dismissed in January, 1942. This embittered them so much that they didn't want to remain in this country any further. The parents had always wanted to go back to Japan to die so that the sons turned over the farm property to another 18 year old sister who elected to remain in the U.S. The Kibei sons had bought this property to start farming but the evacuation prevented them from getting under way.

I took over my radio to get fixed. > I had been invited to dinner and Masako prepared an enormous meal. Her young daughters said embarrassed her because they ~~sat~~ at the table, "Mama, we like to have company because we never get to eat such big meals when we are alone." Masako is a very good cook and she said that she got out of practice by staying two years in the camp. Her children started school today and each of them have already found some Caucasian play-mates which they brought home to introduce to Masako. The teacher asked Barbara if her parents could speak English and she told her that both her mother and father had been born in California. This surprised the teacher very much and she asked Barbara some questions about the evacuation but the girl knew very little about it as she is only 11 years old.

< <sup>to 5885</sup> After dinner I took the girls out to the store to buy ice cream and candy and they insisted that I play cards with them for about an hour. They were so tired by their first day's activities at school that they obediently went to bed at 9 o'clock. Aki, Masako and I played rummy for a couple of hours and as a guest I graciously let them win on the last hand. Aki and Masako are



great bridge fans but I don't know how to play that game. >

WFF Masako would like to return to California very much and she kept asking when it would be opened up. < She said that her brother-in-law had a farm in the Santa Maria valley and she could go back to that. She can't make up her mind to send for her refrigerator or not. All of her furniture is still in California. Aki still keeps his bank account in his home town but he is less certain about wanting to go back to California because of economic reasons. He doesn't think it will be too easy to get started once more but Masako mentioned that anyone could get a job there now because of the great manpower shortage. Aki feels that if he sticks to his present job, it has post-war possibilities. He said that the boss recently was discharged from the Army so that his work is much lighter. The boss is Jewish and Aki says that he charges <sup>ou</sup>outrages prices for radio repairs. He doesn't wonder why many people are resentful of the Jewish people for their financial discrepancies. He said that the boss would only let him repair the radio until it worked and he would not let him put a thorough job on it as he likes. He said that many of the customers were over-charged about 400% for repair work and this gave him a guilty conscience because he has always been used to giving customers their money's worth. However, he said that he could not protest since he was on straight salary and he had to do what the boss instructed. >

WFF I will go over again on Thursday afternoon and probably finish the interview.



I arose at 7:30 this morning so that I could wash one of my shirts! Since I had to go to the bank to deposit some money, I had one of my infrequent breakfasts here. I arrived at the office before 9:30. Frank, as usual, was already there plugging away at his report. He is a very careful, methodical worker and he plans out everything before he starts the actual writing. What he turns out is the best. I don't see how he can stand to sit for hours just mulling things over in his mind. Sometimes he sits for a whole day just thinking. Now that he is started on the actual report, he is going a lot faster, but he still has his thinking spells. Frank has been working on his report on Tule Lake for about a year now, in between other assignments. It took him practically six months to think out the introduction. He is working on the second chapter now, but he does not think that he will be able to finish his 15 chapters on the deadline since each chapter is quite lengthy. I wish I could put out a report like that but I haven't the patience, ability, or analytical mind to do it except in my dreams. I might as well plug along with my case reports and it gives me some satisfaction when Frank mentions that it is the most comprehensive and organized data that we have on the Chicago Nisei. Tom is doing more of the general stuff and he is getting ambitious now that the pressure has been lifted on the Army situation. He still thinks that he might be called into active duty within 21 days.

I was greatly surprised to receive a refund check from the government this morning for the tax returns of five or six months ago. I had claimed for \$19.00 originally and the Berkeley office corrected this to \$25.00 so the government sent \$26.00. It is an unexpected present so I might buy a war bond with it if other expenses do not come pressing up. I still have to get



a suit so I might as well apply the money to this department. I haven't bought any clothing to speak of in the past year as I have expected to be drafted. If I go into the Army, I know that I'll lose a lot of weight and my clothes wouldn't fit me afterwards! I suppose my lack of being extremely clothed conscious is a carryover from my days of poverty when I did not have the money to purchase anything.

My throat is raspy from dictating all day. I have to keep at it all day since Tom is in need of Louise too. I did around 40 or 50 pages today. I have two long cases to dictate and a shorter one on file yet. I had hoped to almost complete Chiyo this evening, but she phoned and said that she would be otherwise engaged. I have lost a lot of time on that case but it is an unavoidable situation even though I get impatient.

I cooked a special dinner for Emiko and Bette as I thought that they would be tired from work, but only Bette came home. Emiko went bowling with a friend. Anyway, Bette appreciated my cooking as she ate so much that she was uncomfortable afterwards. It must have given her extra energy as she has been bustling around all evening doing things. Right now she is taking a bath and she has planned to write a few letters afterwards, but I doubt if she will have the time as it is getting late now. She said that they were up until 1:15 last night cutting the suit pattern over at Mariko's. She feels that it will be a very good suit as Mariko and Alice are taking a lot of pains with it.

I felt sorry for Jack as there was no food in the house and he had to eat hamburger and rice before going to work. Emiko and Bette have not done any shopping since last weekend because of the holiday and the rush of the suit. I hope



that our ~~re~~ at schedule gets settled down soon. I hate to ask Bette to quit work earlier to do the shopping as she needs all of the money that she can make. She is ~~on~~ in the last stages now and anxiously waiting for the start of the college year. Betty Jean has written from Georgia saying that she has been accepted by the university so that she will be up here soon. Betty Jean was taken in by a sort of zoot suit Nisei crowd when she was up here before with Eileen, but I hope that she does not get all entangled with them now as she has nothing to gain by it.

The Allied drive towards Germany has been slowed up it seems although they have reached the West Wall. In the East, Russia is still driving into Prussia and Bulgaria is asking for some sort of armistice since Russia declared war on her yesterday. If the German Inner Fortress holds, then the war may drag out for a while longer. I certainly hope that it can be finished in short order, but that is easily said than done. Tomie mentioned today that she heard from her brother in Italy and he told her that the 442nd Battalion is now storming the strongest fortified German line on the front. They captured some Oriental soldiers in German uniforms and they thought that these men were Japanese for a while, but it turned out that they were Turks who had been forced into the German Army. They were more than glad to surrender.

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Jack has been very disturbed in the past couple of days wondering how Dolores was faring in her battles with her folks and the school. She was suspended from nursing school until March, but it looks like things are okay now. <sup>He has received letters telling him that</sup> Her big conflict with her folks did not materialize ~~either~~ and they are reconciled to the marriage altho her mother feels that it might be difficult to explain it to some of her Filipino friends. <sup>((letters follow))</sup>



Charles Kikuchi  
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Diary

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Sept 6, 1944

Dolores's letters on her reception at school and at home:

to 5896

Sep't 2, 1944  
2:00 PM

Dearest Jack,

I got back to school at 12:15 this noon and immediately had my conference with the director and I told her about the reason why I got married, etc. She gave me the 3rd degree and then she told me that the board had decided to punish me by being suspended until next March. (7 months.) The reason being I got married without the school's consent (which they would have refused if my parents disapproved, regardless of my age, as long as I was a student nurse) I can't express the way I feel about their policies but it stands to reason I have not followed the procedures correctly and so they are punishing me (they can't kick me out because of it.)

Darling, please pardon this if I write in short sentences--but I'm peeved because I couldn't convince her it was impossible in my case--either way I still done my school wrong--they're hurt because I didn't get their permission--but they can't excuse me because it'll be an opening for others to follow in my example.

I found out that if my parents didn't consent, regardless of the situation, the school doesn't grant it. I explained everything but no soap. In the meanwhile I have to wait until Tuesday 1:00 when I have to appear before the Board to ask for a reconsideration. I'm rather disgusted and feel that it'll still be 7 months. I am pleasing for getting back on duty tout suite and I hope so! The director says I should ask them if I could return sometime between Jan-Feb to start with my electives--that's not much less than



five months suspension. I'm trying not to sound defeated but the board consists of about 4 spinsters and 1 recently married in her late 30's. They'll be unflexible in "follow the policy etc."

Darling, I don't mind being ~~suspended~~ suspended if we could be together but I realize that means expenses and lengthening the time I should be through. I know too you want me to finish-- for myself I want to in that it would help both of us later but if you want me to quit I would put my heart and soul into your decision and leave finishingz training out of my mind without any regrets.

Either way, the 7 months or quitting doesn't hurt. I can always adjust to situations regardless if things don't come out as well as expected. I have our marriage bond--It's changed me a lot Jack. I feel like a new person. I have lots to face with mother and father and the school but I'm willing to face the consequences as you mean more to me now. Darling, I'm not just writing it but if it were a choice between you three-- you are first.

I miss you a lot Jack. I wish you could be with me to back me up but I know your are keeping your fingers crossed.

I haven't phoned the family yet but I'm going over to tell them tonight--the truth. Even about the 7 months suspensionx so they can have it all together. I realize it's not going to be easy for them but it's the truth and they're going to have to adjust to it.

If they decide to punish me, I'll have to move out by the end of next week. I'll have El(owine) to turn to and maybe



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I could stay there (until I square it with the family.)

Darling, let me know what you think is best in case things go in the wrong direction. I'll be certain Tuesday and I'll let you know immediately but I might as well be prepared for everything. I'm eager and willing to have things squared with the school and folks but I'm not worried as I am capable to take care of myself. I have only a temporarily idea of all the things I could and would like to do but I'll leave that all up to you.

With all my devotion

Your wife,

/S/ Dolores

P.S. I received you airmail today.



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2nd letter from Daddres to Jack.

September 3, 1944  
S.F.  
11:00 A.M.

Dearest Jack,

Good morning sweetheart. I'm just waking up from a good night's rest here at Elwynnes. And I've got good news for you!

Last night Dad read the letter and Laurdes told me over the phone that he just cried, ~~a~~ me for mom. So after dinner with El, we went over to see the folks. Dand and Mom and I talked it over--and both can hardly believe it but they're forgiven me for marrying before finishing school.

Dad asked me why I never told him we were serious, but, I told him he was very strict and narrow so I felt it would spare an argument. Mother kept asking me if I was serioys in finishing (school)--she and Dad want me to.

Dad says now that I'm married he's expecting me to behave like a married woman. I showed them our pictures and Dad @oesn't say anthing but when I said you were nice looking and the handsomeest husband in the world, he just smiled. As far as the ancestry is concerned, Dad's worried about our chances of getting ahead. He's anxious that California opens up soon as he does want to meet you. Mom explaiend that if she announced the marriage to the Binoys (Filipános) she knows they may say hurtful things about me and you and the family--but she s~~a~~y she doesn't have many close friends so she won't worry about it. Dad say "who cares"--and doesn't see why we should keep it quiet.

Laurdes and Ralph were afraid that D~~a~~d would take it out on them but now everything's settled, Laurdes says Dad



Charles Kikuchi

Diary

Sep't 3, 1944  
11:00am

Dearest Jack,



was angry because I didn't write and I really know it's my fault for not writing. Dad knows El and I are close and that she knew all along but he still likes her for my best pal. I told both of our plans--children, finishing you education, and mine, etc.--and they think it's wise.

Later in the evening around 9:30 ~~xxxx~~ Louann and Archie (Green) phoned and asked me over. So I asked Dad to come along with El and I. Dad met Louann before, but, Archie for the first time--he liked them both. I told Dad you introduced them to me. We had wine and fruit cake, listened to Archie's records, met three couples also visiting. We left about 12:15.

Laurdes bought me a dozen beautiful roses--she's very sweet when she saw me she just put her arms around me and congratulated me. She's glad we finally did it.

Eloynnes mother says to me "I hope you're as happy as I waw."--ha! ha! I received two dozen letter from the ex boy friends so from now on El's taking over and the pleasure of answering them (is all hers.)

I told Dad and Mom that I may get a suspension of 6-7 months. I didn't make it sound as a punishment but Dad says if I have to get it; I might as well. Just so I go back and finish the course.

El was very amazed at their reaction, and, I know I'm not dreaming--it's real. I didn't worry about the school: I did of my parents--so instead, the reverse.

I'll let you know what the board decides on Tuesday.

All my heart  
Your wife,  
/S/ Dolores

Extend hellos to my brothers and sisters.



Charles Kikuchi  
Insert: 3rd letter  
from Dolores to Jack.

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Sept. 6, 1944

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Sept 3, 1944  
1552 Waller

Darling,

Here I am at home. Mother and Dad are roasting three chickens--Dad says to celebrate among the family. He's sorry the bridegroom isn't home.

I told Dad and Mom about you--just enough so they have an idea--so far you're in the groove. Mom ~~even~~ was wondering what Uncle Joe would say but Dad says he'll understand.

Mom says I've developed--and girls did I blush!! -- oh well, after all I am married, yuh?

Mom asks me a lot of cute questions like right now. She wants to know if you're faithful in writing and I said "of course." She's looking at my album and she's pointing out all your pictures. She's also learning who Bette, Emi, Alice, Chas and Mariko are by the snaps. She thinks Mariko is very pretty and she remembers seeing her downstairs. She also asked about my mother in law --and how she was getting along down in Arizona with the younger ones (Tom and Miyako.) I wish you could be here darling. I miss you a lot!

If I had to leave for 7 months--I wouldn't mind being with you--I could work and pay for my expenses and at the same time make sure of you. However, I would like to get back on duty and wait until I'm through.

Dad and Mom have really proven their unselfishness--making way for us both. They really understand--that's what hurts me now because I made you suffer a secret love affair when maybe you could have been over to know the family. But darling you will forgive me? Oh, how I long for you--a gentle kiss like



husband and wife!

Mom's going to teach me how to cook--so you can fatten on it like papa.

By the way Dad's glad your're ambitious--he'd like his son to be purpossive.

I'm glad they're both breaking barriers--I've noticed they're both more conscious of what "Americanism" means.

Well, dearest I better let you go now so you go back to whatever your're doing.

love,

/S/ Mrs. J. F. Kikuchi

P.S. Pardon the scratch. ~~Qxxx~~ Lousy pen but a loving heart.

I'm helping with the soup and Mom asked me "Does Jackie like garlic and oniins in the cooking," I said yes and she said you and her would getalong fine.



Charles Kikuchi  
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Diary

Sep't 6, 1944

Western Union Telegram from Dolores to Jack:

Sept 5, 1944

EVERYTHING OKAY WITH SCHOOL REPORT ON DUTY WEDNESDAY

DON'T WORRY LOVE

DOLORES.

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Jack plans to look for an all-day Saturday job since his job at the plant is five nights a week. He figures that if he works on Saturdays for the next six months it would be the equivalent to one month of work. Therefore, he thinks that he might take a trip to San Francisco in May next year if the Coast is reopened and if he is admitted into a medical school. He is very happy that Dolores' family are reconciled to her marriage and that they have no further objections. He feels that he would like to go out there and see them once before going into medical school, but he is not at all certain about how things are going to turn out in the future. Jack feels that he will not have such an urge for recreational life now that he is sure of Dolores. Therefore he thinks that it will not be any sacrifice for him to work on Saturdays. However, I am not sure that this will be such a good idea because eventually it will be a strain. Jack plans to save every cent possible and he is beginning to make comments about how we waste money for recreation when things could be bought for Tom and Miyako. There is a limit to this and one should have a little recreation altho it doesn't necessarily have to be costly. Bette asked him if he wanted to go to the rodeo at Soldier's Field on Saturday night since it is Emiko's birthday but he said he would stay home and do other things.

Emiko seems to be getting along very well at her work and she putters around every night getting out a new outfit to wear for the next day because the girls have made so many comments on her clothes. She wears her suits to work and I don't think this is necessary even though it may raise her prestige. Bette had been going to work dressed very casually but Emiko's dressing up has influenced her so now she is dressing up too. Emiko said that



the Jones sisters are going to take her out for a chicken dinner and an evening's entertainment when she quits her job to go to school. Emiko and Bette went to a show this evening. Bette has quite a bit of things to do in preparation for the opening of college and I don't think that she should leave it all go until next week. I'll just have to step on her if she keeps on dilly dallying around because it is important that she gets off to a good start in her college year.

I went over to interview Masako (CH-49) all day today and I had dinner with them again. Aki (CH-37) fixed my radio and he only charged me \$3 for it. He said that the radio shop was so busy these days that they charged a minimum of \$7.50 for any kind of service and the customer did not protest. I asked him about the possibilities of getting a second hand radio to take to the nursing school but he said that it would be too costly and not advisable at this time.

My interview was delayed this afternoon because Mrs. Okawa was visiting Masako. Mrs. Okawa is about 25 years old and she is married to a Chicagoan. However, her husband is a Kibei since he was in Japan from the age of 6 to 16. Mrs. Okawa speaks a lot of Japanese altho she can use perfect English. Every other sentence was punctuated with some sort of Japanese phrase. She is a distant relative of Masako's on her father's side. Mrs. Okawa said that she left camp in March, 1943, to take a domestic job at Columbus because she couldn't stand the camp life. She has no relatives in Poston where she was evacuated. Since coming to Chicago she got married and at the present time she is doing a clerical job for some grocery company. She mentioned that one Issei friend she knew in camp had 8 children under 18 years old



and he was worried that the war was going to end. This man didn't know what he would do if he had to leave camp as he didn't think that he could support his large family. Both Mrs. Okawa and Masako mentioned that there were many families in camp like this and some of them had gone to Tule Lake because they felt more secure there.

I interviewed Masako for ~~2~~ 4 or 5 hours and managed to finish up her life story. <There were some parts of the outline which I passed over lightly since these things held little interest to her. The only time which she spoke freely was in mentioning her 3 children.> She certainly has devoted her life to her offsprings and they are receiving very good training. The relationship is very good between the mother and the children so that these kids are having a very good personality development. <The oldest child, Barbara, 11, seems to be a little quieter than the other two. I had to stay ~~after~~ dinner to play cards with the children. I almost disrupted Masako's discipline because Kay and Dianne had a big fight as to who should sit next to me at the dinner table. The three girls are getting along very well in school and they brought their Caucasian girl friends home while I was there. Masako feels that it would be a very good opportunity for her to get established in the neighborhood when she goes to meet some of the parents of her children's friends.> Masako's biggest worry is that her husband may get drafted yet and then she will be forced to go back to camp to live because she doesn't think that she can possibly make ends meet on the \$120 government allotment which she will get. She said that her husband makes around \$250 a month and they have been spending every bit of it in order to get the household started. <They still have a lot of furniture to purchase.



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Worked pretty steadily on my dictation and letter writing most of the day. Tom is only about half finished with his occupational report as he has gotten more ambitious about it so that he still needs a lot of secretarial help. We have been dividing Louise's time. Dorothy wrote and said that Louise was entitled to a vacation so that she will take a week off in the early part of October and a week later on. I might be able to catch up on my backlog of dictation by then altho I hope to be started on some more new cases this month. I have one more case to go and that will be Ch-50! After that I will start on my second ~~xxx~~ 50. I was expecting to almost complete Chiyo ch-48 this evening but she crossed me up as she went out on a date. She has certainly made me drag on and it is very inconvenient because I can't schedule anybody else on such short notice. She stood me up three times this week alone, but I suppose her case document is worth it.

I cooked this evening as the girls were pretty tired and hungry. They certainly did eat a lot. After stuffing herself, Emiko went to lay down on the couch for a short nap and then she went to sleep for three hours. She was snoring away like a buzz saw. Bette got started on her school chart once more. She was going along fairly well when Emiko woke up at 10:00. She immediately wanted to know what Bette was going to wear to the shower tomorrow. For the next hour and a half they puttered around trying on a lot of clothes. Bette swears that she is going to have a hard time with clothes this fall after Emiko goes to nursing because she has to borrow so much of her things.

I met Endo at the drugstore when I went up to buy some cigarettes. He said that Koji was going back to Heart Mountain



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next week to be with his wife and also to meet the family. Endo also admitted that Blackie was not really married, but that it was more of a common law affair and it seemed to be pretty well broken up now. Blackie has been maintaining all along that he is really married. Endo said that their group has some new plans now that it seems they will not be drafted. "I'm 4-F and Blackie is too. George is still 4-C but he is over 27 so he won't get drafted. That's why we are going to chip in and buy a car. We figure that we will be able to get around better and visit the chicks. We can get black market gas anyplace. I'm working at the same place but the other guys have changed jobs a few times already. We are all making pretty good dough though so we are having a good time."

This group and others like them are following a typical Filipino pattern which exists out on the coast. They borrow each other's clothes and buy cars together. They hang around pool halls and stare at women. The only difference is that the Nisei fellows have a few more women to pick from. The similarity extends to wearing the same type of clothes, same haircuts, etc. Yet so many of the Nisei are prejudiced against the Filipinos, failing to understand that it is the environmental conditions which forces certain patterns of behavior. The Clark Street Nisei are the best example of this. They really hang around the street corners in gangs. There are several Japanese gambling places down there which has become a sort of a hangout. It's too bad that so many of the Nisei have to have an adjustment of this sort as it will not do them any good in the long run. Maybe they would be better off if they were drafted into the Army. At present, Selective Service plans to meet all the Army needs from the present 18A's and 18 year olds.



Emiko is 20 years old today! When she woke up this morning she came out and kicked her heels. She said that she didn't feel any difference. But there has been a lot of changes in the past two years. She has developed physically and mentally and she is more sure of what she wants. Next month she will start on her nursing education and I am sure that she will do a most creditable job of it. It doesn't seem as if she could be 20 so soon but it is true. I can remember when she was such a little girl. Emiko is still very tempermental, but I think that she has at least developed much more of a sense of responsibility out here.

We have been out in Chicago for almost a year and a half and there has been progress made. At least we did not stand still like so many of the restless Nisei. Emiko has finished a year of college and Betty will soon be entering. Emiko made very good adjustments at school and she has a host of friends out there. She will probably make a lot of new friends at the nursing school as she has the personality to mix easily. I haven't tried to tell her anything to do in the last six months as I figure that she will get plenty of discipline at the nursing school. All in all, she is very level headed most of the time and she has certainly come a long ways from the emotionally maladjusted girl of our first months out here. It is surprising to see how well balanced she has become. Our household has been operating without any major conflicts ever since she returned from living with Mariko last February.

~~xmarix~~ Emiko was a little upset because there has been some rumors going around out here and in camp that she is married to Tets. She said that she had no intention of marrying him as she had to finish her nursing first and then look after the family



for a year. She said that she would probably not get married until she was about 24 and that she was going to marry a doctor anyway. I hope that she has all the happiness in the world and things may ~~mak~~ work out so that it will not be necessary for her to assume any family obligations. It will be hard to ask a moral obligation of her when she really wants to get married and I am hoping that things will not work out so that there is <sup>not</sup> any mental conflict on this point for her. She should start her own life and under ordinary circumstances this would have been the case. But with the evacuation and all that, things have been changed a little. I brought her and ~~Estte~~ out here with the understanding that I would help them get their education in return for their helping the family out for a year or so afterwards. I don't think that they particularly object to this as they feel that it is up to them to get the family out of camp and settled before they think of their marital future.

I am still undecided about bringing the family out here next summer. Maybe I'll only be able to manage Tom but I can't tell yet. I should be looking around for an unfurnished place since it will still be hard to get housing. I doubt if I can swing the whole thing alone and there is nobody else that I could count on. Alice would be willing, but it would be more for her own convenience after she gets her baby. We don't have enough financial resources to back us for too long a period. My job is still uncertain so I don't feel established enough to think in terms of permanent resettlement. I don't think I'd want to stay in Chicago permanently anyway. t



There was some mixup about the plans for this evening. We had told Alice that we were all going to Chinatown after the shower for a dinner, but we cancelled it and we forgot to notify her. Bette and Emiko met me downtown <sup>this evening</sup> and I took them to the show to listen to Betty Hutton as a part of Emiko's birthday party. Afterwards we went to eat Chinese food. I said that I was not hungry and that I would only nibble on the food, but they said I ate the most! I think that Bette won that honor; she certainly has developed an appetite since she started to work.

Emiko was very disappointed in the present which Alice gave her for her birthday. "It isn't the principle of the thing, it's the price." She got one of those false front shirts which a large bow tie and Emiko felt that this did not suit her personality. Mariko very seriously told me how much work Alice had put into this gift. "It's all hand-made. I told her to use the sewing machine, but Alice wanted to do a good job. You know handwomen things are much more expensive. Emiko should appreciate a ~~fixer~~ gift like this." I was almost going to agree with Mariko and say that Emiko shouldn't think of the price when Mariko burst out laughing and said, "But the material only cost Alice 27cents!" Poor Alice gets blamed even when she has a nice sentiment because of her reputation of being more thrifty with her money and I am just as guilty as any in making fun of her behind her back about it. But it was funny the way Mariko told the story.

Bette and Emiko gave Mariko a coffee percolator and some other table ware for her shower. Mariko got quite a few nice presents. She was so proud of them that she went home to immediately set them up for display.



Emiko said that Mariko and George had an argument last night because George went out and got drunk. Mariko then decided to sleep in the single bed as she did not like the smell. George asserted his rights and he just went over and picked Mariko up and dumped her on the double bed. They argued most of the night and Mariko could not do the shopping for the dinner tomorrow night as she was so sleepy this morning so that she will have to do it tomorrow. It was just a small lover's quarrel, Mariko said. Mariko must like that cave man stuff because she has been having her own way most of her life because everyone is afraid of her sharp tongue and terrible temper. She is so docile around George these days!

Paul 5934  
Paul came to town as he is on a short leave from teaching at the University of Michigan in the language school. Jack took him over to Mariko's and they will stay overnight there. Paul is on the way to Poston to visit his uncle. He was thinking of transferring to Northwestern as he had hopes of winning Mariko back but she is definitely married now so that I don't think he will transfer now. Paul is a nice guy and he doesn't deserve the fate of being married to Mariko anyways, says Jack!



We overslept today so that we did not get over to Mariko's until about 5. Mariko and George and Yoshi were just having lunch! George was so proud of his dinner table which he built and Mariko has all of her shower presents exhibited on it. The apartment over there is getting fixed up very well and it has looked nice and clean ever since Mariko got married. Emiko said that Mariko washes and irons George's shirts when she had threatened never to do that before she was married!

We almost didn't eat as Mariko did not get the vegetables until the last minute. She was bustling around all day cleaning up and cooking. The trouble with her is that she gets distracted too easily and she wants to listen in on every conversation. She thinks that she is missing out on something. Emiko, Bette and Yoshi finally went over to visit Alice at Toshi's so that there would be less confusion around the place, and I talked to Yuri while George built a shelf in the bathroom. He spent a couple of hours putting some soles on his bathroom slippers and Mariko said it looked terrible so that he was downcast for a while. She should use a little more tact and praise him for his work around the house more. If he gets nagged, he'll just go out and get drunk and I wouldn't blame him. Because of all the delays we didn't have dinner until about 10:00 but it was very enjoyable. It was the first time we have had a formal dinner over there since coming to Chicago. Usually she fixes up spaghetti or something like that. She didn't ask Emiko and Bette to do a thing, but Yoshi and I got stuck with the dishes. Afterwards Mariko fixed Emiko's and Bette's suit a bit, but it may not be finished next week since they didn't buy the thread to sew it with and they still have to send it out for the buttonholes.



During the course of the day, I met Helen Matsunaga, Fumi ?, Bob Takame, and Mas ~~Kuma~~ Kojima. I only talked to Helen for any length of time. Mas Kojima is going to Harvard law school in a few weeks. He is 21 years old. At one time or another he went around with Setsuko and Helen M. Now they want to keep him in the family so that they are trying to fix him up with Molly the 18 year old sister, but she is too young to appreciate his brilliance as she is looking for more of the fun loving type of Nisei. Mariko said that Mas Kojima's mother went through school with Mom in Japan. The father did not turn out ~~xxx~~ so well and they had a small store before the war. At one time, he was an insurance salesman. Because of the poverty, the oldest daughter was forced to marry a man who was not of her choosing since his dowry would replenish the family resources. Mas is intensely interested in politics and he is anxious that the Nisei get vitally interested too. Bob T thinks that he is an Ivory tower dreamer, but that may be due to the fact that there is rivalry for Helen's hand. Mariko said that Helen was not definitely engaged to Bob T as that was only a rumor. Mariko doesn't like Bob T and she is trying to break them up, but she should not get so involved in other people's business as all of her efforts should be directed towards making her own marriage a success.

Helen is one month younger than Emiko but she appears to be much more worldly. She is going through a debutante stage. I can't figure out yet if she is superficial although she seems to be a very bright girl. She is working in a government agency and getting a salary of \$64 a week. She plans to go to Columbia to finish up her last year of college, but she would like to go to the University of Chicago. If these plans fail to materialize



she will go back to Rockford college to finish up. She thinks that it is pretty certain that she will go to Columbia. Helen is taking a Oriental History Major and she thinks that there will be a future in it after the war because interest in the Orient will pick up immensely. She knows enough Japanese to get by. Her older brother is running one of these Japanese boarding houses on Clark Street. Helen mentioned that Setsuko is getting her MA degree in sociology from Washington University in St. Louis this week.

Helen is one of those attractive girls who can get by without much brains, but happily she has both. She is not as sophisticated as she thinks she is but she will grow out of that stage eventually, I suppose. She tries to give the impression that she is so superior to other Nisei because her father was college educated, but one can be excused for family pride if it does not get obnoxious. Helen is known to be a fluttery type of girl, but she didn't act that way at all during the time I talked with her. Yuri, Helen and I got off into a corner and we had a very interesting discussion on post war employment prospects. Helen made the point that regardless of her own ambitions, much of her future did depend upon what the Nisei did in the way of gaining acceptance at the present time. Although she does not have much to do with them, she feels that they should be encouraged to make as many caucasian contacts as possible. "But it does seem to be such a hard task. When I was down at Rockford, I was the first Nisei in the city and I got along wonderfully. Then a lot of Nisei soldier wives came down to work as domestics and the WRA put an office there. There are about 150 of them now and they seem to have much better acceptance



than in Chicago. But it was a pretty hard struggle for a while because they were always trying to organize into one big group. They tried to organize all of the Nisei domestics into one club at the YWCA and I spoke so much against it that the plan was dropped. But the other Nisei seemed to have mistaken my motives and they said I was snotty, trying to act like a caucasian and things like that. My main reason was that I didn't think it would be good to have all of the Nisei segregated down there before the people of Rockford even got to know them. I think that it is possible for the Nisei to become assimilated, but it will be very hard in Chicago with so many of them here. You should see the gangs of them down on Clark street. I feel ashamed that they are Nisei because of the way some of them act."

For a young girl, Helen is definitely aware of the Nisei position at the present time, and she has a broad outlook. I think that she has the state of mind which is free of race consciousness so that her integration into American life is not going to be difficult at all, even though she does maintain many Nisei contacts. I hardly see where Bob T fits into the picture, but I suppose the cave man stuff is appealing to her.

Yoshi is as obnoxious of ever but it's not the disturbing kind. She just wants people to make a fuss over her. She lost 20 pounds during the two months she was up on Lake Mich with her employer. She can lose 20 pounds more. Yoshi said that she planned to keep on with her domestic work and she will also take piano lessons at the Chicago Conservatory. Next Christmas she plans to go to NY if she can get Mike to go along with her. She said that she make about \$15 a week extra during the summer by giving piano lessons to children staying at the resort so that



she was able to save up quite a bit of money.

The one thing I discovered about Yoshi (ch- ) today was that she was definitely class conscious. She was telling about her experiences up in the woods and she made the point that Ann, the colored cook, was treated as an equal. She said that they both used to talk with Mrs. B in the evening and that she even ate with her. "But Ann ate out in the kitchen. Ann used to say a lot of things to me about race because she felt closer to me, but I used to feel closer to Mrs. B because she has led the type of life that I am more used to. I'm not prejudiced against the Negroes because I even went to one of the affairs that they had. Some of the people in that small town did not know how to take me because sometimes I used to go to shows with Ann and other times I would go with Mrs. B. One night a group of her friends were talking about the Negro problem in the front room. The Jewish people there were much more tolerant than the others. I think that the whole bunch were patronizing so I didn't have many comments to make."

Yoshi would very much like to get married, but she told Emiko that she might be an old maid. She said that she would like to get married so that she could get all of those wedding presents like Mariko did. The trouble with Yoshi is that she tries to chase too obviously and she is not the type of person to be so demure at times. I think that Yoshi will make some guy a good husband if she can land one. Mariko will probably try to fix her up next. Mariko has a knack for trying to work out other people's lovelorn problems.



I had quite a conversation with Yuri (ch-25) today. She said that she had joined the WACS after thinking it over for quite a while. "I am thinking about the post war possibilities and I think that I will be better off. My husband is out in New York now and there is not any hope of any immediate reconciliation. My family is all out here and they will be able to get on so that I don't have any responsibility in this direction. I've been working along at McClurg's but there is not too much of a future here and it only provides a living. I am almost finished with my school now and there is not a large university around here that will let me enroll so that I plan to let it go for a while. I wanted to go to the U. of Wisconsin, but I did not save enough money up. The reason why I am going into the WACS right now is that new opportunities have opened up in it and I think that I might get something in the way of chemistry if I go in.

"Dorothy has been thinking about going into Cadet Nursing this fall, but now she is not so sure. The girl which talked against Mt. Sinai and got Emiko so irritated also influenced Dorothy but in the wrong direction. Dorothy is only using that for an excuse. I think that she is too worried about getting married. She shouldn't worry about that because she is attractive enough but she doesn't have the self confidence in herself after hearing all the rumors about how so many of the Nisei girls are going to be old maids. She must think that every Nisei going into the Army is going to get killed off. She wanted to join the WACS with me but I discouraged her on that because I thought that she should work out her own problems. It would be too much of an escape for her and that would not do her any good. My mother is willing to arrange a marriage for Dorothy



and she is interested in that. She is going to live with the family.

"I think that there is going to be some fireworks in the Ikeda Satow household pretty soon. My mother does not like the way that all the people drop in without notice. She doesn't know Toshie too well yet so she hasn't said anything, but I know that it is coming because she aired some of her resentments to me the other night. She feels that it should be more of a home and not a gathering place for a lot of Nisei. Toshie doesn't exactly invite them over; they just come. My mother thinks that there should be more proper procedures about it.

"I don't know when my father will come to join the family as he is in Washington now. He won't come until Uncle moves out as they do not get along. Uncle is mother's sister. He will go to the YMCA pretty soon. I don't plan to live with the family as there would be too many people around. Teddy has started school now and it is hard for him to study. Pretty soon Otto will start school and they will need a time and place to study but they can't do it if too many people come around. That is what my mother is worried about. She has been getting after Otto quite a bit since coming out here because he has not made any definite plans for college. She keeps rubbing it in that Emiko and Bette go scholarships and she wants to know why he can't do the same. I told her that there was nobody around to advise Otto and that it is a little too late for him to get into the larger colleges now. He will probably go to the Junior college here for a year. Otto wanted to save enough money so that he could go to school and not work, but I don't see how he can do that. He only has about \$350 saved up now. He wanted to go to Purdue until he found out how expensive it was. My



mother is very anxious that he starts college as soon as possible. There has been so many of us picking on him that he is confused. We all want him to go, but none of us know exactly how he should go about it so that it is not really Otto's fault. Albert advised him to stay out for a year and work. (Albert is now in Camp Shelby. He was greatly disappointed when he was not sent to Florida along with the other soldiers. Billy is there too and they are getting ready for overseas duty.)

"I don't know when I will get called into the WACS. It might now be for about eight weeks. I'm not going to say anything about my mother being interned for teaching a Japanese school as it might keep me out. I've never been to camp so that they will have to make a special investigation of me. I should think that the fact that I volunteered is good enough without them checking up so closely. I don't want to be around when my mother sets her foot down over there because it might start a feud for a while.

"I met four caucasian girls recently and they want to find a place on the south side and they have invited me to come and live with them. Two of them are university students and the other two are working. They are all what is known as 'radicals' but I like them because they seem to be so alive to everything. They have the same interests that I do and I haven't been able to find any Nisei who have these broad interests. The Nisei are too interested in petty things.

"I've been out on some dates with Nisei fellows and they seem to have funny ideas about girls who are separated from their husbands. They think that they are all ~~like~~ loose women. I went out with one fellow last week. After we came back from the night club he wanted to come into the room to rest. I



didn't think anything about it until he insisted that we dance and then he began to make advances to me. I wasn't afraid but I got pretty sore because he took things for granted. He wouldn't leave my room so I just left and came over to Toshie's to spend the night. I haven't seen him since. I don't know what makes the Nisei so overconcerned with Sex. It seems to eat on their minds. I think that it is because they have such limited interests that they are not able to find other things to compensate for the lack of it. I know a number of single girls who are afraid of being old maids and you should hear the things they talk about. It doesn't seem healthy for them to be talking this way all the time. I know that most people do it, but not to this degree. I wonder if the evacuation could have caused that. Other people have been disrupted too and yet they seem to adjust themselves to the situation fairly well. I think that the reason for the Nisei acting in this way is because they are still frustrated and they think too much of sex as if it will solve all of their problems. If they didn't worry about it so much, things might work out in its own way. Things aren't hopeless lost like so many of them think."

Jackie went to ~~the~~ dinner at Mineto's in Evanston tonight. He went to Drew with Albert ~~the~~. The sister is married to Mike Masaoka and this explains to Jack while Albert M. was so defensive about the Jack and Mike everytime Jack used to run it down. One day Albert put a picture of Mike and his sister on the dresser and after that Jack said that he had to change his tune!



I got up at 7:30 this morning in order to make my appointment with Miss Agnew of the Illinois Public Aid Commission. We spent several hours in conversation. Miss Agnew explained that she was interested in finding a part-time social worker to handle problems of Nisei adjustment, particularly those concerned with placement in work home between the ages of 14 and 18. She said that the Council of Social Agencies had originally become interested in this matter last May when a few joint meetings were held. However, Miss Agnew felt that the WRA were not too cooperative in the matter so that it had been dropped. It was her impression that the WRA wanted to have the whole say about procedures but it was not willing to assume the whole responsibility. Recently the Illinois Public Aid Commission had to step into this matter again because the WRA and the American Friend Service were violating the State law by placing Nisei minors in employment without work permits. Their investigation revealed that the WRA had no information on many of these young Nisei coming out of the camps and that in many cases no investigation was made of the job. She felt that there was a great need for some worker to perform this function and also to outline the general needs of this young group so that special problems could be referred to the established agencies in the city.

Miss Agnew went on to say that their chief difficulty was in finding a qualified social worker to assume this work. She felt that it was better not to use any of these Nisei who were primarily interested in "uplift" work. For a time the agency had been considering the use of a Caucasian case worker but it was decided that it would take too much time for that individual to



become well acquainted with the Nisei problems. We discussed the general nature of some of the more obvious Nisei problems such as adjustments in work and in social relationships. Miss Agnew felt that these young people were in particular need of some counseling work in order to promote a greater degree of mental stability. She had a folder of cases which has been accumulating and she felt that the part-time worker's function would be to outline the general scope and need for this group and to advise some of the other agencies in the city about what they could do. She did not want one agency to handle all "Japanese cases" because she felt this would not be a wise policy. It was her understanding that the majority of the evacuees were not favorably inclined toward social agencies because of their previous experiences with governmental agencies throughout the evacuation period. She thought that a suitable case worker could get a great deal of background information from these young Nisei and also contacting the centers to get other data so that the IPAC would know better where to direct those individuals in need of special services. She also mentioned about the illegitimate children and the problems of placement for these unfortunate babies.

She then asked me if I would be interested in such a part-time job so I explained my position on the Study. I told her that I was not interested in that work as a job, but I would be interested if I could get some field work credit at the University. I felt that in this way I would be able to gather further data for the Study as well as to get a field work course out of the way. However, I mentioned that I would have to clear it through Berkeley before making any sort of a decision. Miss Agnew felt that I was just the person for this work and she said that she would



contact the University and see if some arrangement could be made for field work credit. She said she used to be a supervisor of students for the Social Service Administration so that this arrangements could be made if I could give two days a week to this work. In the meantime I told her that I would contact Dorothy to get her opinion on ~~was~~ whether this is a wise move to make. I still am not too clear as to the scope of the work involved. It seems that much of it would depend upon the individual hired since he would be expected to define the problems of the young Nisei and to make recommendations for possible services which could be rendered to them. I felt that I could kill three birds with one stone if some sort of arrangements could be made: I would be gathering data for the Study; I would be getting one field work course out of the way; and I would be making some contact for future job possibility with some of the important social agencies in Chicago. I am not fully decided on whether I should plunge into such a task because it may take too much of my time. It would have to be some work which was connected with case documents since I do not wish to enlarge upon my present scope of work in the Study at this time. I have a feeling that I may be able to get some case documents out of the cases handled by the IPAC.

I suppose that it would be a good opportunity for me in terms of my future ~~but~~ but, I am not sure whether I will be able to get enough information for the Study to justify this move. Miss Agnew mentioned that there might be a possibility that I would also get a part-time salary but I told her that I wasn't interested in this. This raises another question: Would Dorothy be willing to let me work on this project in order to get field work credit and still feel that my salary was justified? I can't tell



yet exactly what the work will be since the procedures will have to be established by the social worker who does this job. Another consideration is that I might be depriving some capable Nisei of a job possibility by attempting to make an arrangement for only field work credit. I certainly would not be interested in a job of this nature on a full time nature because I am strongly against any segregated work. If I ever did social work, I would insist upon an undifferentiated case load and not a segregated one such as this work would involve. For this reason, I honestly feel that it would be for the sake of the Study along with the achievement of some of my other personal aims in completing my graduate work. Of course, I do hope to assist some of these young Nisei directly in their adjustment processes. I suppose also that this particular project appeals to me because it is an opportunity to do something about a problem after collecting the facts. A true social scientist is not supposed to be a reformer but I think that no person can be completely unbiased. For example, even Dorothy who is a true social scientist is not completely objective because she is sympathetically inclined toward the evacuees.

I am just assuming that I might be offered this job on a field work basis. I wouldn't consider it as a job alone because I am perfectly satisfied with my present position and I have certain feelings of loyalty towards the Study. It becomes a difficult problem when one attempts to advance himself especially if it comes in conflict with his job. The way I look at it is that there is no conflict at all in this instance because the primary consideration would be in terms of the Study. This is a sort of a crisis for me, I suppose since a definite decision has to be made very soon. I think that Miss Agnew would offer me the job if I



really sought it. I haven't even considered the possibility that I might prove a failure in such a project as this until just now. I suppose I have <sup>more</sup> confidence in myself as a social worker than as a research worker even though my present interests are in research endeavors! It's hard to explain this, but it is true. It may be because of my background training which has been more in the direction of social service work.

I've been thinking about this thing all day and I don't know if it is exactly a wise move altho I think it might prove profitable both to me and the Study. However, I would sort of be plunging into this thing blindly and the work might make a nervous wreck out of me, especially since it would be a pioneering effort and it would be necessary to establish procedures, etc., etc. Another consideration is that I might come in conflict with the WRA which is very jealous of its "rights" over all Nisei affairs. That doesn't bother me too much since I have been on the opposite side of the fence before and I don't think that it unduly affects my work. I hesitate about this because I might be taking on more work than I can possibly handle and I certainly don't want to get away from the case document work, which I now think will be important if I can get 100 cases. I think I shall wait for Dorothy's counsel on this matter and act accordingly. There may be other aspects to it which I have not considered.

Miss Agnew did mention that there were 3 or 4 Nisei intensely interested in that job and they may be better qualified than I so that I have no right in assuming that I would be offered this work with these special provisions which I have in mind. I gave her several names of Nisei whom I thought might be qualified. A Mrs. Mukoyama was to be interviewed after me but I have never heard of her before. I spent 3 hours with Miss Agnew so that it was a rather long interview.



After I left the IPAC office I went over to visit with Togo since I haven't seen him but once since the Salt Lake trip. Togo said that he was having some difficulty with his report and he wanted to come out and discuss it with the staff. I don't know what he means by "slowing down" because his criteria is much different from ours. Togo mentioned that the Friends Service office is now going to allow him one-day a week off so that he could work on the Study. He said that the office was now entering a new phase of work, namely, a study of areas of tension. Togo and Bill McKee have been going out one day a week to do field work to sound out various employers, landlords, etc. on their present attitudes toward the Nisei. Togo has tentatively concluded that the Near North Side is the greatest area of tension and that the greatest amount of minor and major vices among resettlers are centered in this district. He plans to make a call on the Playland, a drinking establishment, which is rumored to be partly owned by an evacuee (resettler).

Togo and I had lunch at the YMCA and we had a private bull session of about 2 hours. Togo is very disappointed in the WRA at the present time. He feels that Raymond Booth has not lived up to expectations. Booth is a Quaker and he was formerly connected with the American Friends Service in Pasadena. He headed the Cincinnati WRA office where he had some degree of success in organizing the Nisei into resettlement committees. Togo felt that the WRA office here has completely reversed itself on its position in regard to the best method of solving adjustment problems. He said that last June the Friends office had a big conflict with Kennedy of the WRA and Kennedy told them "the hell with you if you don't agree with us. You go your way and we will go ours." Togo men-



tioned that Booth was most favorably inclined toward the JACL because of the good relationship he had with this group in Cincinnati. Yatabe of the local JACL office is now sending out questionnaires to sound out Nisei opinion on whether they want a chapter organized out here or not. Booth had his run-in with the American Friends office recently when he accused them of taking a negative attitude toward the adjustment process of the resettlers. The Friends Service office have been very consistent in its position of integration as the only solution to the problem. The WRA started with this policy in mind during Shirrell's regime, but the lip-service followers gradually dropped off so that he was beginning to weaken by the time Kennedy was transferred as the regional director. Kennedy has always been strong on labor unions and he worked under the assumption that in unity there is strength. Kennedy therefore proceeded to foster Nisei organization with this in mind. It did not prove successful at all due to lack of leadership. Jacoby then became the next instigator of this program but now Booth is all out for Nisei organization. Togo said that the WRA has adopted a policy for the umpteenth time that they are no longer going to place resettlers in jobs but the agency will occupy itself primarily with the social adjustment problem.

Togo was greatly disturbed by the position which Harry Mayeda has established for himself with WRA officials. As an individual Togo was quite impressed with his aggressive manner and his ability to assume responsibility. He said that Harry was now busy trying to get the St. Mary's orphanage to open up a floor which could be used for a girl's dormitory. However, Togo was not quite clear as to the motivation of individuals of this sort. He felt that Harry was sincere in trying to help the Nisei but he also felt that there



was an element of prestige seeking. He mentioned that he had the greatest respect for Frank because of his keen analytical mind but he was very doubtful about Harry's capacity to see the problem as a whole. The thing which apparently upsets Togo is the recent attempt to organize a resettlers' committee which the WRA has given its blessings to. This organization is now going to collect dues from the members and it is no longer going to be an informal group. Harry is in the key position of this outfit and he told Togo that the primary purpose would be in public relations work. Togo was very doubtful that such an organization could do much in this respect and he opposed the general principle of it just as much as he opposed the creation of the JACL chapter. However, he said that he was connected with the committee since he didn't like to see it get out of control. He hoped that the organization would die quietly like some of the others have done.

Togo said that he has been consistently opposed to Yatabe and the JACL chapter plan out here and in order to be consistent to his beliefs, he should also oppose the creation of a similar organization which is now developing under the name of the resettlers' committee. He pointed out that it would be almost impossible for a nisei to do public relations work. As an example he cited the Aragon incident. At that time a Nisei representative, supposedly from the resettlers' committee, ~~was~~ attempted to contact the manager of the Aragon and Trianon but this person refused to talk to any "Japanese person". It was not until an interested Caucasian individual took an active part in this matter that the manager consented to discuss it. At the present time the Aragon is supposed to be opened to a limited number of Nisei but actually most Nisei couples who present themselves are still being turned away. Togo



feels that Harry is all wrong when he promotes a segregated organization in order to establish greater integration for the Nisei group. He said that it would be the same as starving a baby in order to make him eat.

I never heard Togo express himself so fully as this before he has been rather cautious about what he says due to his official connection with the Friends Service office. It seems that the conflict between the WRA and Friends Service has reached a point of open break and Togo is quite irritated with the actions of Raymond Booth in particular. Togo never dislikes anyone openly but I guess I caught him just at the moment when he felt like airing some of his viewpoints. Of course, I did egg him on. I told him that he shouldn't mention any of this to Frank because Frank is a good friend of Harry Mayeda's and he would resent it. Togo said he would be on his guard when he comes to this office to visit us. Togo does qualify himself in some of his statements so that I guess he is diplomatic or expedient.

When I got back to the office, I started to discuss some of these things with Frank and Tom. Frank feels that such groups as the Resettlement Committee are necessary as it is the means to the end of integration. We differed in the means to achieve this end and I suddenly found that this whole segregation-integration issue is by no means dead. Tom took the view that the Resettlement Committee is the most progressive Nisei group in Chicago now and the only ray of hope. He said that there must be at least 30 or 40 formal evacuee organizations in Chicago now. The most dangerous one from the viewpoint of being a threat to the integration program is the YBA. They are now trying to get 500 members and they have discarded their fine ideals of fostering



integration as they found that it did not prove workable. They had a big meeting yesterday afternoon in which there was argument as to whether they should have a large dance or not. Tom said that Barry Saiki comes home from these meetings almost in tears as he is getting outnumbered by the ~~ixesch06l~~ of thought which feels that social activities are the most important thing right now to consider. Tom said that there were very few of the Buddhists who were thinking in terms of the future and that Barry and a few others were fighting a losing battle. The Buddhists are making no pretense about having a segregated group as it no longer feels the necessity of making caucasian contacts since much of the fear element which existed some months ago no longer exists to their way of thinking. Tom said that the whole Buddhist group are very conservative and that if they start these dances it will set the pattern for a whole series of segregated affairs. Tom believes that I am a generation ahead of the times and that nothing will stem the tide now.

Frank thinks there is some hope but that the gathering of Nisei into their own groups is a natural process and that out of this some integration may result immediately and a lot later on. He does not think there will be a close knit Nisei town here but the Nisei society is becoming more and more organized and that all is not necessarily lost. I brought up the point that integration may be an "unnatural process" at the present time, but that it could become a natural process with good administration. Tom remarked that the WRA could not be counted on as the personnel were not that interested. He said that Booth was the one who has been spurring the YBA on and he has sponsored a lot of these boarding houses around



here. "Booth no longer thinks in terms of a transition period because he feels that a Japanese town is here to stay and he is not going to do anything about it." The JACL will be the next group to get organized, I suppose, but I still have not given up hope. I feel that the integration process is a sort of state of mind and that a lot of it is going on, but it is not recognizable in concrete terms so that there is a desire on the part of a lot of Nisei to want to go back to what they knew on the coast. This whole business has me upset and disturbed again. For some months I have kept out of these things because I felt that it was detrimental to the study to take an active part in trying to discourage the formation of Nisei groups. I asked Frank what he would think about it if I suddenly got into an urge to advocate ~~xx~~ strenuously against these recent Nisei organizations, and he advised me not to say anything for the sake of the study because it would close up sources of information now open to us if the staff, or any part of it, became labeled as on the Opposition. That is the trouble with social scientists: they don't care what happens as long as they get the facts! I guess I had better keep my <sup>peace</sup> ~~piece~~ as Frank and Tom both conclude that some measure of segregation is inevitable and nothing can stop it. I don't want to split the staff up, but it's hard as hell to maintain a scientific attitude when I see these developments which I personally consider are a threat to the future Nisei security. I hope that I am wrong, but I suppose I am quite strong in my belief that integration is workable, at least we can hope for a state of mind among the Nisei where they will not be so damn race conscious that they have to withdraw into their own limited groups.



I stayed at the office until after 8 typing and then came home. Emiko and Bette had gone shopping so I decided to wait for them before eating. I waited and waited. Finally I could not stand the hunger so I ate at 11:00. Emiko and Bette came in a few minutes later. They had gone to a show after shopping downtown. We had a chicken dinner this evening.

It was very warm today, but the weather reports on the radio says that it will rain tomorrow. A decisive drive is being made into Germany now and the next few weeks will tell if the war in Europe is going to be over very quickly or whether it will drag out through the winter months.



Mariko is 30 years old today! As Emiko says, "Just think, in ten more years she will be 40 and I will be 30." How time does fly! Mariko certainly does act young for her age. I guess she had a delayed youth. We wonder if she is going to have any children. Mariko and George both want to start a family, but George would rather wait until things are more secure. He is thinking of changing his job soon so that is the reason why Mariko wants to go to work now. I suspect that Mariko is the one who is making George look for another job. She says that a shipping clerk job is so menial and he is only making \$40 a week. George doesn't want any more reflections on his manhood so that he will look around to see what he can find. He will be interested in a job with a better salary at the moment since his expenses have gone up considerably since his marriage.

Miss Agnew of the IPA C phoned me today in regards to the work with the agency. She said that she had talked to the Social Service Department at the University in regards to making plans so that I would get field work credit, but this had been discouraged since she was so loaded with her other duties as a supervisor. However she went on to say, "We would very much like you to consider taking the job on a half time basis for salary. We went over your recommendations and record and we feel that you are ideally suited for this problem. It would involve about 20 hours of work a week and salary would be between \$90 and \$125 a month. If you decide not to take it, we are going to consider Mrs. Mukoyama. She has lived in Chicago for a long time and her husband is a merchant in this city. She has a AM from the U. of California and she has also had experience in social work with the Chicago agencies. However, she does not know too much about the evacuation and resettlement



of the Japanese. How soon do you think you will be able to decide if you could take this part time work or not?"

I gave Miss Agnew an immediate answer that I did not think I could consider the work at the present time because I was not interested in it for salary, but only for the field work experience. I suppose I could fit the time in if I worked like a dog, but I don't feel like doing that. I had thought about the whole thing carefully last night and decided that I would not take the job for salary alone. I don't think that I am making too much of a mistake, if any, as my present work still seems to be more important. I would like to get some practical experience but it didn't work out in the way I wanted it. It's not saying that I could not use the extra money, but I don't think I would be able to do justice to both jobs if I worked on the basis of salary for the IPAC.

Miss Agnew was rather disappointed with my immediate answer and she felt that I should wait for a while and consult the Berkeley office but I did not see how I could arrive at any other decision. She then asked me if I would be willing to act as a Consultant for the agencies (Child Welfare Services) and review or propose recommendations which they might make. She said that at the end of a three months period a joint staff meeting would be held and she would like me to come at that time since it would be decided then as to the amount of services the agencies of Chicago would give to the young Nisei resettlers. I assured her that I would be willing to cooperate in any way.

It wasn't as hard a decision to make as I thought. My future definitely was not at stake since I have cemented the contacts with Miss Agnew. I'll be able to do my field work at the University later on, and I may be able to get the data from any person hired, probably Mrs. M.



This evening I went over to interview Chiyo (ch-48) again. She said that she had received two letters from her boyfriend so that she was still undecided about joining the WACS until she found out for sure just how he felt towards her. Chiyo was so preoccupied with this subject that I saw that it was not much use in trying to interview her. Instead she started to talk about her wide acquaintances among the Nisei soldiers. A Nisei chaplain friend of her, Masao Yamada, had just had an article in the Tribune about how he penetrated the German lines in order to bring back the bodies of two members of the 100th. A handkerchief was waved and the German patrol allowed them to reclaim the bodies without shooting. The chaplain had written all about this incident so that Chiyo sent the letter on to the Pacific Citizen.

I asked her if she would be willing to let me have some of the letters received from Nisei soldiers and she was very willing to cooperate in this matter. However, she said that most of the letters were very casual and unimportant from the point of view of research work. She began to sort them out and for the next four or five hours I went through hundreds of letters with her and selected a fair sample. A number of the fellows have already been killed in action and I thought that their letters might be revealing in expressing their attitudes. Most of the fellows who write to her are Hawaiian Nisei as Chiyo has a preference for them. I don't know exactly what soldiers mean to her, but she is only friendly to them and she has a sort of contempt for the civilian Nisei as she feels that they are not doing enough for the war effort. Chiyo follows the activities of the 100th very closely and she sends them all the clippings which she finds about them in the papers. She feels that this helps to bolster their morale.



I don't know what all of the motivations behinds Chiyo's actions are, but I think that all of her intense patriotism and her attitudes towards the Hawaiian Nisei soldiers are manifestations of some disorganization on her part. This explains in a way her present conflict about joining the WACS. Throughout her whole life history, I get the picture that she has been disorganized and that she seeks compensation in many different channels. Maybe she feels superior in intelligence to the Hawaiian soldiers and that gives her some sense of security. She was very badly maladjusted at Jerome until she plunged into the USO work. It seems that her case is one in which she does not feel that she belongs completely to the Nisei or caucasian society so that the best substitute in her mind is the Hawaiian group. I don't question her loyalty and feelings of patriotism as being sincere, but the intense preoccupation with this sort of thing is not entirely normal. Everytime I go over there, she wants to talk about the Nisei soldiers and she can't stand the civilians. Part of this is explained by the fact that she is made more conscious of the war because of her correspondence. I think most soldiers are griped with the civilians and Chiyo is only reflecting the attitudes of the Nisei soldiers. But I don't know exactly how to explain her preoccupation with sex talk. She tries to be so sophisticated. I usually have to stay about an hour extra just to talk about some aspect of sex and I am lead to the conclusion that she is trying to bait me on to satisfy her ego that she is so attractive to all males but that she don't want to commit herself to anyone yet. She was talking about how the Nisei would look at her if she had an illegitimate child since contraceptives were not 100% protection.



I got up early this morning as Jack started to talk with Emiko and Bette. It's the only chance that he gets to talk as he is working when we are asleep and vice versa. He said that some Kibei fellow at his plant told him not to work so hard because "Not good for Japan." Jack mentioned that the plant was not nearly so busy although most of the fellows continued to get their overtime in. The Nisei fellows are not too worried about the end of the war as they figure that this plant will continue to produce as the theater of war turns to the Orient.

Jack has been getting daily letters from Dolores so that all must be going along well. She addresses her ~~letters~~ letters "Mrs Kikuchi" from the Stanford Hospital so that the officials there have become acceptable to the idea and she is now on duty full time. Her folks are also reconciled and her mother sent Jack a twin shirt as Dolores had one like it. Emiko and Bette did not know it was for him and they had plans on who was going to get it. Jack won't give that shirt up as he wants to wear it for sentimental reasons. It's a pretty loud Hqwaiian shirt though.

I worked right through the day on my dictation and managed to get a lot done. It won't be long now until I am caught up with my backlog. I had planned to start a new case this week, but Chiyo sort of delayed this schedule. Frank was mentioning that the WRA data still has to be finished up so that Louise will start going to the WRA office for one or two days a week starting from next week. She has a vacation coming up from Oct. 4 and I hope to get caught up by that time. Tom is not able to complete his report as some of the companies still have to send him the information. He has a lot of dictation to do also. <sup>The pressure seems to be on Louise more than us.</sup> However we have been trying to lighten the load as much as possible. She does her work intensively five days a week, but I don't feel that we are overworking her excessively.



I was feeling very ambitious this evening so that I did all of the washing so that we are now caught up on our laundry. Usually it accumulates for a few weeks before we do anything about it, especially since the girls have been working. Emiko has been muttering away all evening about the ironing she has to do; she worked four hours on it before exhaustion overtook her. Yes, I certainly will miss Emiko when she goes to nursing school--nobody can henpeck me quite like she does! Her nostril dilate and her eyes flash as the dumbest moments so I have to act docile and take it. I think she bullies me! I have to humor her along since she will be leaving soon. But I don't know what I will do about my shirts as Bette can't iron as neatly as Emiko. Guess I will start sending them to the laundry, but it takes so long to get them back.

Bette wrote a few letters and then she settled down to read some of the Shakespearian plays and Greek Classics which she has been assigned for preparation of the general tests which the freshman will take. Bette is getting all excited about starting college next week. I didn't think that she would get around to doing the reading, but she is well aware of the fact that her studies will have to assume first place from now on. Some of the fellows and girls at her factory plan to give her a dinner, but Bette postponed it until next week or later as she only has a couple of evenings left to do the reading assignments. I don't think that she will get her suit finished in time. Mariko hasn't phoned about it. Bette will quit ~~xxxx~~ after Friday, but Jack thinks that she should work on Saturday too as she will probably sleep all morning instead of studying as she plans.



Busy all day dictating. If I have a few more days like this, I should get caught up pretty soon. <sup>This evening.</sup> ~~Last night~~ I went over to interview Chiyo (ch-48) and I will finish with her in one more time. She has heard from her boy friend in Italy twice so that she is much more relieved. She said that the main problem in regards to her joining the WAC<sup>m</sup> has now been settled, but there is still her parents. At the same time, Chiyo is giving some thought to her post war situation in case she does not get married. She thinks that she will quit her job soon as it is getting monotonous. She is going to start night school next week in order to brush up on her typing and bookkeeping. She would like to get a clerical job with some ~~a~~ social service agency as she feels that it will offer more possibilities of remaining on after the war even if the wage is lower. { She has a place in mind as her girl friend is going to quit there soon in order to get married. }

Chiyo, like the majority of the Nisei, feels that there will be a depression after the war, but that it will hit the negro group much harder than the Nisei. She has some property in California but she is not thinking of returning there as "California will still be hostile and it will be much more difficult to get a goodhold there." { She feels that the final resort for her will be to go into domestic work if the Nisei are barred from other types of jobs when the soldiers return, but "the depression won't last forever so that's why I want to get some special skill."

I met a fellow over there who answered "no-no" to the Army registration in camp in March '43. He said that the reason why he got out of camp was that the S.F. American Civil Liberties group spoke up for him. He is a G.O.



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The fellow is a little droopy; he writes poetry. However, he seems to be quite intelligent altho I suspect he is quite unbalanced emotionally. He got fired from his job yesterday because of difference of opinion with his boss. I don't think that I will be able to interview him because he is reticent at the present time. The fellow likes to be contrary to everything and everybody according to what Chiyo says. He is married to one of the Iaka girls who have a notorious reputation. One of these sisters was shot by her lover some years ago. The wife of the fellow I met is 8 years older than he is and she was Chiyo's room-mate at Jerome. She has a child at the present time. Chiyo said that this girl had lovers scattered all over the world and that's why she didn't get married until she got into Jerome.

When I got home this evening I found the following note for me. That Bette certainly is a sly one but I should spank her for running out like that when she had some studies to do. I've been getting after her so much that I decided not to press it too much because I figured that she will get her studies done eventually. After school begins she will have to make her studies the main objective and not be distracted by other activities unless her homework is all completed. Bette's note:

"Dear Charlie:

We have to do the week-end shopping tomorrow and won't have the opportunity so we're going to the show tonite to see "Dead End". Emiko did all the ironing last nite and had nothing to do tonite and I have Fri., Sat. & Sun and also part of next week to study for my Humanities test so I'm not neglecting it am I?



Will be home around 11:30 I guess.

Love,

Bette"

Bette got a letter from Mr. Altrie today. He is a Filipino friend of the family and he has been in the Navy for over 30 years. He has been married and divorced twice. Altrie sent Jack \$40 for a wedding present and Bette \$10 at the time she graduated. Now he wants to send Bette \$10 a month in order to help out with her school. However, Bette does not think that she should accept this because it is not orthodox procedure. She is going to send the money back and ask him not to send her that sum each month because she is not in a position to accept it. Altrie is well-meaning enough and this is the usual practice of many Filipino gentlemen who give gifts to Filipino girls as they are considered "uncles". Bette does not question Altrie's motives but she does not want to get obligated and she says that she doesn't even remember him because he was more Pop's friend. Altrie took a sudden interest in Bette when he got her graduation picture. >

The JACL is getting under way in Chicago! < Tom went down to see Yatabe yesterday and he did not get too cooperative a reception because Yatabe feels that our staff is anti-JACL. This is based on some rumors he heard. He is very touchy about the matter and he does not want us to have any of the office files so I wrote to Larry in regards to the matter. Yatabe claims that he will not have any direct connection with the local JACL chapter because he is a representative of the National office. However, the inner JACL clique here already has picked out a man to lead the local chapter. The result of the questionnaire was not



too encouraging to Yatabe because only 50 individuals out of 200 answered the questionnaire and less than half of these answers were favorable. In spite of that the JACL is going to proceed with organizational plans. I don't think that it will get too far in <sup>it</sup> the membership drive because the sentiment against the JACL is quite strong among the resettlers out here. These Nisei saviors who want to lead the flock out of the wilderness give me a pain in the posterior because they don't realize that they are defeating their purpose by organizing these segregated clubs.

<The YBA is potentially the organization to set the segregated Nisei society really going because it has a strong following. For several months it has been sending out feelers and it now feels that the present time is suitable to proceed with a mass membership drive. They hope to get at least 500 members who will pay \$1.00 dues a month so that the Reverend can have a comfortable salary. In return they are expecting social activities. It seems that they no longer concern themselves about integration as they feel that segregation is more desirable. They probably will hold discussions about integration, but they will not do anything about it. Tom is making out a questionnaire for them in order to determine the attitudes of the members since he has a good relationship with the Buddhist group. Like a true social scientist, he doesn't care how much the Nisei organizes as long as the data collecting ~~data~~ is facilitated. <sup>Tom</sup> He is trying to urge one of us to get in good with the JACL, but I don't think I could stomach any more of that outfit even for the sake of science. The JACL hasn't have much hope if it has to depend upon men of the Kido and Yatabe calibre.



Sept. 6, 1944

to 5946  
My Dear Bette,

I am so glad to receive your long awaited lovely letter of the 9th of August which is postmarked Aug. 8.

It thrilled me to know you are 18 years old now, and it gives me some unfixed imotions to think of it. Please, don't hesitate to tell me thoes things which you want to tell. You can never bore me, Bette. I'm interested in the past, present and the future that you tell me.

I like your plan of entering the University of Chicago this fall and prepare yourself for a nursing career. I like to help you a little each month, so please don't say no. I'm enclosing herewith the first one, and I beg of you for your acceptance of same small gift and give a little smile to the poor sender.

You say, "One shouldn't discuss himself altogether in a letter, should one?" If I were in the position of doing so, I should, but, unfortunately, as you see, our letters here are being censored. Yours are not.

I'm safe and sound and I do hope you and your family are the same.

Cordially yours,

Daniel



12 Social Science Bldg.,  
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Chicago 37, Illinois.

Sept. 15, 1944

Dear Larry:

The other day Miss Lois Wildy, director of Case Work at the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society, asked me to discuss a problem with her in regards to homeless babies. This agency has several babies of Japanese ancestry which are in need of suitable homes. Unless placed soon, these babies will be put into an orphanage.

I had no direct suggestion to make except that I thought it might be possible to appeal to Nisei families through the Pacific Citizen. I hope that you will be able to find space in some future issue of PC to insert the enclosed article.

As you might guess, these babies are illegitimate but I would not want this information known because of the peculiar psychology of the Nisei towards them. Any prospective parent will naturally be informed of this factor but it will be an entirely confidential matter to be discussed only between the prospective parents and the agency involved. There has not been too many illegitimate Nisei babies in the Chicago area, but the agency apparently is becoming greatly concerned about the matter since the number of cases have increased suddenly this year. This probably is due to the sudden freedom of Nisei individuals from parental and community control, and it is further influenced by the restless behavior and mental instability of the great majority of the resettlers. There is nothing physically or mentally wrong with these illegitimate babies, but the unwed mother is not able to make provisions for the care of the infant. In one case the unwed mother had her baby in Chicago and then left the city for parts unknown.

I suppose there are many Nisei couples who would like to start a family but unfortunately the difficulty is that there is a general feeling of insecurity about the future and they are afraid to take the chance at this time. There is a fear of the draft, loss of jobs in the post-war period, and many other things of this nature which deteriorates the self-confidence of these families. On top of that, we have a great housing crisis in Chicago and the majority of the resettlers are living in small furnished flats with no definite idea of remaining here permanently. Under these circumstances, a great many couples are not in a position to have any children of their own even though they may desire it.

The chances for these babies being adopted in the Chicago area seems rather limited because of these and other circum-



stances. However, I thought that there might be some families in other areas of the country who might be willing to adopt a child because of more favorable and settled ~~axxx~~ conditions. I am greatly concerned about these babies because I feel that if they are placed in an orphanage, it would be disastrous upon their personality development. Some suggestion was made that they be placed in the Manzanar Children's Village, but I do not feel that this is advisable since it would only be "passing the buck". Because of the evacuation and its disruption of the pre-war Japanese communities, no provision has yet been made for the care of children of unwed mothers. This is only one aspect of the "Nisei problem" but I feel that it is important for the babies concerned to find a normal home. If you have any suggestions on this matter, I am sure that the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society will appreciate it greatly.

There's another matter which I would like to discuss with you: I understand that the JACL is contemplating the establishment of a local Chicago chapter. In our research work, we have been attempting to cover all aspects of resettlers individual and group developments. For this reason we would like to cover the local chapter as fully as possible. We have a good working relationship with Dr. Yatabe of the local office, but he feels that some authorization from the National office should be obtained before he discloses any of the chapter information to our group. Would it be possible for you to obtain this permission from the National headquarters?

We would like permission for one of our staff members to attend all closed or open staff meetings. Naturally any information we receive will be absolutely confidential and be used for our research work on group activities. We are also interested in getting precise and accurate information about the membership in the organization. Therefore, if it is at all possible, we should like to have an opportunity to examine the membership files of the Chicago JACL. The data taken from these files will be used only for statistical analyses and like the other data will be kept strictly confidential. We trust that the National headquarters will give consideration to this manner in a favorable light. We shall be able to arrange other details with Dr. Yatabe directly if consent in this matter is granted.

Best regards to your beautiful and charming wife.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Kikuchi



ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S HOME AND AID SOCIETY  
208 W. Washington St. Chicago 6, Illinois

Sept. 13, 1944

Dear Mr. Kikuchi:

Enclosed please find a statement which Mr. Thompson has drawn up for the Pacific Citizen. We are submitting it to you for corrections and if you have any question about it, feel very free to make any editorial changes, or, if you would like to have Mr. Thompson rewrite it, he will be glad to do so. Should this appear in print in the paper, we would be very glad to have a copy of it.

I was glad for the opportunity to talk with you the other day, and, if you have any further suggestions as to a solution of our problem, I will be very glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Lois Wildy  
Director of Case Work



Prepared for the PACIFIC CITIZEN  
By the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society  
208 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

A human and dramatic appeal to American families of Japanese ancestry was made this week in Chicago. A large welfare agency, responsible for the care of dependent and homeless children, began a search for suitable foster homes for a number of babies of Japanese ancestry.

The agency which appealed to the generosity, parental affection and public spirit of Nisei or Issei families who might have room for a child in their home was made by the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society, a private children's welfare agency with headquarters at 208 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. The children under the care of this agency are normal, healthy babies whose parents are unable to provide a home for them.

Staff members of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society stated that they wished to learn of any married couple who would open their family circle to one of these helpless, homeless babies. Such an act was described as a "satisfying opportunity for service on the home front," and it would give these children the love and security which every youngster needs to get a good start in life.

The welfare agency announced that the babies may be placed in private homes under either one of two plans. Some of the children are available for adoption, and it is therefore possible, after suitable investigation, for families to be approved and arrangements made for the permanent adoption of a baby. The welfare agency announced that these adoptions are



not limited to the state of Illinois. If there are families who would like to help in this emergency by providing a temporary home for a child without assuming permanent responsibility, the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society will arrange a boarding plan under which the child stays in a home but legal guardianship remains with the agency. Under this plan, the agency will pay for the child's board, clothing, and any necessary medical care while it is in the foster home.

The agency has full information and records about the health and background of these children. Every precaution is taken to place them with a view to the greatest happiness and security of both child and foster family.

Any family interested in applying for one of these babies of Japanese American ancestry is asked to communicate with the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society, 208 West Washington Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.



I didn't get to the office until noon as I was tired from the interview last night. Dictated all afternoon. Around 4:30 I rushed home to eat. Everything was in a mess as Jack had deliberately done this in "protest for the fact that the girls had run out to a show and forgotten to make a lunch for him." He made his sandwiches with the meat loaf and most of it was gone so I only ate one slice so that I would not be accused of being inconsiderate and bear the wrath of Emiko! As it turned out, they ate downtown after shopping so that there was enough left.

Went way out to the North side to interview Kiku Tomita, but I think that the evening was not very fruitful. She had written Dorothy saying that she was interested in research work and that she had an autobiography prepared for the study. I discovered that she only had it in mind so I did encourage her to write it. Kiku is a bright girl, but she was trying to show off too much. She made a great fuss about being so secretive with her writings so I wondered why she had wanted me to come up and look at it over in the first place. Most of the evening she was trying to tell me how the study should be made. Youthful enthusiasm I guess. I let her talk on. I encouraged her to make some spot observations of Nisei adjustments, but she is more interested in "conclusions." She does not think the raw material is necessary as she hopes to be objective without it. I didn't try to argue with her as that seemed to be what she wants. I have noticed that many Nisei are like that. They want to argue instead of discuss in order to show off their superior insight on things. Must be an attempt to cover up feelings of inadequacies which they do not want to admit.



I did encourage her to write her own autobiography, but I don't know how far she will get as she seems to be quite busy. I saw many evidences of Jimmy Sakoda's training on her as she wants to psycholanalyze people and peghole them into some preconceived picture. I did my best to explain WI's belief that it was not necessary to be full of theory, but to collect the facts objectively so that some analysis could be made of it later on. Kiku seems to feel that "conclusions" must come out of everything right away.

The girl is bright and if encouraged she may be able to gather some useful data for the study so I praised her abilities all evening long like a true hypocrit. She is quite capable of writing from the little bit I did see. She is only about 20 or 21 from what I gather. She graduate from the Highline High School in the suburb of Seattle. She believes that the Japanese family has qualities that no other racial groups possess and therefore she is very proud of her Japanese blood. I asked her if she meant she was proud of every individual Japanese and she began to back down and admit that there was a wide difference in the Japanese families just as in any other racial group and that they did not possess all of the human virtues. She feels that the Seattle Japanese are superior to the California ones, etc., etc. Rash generalizations of youth I would say. She plans to go to college eventually. Right now she would like to get her parents out of camp. Her younger sister is living with her now. Kiku pays \$9 a week rent and supports her sister on her salary as a secretary at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. She has a lot of possibilities so it might pay to encourage her along. At least she does a lot of such a young girl. thinking about things even tho her views are too dogmatic for/



Bette quit her job yesterday so that Jack began to hound her this morning. He felt that she should work the one extra day today and send the money to Tom and Miyako. <Bette said that she was tired of work and that she planned to send them the \$10 which Mr. Altrie sent her, after which she will not accept any more gifts of this nature from him. > Bette did manage to save quite a sum as she put about \$180 in the bank for her summer's savings. <Her suit is already paid for so that it will not be such a cut out of her earnings to get fall clothes. > The Kobe College sent her a check of \$100 today and she will be able to pay her first quarter's tuition with that. It will send her another \$100 later on. She still has \$300 promised to her from the Student Relocation Council so that she will be able to meet all over her first years expenses at the University. It will be at least \$500 to meet all of the expenses. Kobe college corporation also sent Emiko \$75 which is half of the scholarship given her. The rest will be sent later.

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<Jack would not let Bette get back into bed after Emiko went to work so that Bette got a good start on all of the things which she had to do. She ironed all morning in order to catch up, went to the bank, shopped a little, etc. I slept all morning as I read a novel until about 4:00am this morning. (my watch stopped.)

Bette was just settling down to study when Betty Mean phoned up. BJ arrived from Georgia yesterday and she is going to move into the dormitory at the University tomorrow. BJ was quite worried about the reading required for the preliminary tests so that we invited her over for dinner. She and Bette discussed Socrates discourses for a couple of hours this evening. BJ is extremely bright and mature in spite of the fact that she is not



yet 18. She got out of high school when she was 15 and she attended the Sherwood Music school for two years with Eileen where she was extremely unahppy. She wants to be a teacher. BJ has read widely and she was able to help Bette out a lot in explaining the Greek Classics. Bette is highly excited about the start of College. The first general meeting for the new students will take place tomorrow night. BJ and Bette seem to click well together so that they will be seeing a lot of each other at school. BJ is going to ~~xxxx~~ doing piano accompanying work on Sat so that she will make about \$8 a week in this way. She will also get about \$5 a week for singing in the Univer. Choir. This will take care of her board. Her folks seem to be pretty prosperous farmers down in Georgia. At first they were a little skeptical when they learned that she was living with a Nisei girl. (Eiläen) as they did not know how to classify this group. But for Southerners, BJ's folks seem to be very liberal from what she said.

Last semester, BJ said that she was almost a nervous wreck because all of those Nisei boys flocked over to their apartment. She said that things would be different this year and that she would be much more selective in her friends and they would be more of the college type with mutual interests. I think that it is important that BJ decide this point immediately or else she is going to be pestered to death with Nisei. I suggested that she select friends on an individual basis, and not limit herself to Nisei because they were Nisei. She does not think she will do this again but just keep up her best contacts. She said that Bette told her in letters how I emphasized this point with her and BJ's mother thought it would relieve her mind if Jack and I gave her this kind of



advise. BJ wanted me to guide her like Bette but she said that she is up here to study and not have a social debut so that there was not cause for too much worry. I think that she will make Bette a very good companion and that they will enter a lot of the college activities together. Bette is highly enthusiastic now that Betty Jean is here to study and do other things together. BJ feels that she and Bette have a feeling of equality so that she won't feel dominated as when she was living with Eileen. The two of them have already planned to attend some operas, etc this season. It gave me a sense of satisfaction to see how Bette is lifting away from the more limited Nisei world of interests and she will develop greatly with her college career. It certainly will not be a loss for her to hold off her nursing training for a while and get this liberal background. I want her to get enjoyment out of her college life at the same time.

This afternoon Yammy and Aegi dropped in. They are at Snelling now in the language school. Yammy is a reformed zoot suiter. He said that when he went into the Army he lost all desire to wear drapes and he gave them all away. His ambition now is to get some overseas duty. Yammy volunteered about a year ago. Aegi went to JC in San Francisco with Emiko for a while. Yammy only ~~was a zoot suiter~~ weighs 108 pounds but he takes those 30 miles hikes in the Army with 70 pounds on his back. He does not think that he will come back alive if he goes overseas, but he does not care.

Davy came over a little later. He quit his job again and gave him another "lecture." When he left he said that he hoped that he would never see me again. I plan to interview him in a short time. Davy said that he definitely does not want to go to school and he is thinking of taking a job in



brewery as it pays .93cents and hour. He has spent up his \$400 he had when he left camp and he has to borrow money now to eat as he did not save a cent at work. He is not taking any music lessons. His girlfriend came out here from Kansas city and he is busy running around with her. He got into a wrong group when he got out here and he is taking the path of least resistance. It is too bad as he has possibilities and he will get into a rut like so many other Nisei if he does not take constructive steps for the future very soon. The more he gets entrenched with his Nisei group, the harder he is going to find it to take the initiative for his own advancement. He is not definite in his mind as to what he wants so that he is restless and it is easier for him to take the path of least resistance. He will not start out on another trend until his mind definitely gets set upon it and all the "lectures" in the world is not going to do any good. He is growing a patch of hairline now.

Davy is not as hopeless as John Sakamoto. Jack was saying that this fellow acted queer at the plant so that none of the other Nisei talked to him. He goes to seven shows on the weekends as he has nothing else to do and he does not have any friends. This John Sakamoto is one of the cases I handled at Gila and he was taken out of the center as a mental case after writing strange letters to Hitler, Hirohito and Roosevelt and ordering them to stop the war immediately. I don't know how he ever got out here, altho he is not a danger to society unless he breaks down severely under the complex life out here which I don't think he will be able to cope with for too long a period.

Emiko went out on a date this evening. >



Bette certainly is enthusiastic about the start of college. She was out most of the day ~~with Betty Jean~~ getting ~~her~~ settled in the college dorm and finishing up some reading which they had assigned. ~~They~~ went out to the meeting this evening and Bette said that there were 400 or 500 new students. She is looking forward to the registration week activities as Betty Jean and her planned to take in everything. BJ wants Bette to go out for the University choir and they are thinking of joining some clubs together. Bette mentioned that there was one other Nisei girl at the meeting for entering freshmen. Jack asked her if she would have liked it if this Nisei girl had been assigned as her counsellor. Bette said that she would have protested because she felt that it would have limited the acquaintanceship which she could have made. <sup>t 5969</sup> She feels that she will get to know quite a few students if she develops her friendship with BJ. Bette also knows about 6 six that went to Hyde Park high school with her. I am afraid that Bette is going to want to buy a lot of clothes because she mentioned how well dressed the girls at the meeting were. She will probably get a lot out of her college experience because she is starting in with the proper attitude. She didn't want to take her lunch this week because all of the girls she had met already go to the cafeteria together. I think that later on she will realize that it will be expensive to buy her lunch every day but it is okay during the period in which she is getting acquainted with the other students. She was so excited and thrilled about her school that she hastily ate her dinner and then dashed out again.

Jack mentioned this afternoon that he has applied for his seaman's papers. Now that he is married he thinks that he would



like to go into the merchant marine. However, he would like to get his school problems settled first of all. It's still is a very unsettled business and the closing up of many Army units in the universities does not make much difference since each medical school has a definite quota. Jack will be able to save \$100 a month or more now that his debts are all paid up and he is established in a definite routine. He might go to San Francisco again next March or else Dolores may come here during the break between quarters at Stanford hospital. Jack is greatly relieved now that he knows for certain that Dolores is not going to have a baby as it would have greatly complicated his problems and responsibility. Dolores has been writing daily letters and Jack may let me have them later on. Dolores seems to have matured considerably. Her relationships with her family has improved to such an extent that she spends all of her free time going over to have dinner and spending the evening with them. Her father is getting a very good idea of Jack because he likes very ambitious people. Her father is a self-made man and he has worked all of his life for the sake of the family. Dolores never appreciated it until now. She said that she has learned her lesson and she will never deceive them again as it was too much mental grief and not necessary.

We had 5 or 6 visitors this afternoon--Pvt. Eiji, PCF Yami, Davey, Johnny Potasum, James and Shig. Johnny P. came over to borrow a book. He is one of Emiko's J.C. friends. He spent the summer in San Francisco but he decided to come back here to go to school. Davey was trying very hard to get his bottle of liquor which Yami left for him but I refused to let him have it until he got a job. He wanted to go out and get drunk. He has been drinking for the past 3 nights in a row. Davey is not really a bad boy



like he tries to put on, but he is not going to change his way until he gets himself straightened out. Jack was getting acquainted with the South American girls upstairs. There are 4 of them and they are passing Emiko up in the number of letters received each day. Two of the girls do not understand any English at all because they only arrived in the U.S. recently. Jack got Bette's Spanish book out and he started a conversation with them in the laundry room. He is wolfing on the international scale in order to foster the good-will policy. These girls have been getting a lot of South American visitors who are dark complexioned. That damn Mrs. B. takes advantage of the fact that they are strange to this country and she told them not to have too many "dark" visitors because people might think that they are Negroes. Bette said that the B's still would like us to move out but they never say anything directly. Bette says that they try to take it out on her when she goes up for the clean linen but she just ignores them. We all went to the show after dinner.

Jack had a very interesting conversation with Eiji this afternoon. It was very much of a contrast to compare Eiji with Yami. Yami is very Americanized and there are no serious conflicts in his mind except that he wants to go overseas. Eiji, on the other hand, is very conscious of the racial difference and he is not able to resolve this into a settled frame of mind. He is a Buddhist so that he apparently has much more of the Japanese background. Due to his limited understanding of the racial question, he mixes himself all up so that he contradicted many of his points when Jack pressed him. Eiji's comments:

"I'm not too anxious to do any fighting because there is a difference with the Nisei soldier. When we go into ~~the~~ fight though,



we do better than the hakuji. That's because the Nisei soldiers have the Japanese spirit--yamato damashi. The 100th infantry proved that they could take it because they have this spirit. That's why they go out and fight so hard."

Jack: "You don't mean to say that this trait which you speak of is an inherited racial characteristic, do you? Isn't it more the product of the environment?"

Eiji: "No, it is a Japanese spirit which only that race has. Even if we are Nisei we have that spirit. We want to go out and want to expell. We have so much guts that our pride would fall if we gave up before dying if necessary. It doesn't matter what country you fight for because that spirit would still be in you."

Jack: "Then do you admire the Japanese soldier who commits suicide and slits his belly open because he thinks that he is doing something honorable. Wouldn't he be doing much more for his country? Is is honorable to die that way?"

Eiji: "I'm not sure but sometimes I admire those Japanese soldiers. That's what I mean by the Japanese spirit which all of the Nisei have."

Jack: "I doubt very much whether this is an inheritable qualitative. I think it is much more the product of environment. How about the Filipinos who fought so valiantly at Bataan for their country? Don't you think they were as brave as any Japanese soldier? How about the marines at Guadalcanal? Would you say that they had the Japanese spirit?"

Eiji then admitted that perhaps it was not a Japanese spirit and he began to back down in his arguments. He then said that it was because the Nisei were a minority group and there was a strong spirit of competition among them. "But just the same, I won't



want to fight against my own blood. President Roosevelt said that we would not have to fight against Japan when he put the Nisei back on the draft last February. When I was in camp I knew a Kibei radio technician who had a short wave set and I definitely heard Tojo say that the Nisei should fight for this country. I know that Japan doesn't want us; all I'm saying is that the Nisei have the Japanese spirit in them. Maybe it comes from the training that they get in their homes and because they've been kicked around. I know that the Nisei soldiers aren't respected by the whites yet. That's why we have to fight for our rights. I don't know if I have any future here in this country so that's why I plan to go some place in the South Pacific. I want to be a city planning engineer.

"A lot of the Nisei at Snelling will not admit it, but they volunteered for the language school for the same reason that I did. I want to stay on the mainland for at least another year. I'll be able to learn the Japanese language too. I think that after you get through with this course, you learn more Japanese culture than before."

Jack: "Do you mean to say that you will be a better Japanese 'subject' if you take this Army course? Would it make you less loyal to this country?"

Eiji: "I'm not saying that. I'll be just as good an American but I know at the same time that the Buddaheads will always get kicked around. I was up in camp (Army) and one of the Nisei soldiers told me about how they had to work on the railroads during the flood. The American soldiers resented them because they took over the best barracks. They began to call some of these Nisei soldiers Japs and they didn't keep quiet until there was a fight. The Hawaiian boys really have the guts and they don't



stand for anything like that."

PFC Yami: "I don't consider myself a Jap. I think that if you don't act like you are afraid of being called one, then the hakuji soldiers won't say that to you. I think they want to be our buddies too because we are fighting for the same thing. I would just as soon go to the South Pacific to fight the Japanese soldiers. I wouldn't pity them because it's either them or me. I'm for this country and I fight for it!"

Pvt. Eiji: Yeh, that's all right because I believe that it's my duty for this country if President Roosevelt tells me to. But I still don't think that we're fighting for democracy. I bet we'll get kicked around after the war even if we make a good record. We will get the same thing because they don't want us to be Americans. I met a Hawaiian Nisei soldier out in Salt Lake. He had lost an arm and a leg. He was out in Provo. I said to him, 'Do you think that it was worth it to sacrifice that much?' And he answered, 'Baka mita'. (What a fool I was for believing I was fighting for democracy.) I bet that a lot of Nisei soldiers are going to feel the same way after the war because they'll still kick us around. I'll do my duty but my heart won't be in it because I'm not sure we're fighting for equality."

Yami: "Oh nuts, you don't really think about it that much. When you go out there on the battlefield you'll fight just as hard as your buddies. If we fight together with that feeling that nobody will kick us around after the war. I'm not worried about afterwards now because I might not come back. All I'm worried about is getting this over with."

The conversation went on and on in this line of thought. I had the impression that Eiji was considerably on the defensive and



that he was not logical in his thinking. Eiji would like to be accepted  
~~as a good American~~ as a good American but he isn't sure that he will be  
given this chance even with an Army record. That is why <sup>he</sup> gets so  
defensive about the Japanese background. He is very race conscious  
and I suspect that his arguments would be completely reversed if  
he were talking to a Caucasian as he would attempt to prove what a  
good American he was in all respects. But when he talks to Nisei  
he brings up all of these defensive points because he is not sure  
and he is a little bitter. I think that he will straighten out in  
his thinking as time goes on. It is a good sign that he at least  
attempts to give some thought to the matter instead of giving him-  
self over completely to bitter emotional attitudes. It seems that  
much of his comments were made simply for the sake of argument. I  
suppose that it is this sort of psychology in thinking which is  
much more prevalent among the Negro soldiers. Eiji mentioned that  
Germany was invaded now and that it might give up pretty soon so  
that he thinks the Nisei soldier will be sent into the South Pa-  
cific next to fight the Japanese soldiers and they will be the  
last ones to be discharged from the Army.



Bette rushed off to a papama house party on the campus this evening while "miko and Alice went downtown to buy winter overshoes. I went over to the Japanese ~~xxxxx~~ rooming house to prepare Davy for the interview which will start Wednesday night. I have been trying to finish the dictation of Ch-44 but it is a rather long case so I will have to take another time. Tom is busy with his report so we divide the time of the secretary. I'll probably finish it in a day or so and then I will have two more cases to dictate. I don't know if I am going to finish these by the time Louise takes her vacation next month.

Davy showed me around the rooming house. 't is a rather large building and the top two floors are occupied by evacuees. There are about eight beds in the living room and one has to walk right through them in order to get to the back rooms. Right now these beds are not occupied as the people move out as soon as they can in order to get more privacy. Rent is \$5.00 per week per person which is rather steep. There are about 20 fellows and 7 girls living there now. The girls seem to show more initiative in looking for a place. They figure that it is cheaper for two or three girls to get their own place and there will be more privacy.

The occupants of each floor share the large kitchen. The ~~Wakatsuki~~ utensils are provided by the landlady. There is no room service so that a resettler couple has taken the responsibility in seeing that each person cooperates in cleaning up, emptying the garbage, etc. The group is divided up into three and fours and they take turns in cooking first. Davy, Tom ?, and Sunny, a girl, compose one eating group. They get pantry and refrigerator space, but Davy usually raids the other shelves on the icebox and Sunny get quite upset about this as she thinks it will ruin her reputation.

Some of the ~~wakatsuki~~ Nisei there do night work so that I did not get to see all of the rooms. There are six fellows in one room and the landlady gets \$30.00 a week rent for that room, which is an outrage. The place is fairly clean and it does not have any bedbugs. The landlady has



left an old fashioned radio in the living room-bedroom which everyone on the floor listens too. It seems that most of the occupants are from the Amache center. The WR<sup>4</sup> used to send resettlers there, but it does not do it so much sine some complaints have gone in that the landlady does not provide hot water as promised and other inconveniences.

Davy said that he went job hunting today, but he has not lined up anything. "miko claims that she saw him sitting on some steps with about five fellows down on 43rd street when she went to work this morning. Davy has only worked six days in the month or more that he has been in Chicago and his money is practically gone. He said that he was offered a dental technicians job but it only paid him \$20.00 a week. He wants to make at least .90 an hour as he has secret plans of going to school. However he said that he was out for the money most of all as he might get drafted soon. He has not been reclassified yet. He introduced me to a Nisei fellow who has just been discharged from the Army after serving seven months on account of a stomach ulcer condition. He will get special help in finding a job through the Veterans rehabilitation group so that Davy will go down with him tomorrow.

Davy really does not know what he wants. The stories about him making \$80 a week in Denver were greatly exaggerated. He said that he never made more than \$35.00 a week there and that was the reason why he went back to camp for a year. He came out to Chicago partly because of the stories he heard about the high wages. He has been playing around for the past month, but he is realizing now that he has to settle down. He really likes me to "lecture" to him because he said that I was a true friend and not interested in him just to get something out of him. He said that he could not help it if he went around with fellows who were not good for him as he found it fun. Sunny would not talk with him because she was mad about him going out for four nights in a row to get drunk. When she heard me talking to him, she got curious and she came in and was introduced.



Sunny is 20 years old. She was in Kansas City doing domestic work. Her folks let her come out of camp because her older brother was out there to be responsible. Her ~~brother~~ brother did not want her to come on out to Chicago, but she got bored with it there. She is a rather attractive girl and she did not seem to be the type to be a "hep-cat." She is working on the night shift at Stevens hotel doing information work. A couple of the other girls at the rooming house got the job for her. She works from 11:00 to 7:00 and makes \$124.00 a month plus a .75 cent meal in the morning. Sunny has not been able to adjust to night work yet as she does not get enough sleep during the day. She has big bags under her eyes on account of this. I met the two girls who work with her, but I did not have time to develop the contact. They are young girls and not very talkative. There are some Issei in that house and I heard the Japanese language for the first time in months. It made me uncomfortable.

Sunny acts like a mother to Davy and she certainly does bawl him out for not going to work. Davy was so submissive. I felt sorry for him so I just gave the two of them a general outline about the difficulties of Nisei resettlement.

Davy has definite likes and dislikes. He does not want to get stuck in a boring factory job, but he does feel that he is in a position to go to school yet. He said that he really was going to stop playing around. Davy has gotten in with the wrong company and he finds it almost impossible to tear himself away now that he is becoming entrenched in this circle. Some of them want to take him to a house of prostitution, but Davy is afraid that he might get a venereal disease. He asked me what he should do and I said that if it bothered him that much he might as well get it out of his system if he was willing to take the risk of disease. I didn't want to encourage or discourage him on this matter.

I was surprised to learn that he "hates" all Issei except eight or ten. This explains why he tries to act ignorant about the language altho he went



to language school for at least six years. He said that the Issei always tried to repress him. From then on, he aimed an unreasonable hatred against the Jewish people. It was the Jewish New Years today and Davy said that he saw a bunch of Jews in the Temple up the street and he felt like throwing rotten eggs at them. I asked him why he was so prejudiced against the Jews.

Davy: "The dirty kikes started the war and they are trying to get all of the money in this country. I hate them all."

ck: "Who ever told you such a thing like this?"

Davy: "I just know that it is true. The Jews are getting into everything in this country and they got us into the war because they did not like Hitler. Most of the movie actors are Jews."

ck: "What if somebody said the same things about the Nisei? What would you think?"

Davy: "I would think that the dirty bastards were prejudiced and I wouldn't like it. I don't like white bastards either. I never felt this way before the war because my teachers were okay, but I got to know what they were like after I went to Denver. I'm getting over that a little now, but I still don't like the Jews. I am prejudiced against them."

ck: "Do you like Betty Grable?"

Davy: "No, because she married that Jew Harry James."

ck: "Do you like Benny Goodman?"

Davy: "Technically, he is a good musician, but I still don't like Jews."

ck: "How about Jimmy Durante?"

Davy: "I don't like him either because he is a Jew."

ck: "Jimmy Durante is of Italian origin, and he is an American."

Davy: "I still don't like him because he got a Jew nose."

ck: "Who are your favorite orchestras?"

Davy: "They are all Negro ones like Lionel Hampton, Count Basie, etc."

ck: "What if somebody told you that all Negroes were low classed and that they smelled bad?"



Davy: "I would take them individually. There are good ones and bad ones."

ck: "Well, isn't that true of the Jewish people too? Don't they all want to be accepted as Americans, just like you?"

Davy: "Okay, I don't hate the Jews; I just don't like them. I hope somebody rapes all of these Jew girls. They got all the money that has been squeezed out of honest people."

ck: "How about the Issei? Wadn't many of them have the reputation of exploiting the Nisei before the war by paying them low wages?"

Davy: "That's because they are Japanese Jews. "

ck: "Do you like it when somebody calls you a 'Jap.'?"

Davy: "I would kick them in the teeth?"

ck: "Don't you think then that the Americans of Jewish ancestry has the right to kick you in the teech if you call them 'kikes'?"

Davy: "I know I'm prejudiced. I don't feel that way about any other group. I'll think about what Master Chah-lie said after this when I get the urge to hate the Kikes, I mean Jews."

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Emiko: "I am mad at Bette because she told all the girls at work that I am lazy. A minor point is that she told them all the jokes I told her so I don't get the chance to tell them first. Just for that she can cook dinner tonight!" Emiko gets pretty tired out from work so that she retires early while Bette still putters around. Emiko has saved her first two weeks check already and she is not wasting any of her money. She sent Miyako \$1.00 and she is going to buy her a birthday present soon. Emiko is more conscientious about these things than Bette.

Bette is still so excited about college. I rib her about being a coed, but I really feel quite proud of her because she is entering her college life with such a good spirit. Jack feels that I should give her a general talk soon and I suppose that it would not hurt. Jack takes the point that Bette is a little to self centered and slightly selfish because she has always been spoiled. He



feels that this can be remedied if we keep after her. He thinks that it is partly my fault because I am too easy on her and she is getting to "bully" me more and more. He said that my psychology did not work and I should use the old fashioned method and let her know that a little sister's place was to be more conscientious about others. Jack makes a good point which is well taken, but I don't think that his methods are necessarily more effective. Alice mentioned that she noticed that Bette and Emiko both were a little too much on the defensive and they got huffy and touchy easy. She said that Bette had a superiority attitude against the Nisei. She felt that Emiko had made good progress in the past year and that Bette would come around soon.

Jack's method is to egg Bette on and say the dumbest things possible just to get her angry. To question patriotism is the way he gets her the angriest. It all started out today when he asked me how the war was going along. Jack doesn't get much of a chance to talk with us as he works nights so he tries to start up a conversation. He tried to get me to take the bait for a general debate this morning by making an outrageous claim that England was wholly responsible for the war. I was too sleepy as I had read late and I only had four hours of sleep so I refused to bite. Then he started in on Bette and she bit. Result was another one of those dumb arguments that only Jack and Bette can have. Bette was all excited about getting to school to begin with.

Jack: "Bette, I don't want you to snicker when you see Dewey in the newsreels. That only shows how ignorant you are."

Bette (getting angry right away): "I can snicker at him if I like."

Jack: "You should have more respect for him. Dewey is a good man. Why do you dislike him. You have no basis for it. You don't know anything about politics so you have a nerve condemning him."

Bette: "I don't like him because he is a Republican."

Jack: "What! That's a poor excuse. That's why we have wars. People hate each other for no excuse at all. All Republicans are not bad and ~~kk~~ all



Nisei are not bad. I think I'll even vote for Dewey."

Bette: "What a waste of a vote."

Jack: "You shouldn't take all this patriotic stuff so seriously. It doesn't make much difference if a Democrat or a Republican got into office. We would still have politics. I suppose you are one of those people who cheer and whistle when the flag is shown on the screen at the movies?"

Bette: "Sure I do!"

Jack: "How silly and immature. You must start college with an open mind."

Bette: "I suppose you would cheer if you saw the Japanese flag on the screen."

Jack: "I would not be so rude as you. I would bow my head and murmur 'Banzai' very politely. That is one good thing about the Japanese system that I believe in. A woman's place is in the home. A woman should be a servant to a man. Women should not have careers. They should only have children. I don't believe you should have an education because you will begin to think that you are as good as a man. Brawn is what counts in this world. It is superior to the mind. Man is the strongest so that all women should be submissive and that includes Hirohito has spoken."

Bette: "Oh! you make me sick! You're just a Pearl Harbor Jap!"

Jack: "Banzai! Notice how politely I said it."

Bette: "To hell with Hitler and all the fascists, and even Dewey." She goes out slamming the door behind her, bang! And so it goes on. This evening, Jack will change his tactics to something else. Emiko is getting smart because she just agrees, but Bette takes her loyalty seriously and I think that this is a good trait as she will broaden her thinking on it the more it is questioned.

Alice is very much the expectant mother now. She is getting round as a barrel in front. She said that she could feel "joyce" kicking in her now. Emiko felt Alice's bulge and announced, "Hey, that right!"

Alice plans to stay in Chicago until next week now. She has been



writing to Ann Fujimoto to stay with her since Ann's husband is in Camp Snelling. They have been paying \$65 a month for an apartment as housing is so scarce up there.

"I like it better in Minneapolis as I won't get involved in all the Ikeda-Satow in law disputes and there is much more peace. Toshi and Mrs. Ikeda have been getting along very well even though they are different personalities. It is Toshi's flat so that she should have the say about the system which is set up there. Mrs. Ikeda doesn't resent it at all. She is worried mostly about Otto as he goes out a lot at night. She is disappointed that he did not get into a large college. It is not his fault as he had nobody with a definite plan to advise him. Otto just registered at Wright JC and he is taking an engineering course. He thinks he is a man now because his younger brother is out here. Uncle has moved out now as he is a cook in a home. He is suffering here as he says the only reason why he never got married was because Mr. Ikeda failed his responsibilities as a father and he had to support his sister's large family when they came down to Pasadena. The trouble with him is that he drinks too much.

"Mrs. Ikeda pays \$10.00 a week for herself and Teddy and that is cheap for her. Toshie gets \$5.00 a week from Otto when he is working so that she is able to manage her household quite easily. Besides this she gets \$80 a month from the army allotment. She will get some more when her new baby is born. Mrs. Ikeda doesn't work as she gets an allotment which Albert and Billy claimed for her. Mr. Ikeda was not working until recently.

"Mr. Ikeda was visiting for a couple of days last week. He is working for the government and he makes \$300 a month so that he gave his wife \$100 just before he went back. Mr. Ikeda has finally got the prestige which he always wanted. He says that it is 'confidential work' but he is anxious to tell me that it is intercepting talks from Japan and translating them. He may get overseas duty later on. Yuri said the trouble with her father all these years is that he never got the prestige that he wanted and



this is the first chance that he has really had to feel important.

"Toshi is worried that Albert may get sent overseas before she has her baby. Albert is the oldest Nisei in his company so that he may get a rating. Mark kids her by saying that Albert may become a temporary Pfc. and that makes Toshie mad. Albert wrote and said that he was studying hard and learning everything as it may save his life when he goes to Italy. He really likes it in the Army. All of the Pasadena boys are being drafted even if they are married and have dependents but the other draft boards do not do that.

"Auri is still waiting to go into the WACS. Her husband is now chasing her in the hopes of a reconciliation, but Yuri is going around with some rich Nisei. Dorothy may still go into Cadet Nursing, but she can't make up her mind. She is going to move up to Toshie's tomorrow. She has been paying \$42.50 a month rent for her place and that is too much. She doesn't get along with Yuri at all.

"All is quiet in the Mariko-George household. His mother never mentions Mariko when George goes over there to visit. His mother is acting as if George is not married. The next fight will come if George decides to go to another city. George plans to change jobs as soon as Mariko goes to work. She tells me about the 12 different skills she has, but she won't keep a job unless she goes to work on time and quits taking days off. She still has not finished Emiko's and Bettie's suits but she will look for a job right after that. I did my part on those suits, but Mariko said that I didn't sew them right. George says that you worry more about those suits than the girls do, but he meant it in the way that he realized how concerned you were about their welfare and he gives you a lot of credit. George has promised a trip to New York next December if Mariko goes to work so that will be an incentive for her.

"Mariko wants to have a baby, but that is because she doesn't want to work. I think they should wait at least six months so that George and Mariko



will have a chance to get welladjusted to each other. Mariko is going to be a problem for George when she gets pregnant because she will demand that he wait upon her hand and foot and talk about the big sacrifice she is making. She really has a hard time suppressing her temper now because she gets excited ver nothing.

"Rev. Dude went over to visit them the other evening and he admired Mariko's taste in decorating and furnishing the apartment. He can't get over the fact that our family is so well educated. Most of the people out here are lucky to get out of high school. He could hardly believe that most of the Nisei get out of high school and into college. He wants Mariko and George to come to his church to be Sunday school leaders or something. George thinks that maybe they should in order to get more established in the community. Imagine Mariko as a Sunday school teacher!

"Emiko and Bette certainly are lucky to get this chance to go to college. I hope that they appreciate it. I wish I had the chance to go on at JC, but I had to work. They get things pretty easy, but you should be careful to see that they do not take things for granted. Emiko will be on her own in a few weeks and I think that she will start off with a good background as she is settled in mind now and she knows definitely what she wants to do. It will be up to her and Bette to do most of the family resettlement unless you do it. Tom should come out soon or he may be retarded in his education and he may not want to go to college. It will be hard to bring Mom out if she has to have a special diet after the operation. I can't say anything about family resettlement as I am not in any position to help out."



I typed at the office most of the afternoon. Tom has been trying to get his occupational report completed as soon as possible but he has not received all of the data yet. However, he plans to finish up what he has and he is working on the conclusion now. I had a brief glance at some of the completed chapters and it looks very good to me. Tom is worried that Dorothy might unduly criticize him for the statistical work he has done, but he usually worries too much of things of that sort. We were talking about the progress of the study and we concluded that we are really getting a good basis for the overall picture. By the time we finish with the Chicago resettlement, we should have a considerable amount of data. Tom believes that he may be called into active service soon so that he is limiting himself to various group formation as the next topic. He feels that Frank may be the one to make the residential study. Sometimes I feel that progress out here is very slow but I am encouraged now that Tom has finished his report and that we have a definite direction as to what we want. All I can do is to continue on with the case documents since I don't feel that I can put out such first rate reports as Tom and Frank are doing. However, I do feel that I am a definite part of the Study with the contributions that I am able to make. In all likelihood we will probably have a much better picture of Chicago resettlement than our coverage of any of the centers. I still have my goal of 100 case documents, but I have given some thought to the possibility of trying for 150 if I can speed things up a little. It all depends on the time that I have.

Lately I have been going out quite regularly on interviews and it is catching up with me a little because I feel so tired and sleepy in the mornings. I'll probably slow down a little after I



register for my classes this week. I have been a little impatient about CH-48 as I am unable to finish it due to unavoidable delays. However, I still feel that it is worthwhile since I am getting a better coverage of this case even though it seems that I waste time by sitting around. For example, this evening I went over to interview Chiyo with the intention of finishing up definitely.

WFF Katsuko Yamamoto is the girl who eats with Chiyo and she was still there so Chiyo asked if I would mind if we had a bull session for a while. I couldn't be rude to her so I consented. Katsuko is a 19 year old Nisei girl and she works at the same factory as Chiyo on the night shift. Her hours are from 12 midnight until 8 a.m. Chiyo said that Katsuko's boy friend had been killed in Italy so that the girl was withdrawing into herself and she refused to have any social contacts at all. Katsuko is rather quiet but from the few comments she made, it appears that she is fairly intelligent. Katsuko mentioned that she was getting acquainted with a Jewish girl at the plant.

"The girl told me something about the Jewish problems and how Americans hated the Jews. Is there such a thing as a Jewish problem? I didn't know that they were any different from any Americans. In California I never heard anyone speak against the Jews like that. My girl friend told me that there were many factories here that wouldn't give Jews jobs just like the Nisei. Golly, is there much of that going on?"

I was amazed that the girl had no concept of the problems of other minority groups as she thought the Nisei were the only ones. I tried to explain a little of the Jewish position and Chiyo added some other comments. Katsuko mentioned casually that she had come from a very poverty-stricken family. I became interested because



to be a good example of the more quiet, single Nisei girl. I broached the subject of a possible interview and she was most cooperative. However, she added that her life story was most uninteresting. I made a tentative arrangements to interview her at some future date so that my evening was not entirely wasted. >

Chiyo <then> mentioned that she was still thinking of joining the WACs but she was not so enthusiastic about it now. She said that two Nisei girls on the southside informed her that the Army was going to recruit Nisei girls for the WACs so that they could go to Japan with the occupation Army. Chiyo didn't think this was such a good idea.

<"I wouldn't want to do that. Suppose I volunteered for the WACs and they put me into a group like that. I don't think I would like it very much. I would have to go over there and watch the superior officers make all kinds of blunders just ~~ix~~ like they did in camp. I wouldn't be able to do anything like that and I'm afraid that my sympathies would be more for the people as politics and my philosophy of democracy would not be affected in any way. I would see them as human beings and I certainly do not think that they should be treated as a lower form even though we are fighting them at the present time.

"I don't think that it would be safe for a Nisei WAC to go with the occupation army anyway because the Japanese people would have a different attitude about such a thing and the Nisei WAC's life wouldn't be worth very much. They would probably kill her or at the very least they would spit at her at every opportunity. I'd rather go to Europe if I join the WACs. I don't think that the war will be over for a while yet so I'm taking more time before I decide whether to volunteer or not.



"Last night I enrolled in night school and I'll take up typing twice a week. It will keep me pretty busy but I feel that it is worth the time and effort. I want to get a job with some infant welfare society because I think that it will give me more security after the war even though the wage may not be too high. I'm getting quite bored with my life in the factory."

The girls then began to talk about free love. Chiyo said that she believed in free love but it was only good for men because the double standard would still be applied. She said that in the case of the Nisei, they would look at scorn at any Nisei girl who broke the conventions. It was her impression that the majority of Nisei were primarily interested in sex so that she concluded that there was nothing abnormal about her.

"For a while I wondered if something was wrong with me because I talked of sex so much but now I'm convinced that I'm no different from other Nisei. I don't talk of it in a dirty way but it is an interesting and fascinating subject. I've come to the conclusion that mankind is motivated by sex. It's a normal thing, but the trouble with our advanced civilization is that it becomes harder and harder for young people to get married. They have to think about making a living and things like that. It's not so good to postpone normal sex activity too long and if young people are not able to get married, then the only solution may be free love. There are a lot of older Nisei girls who will never be able to get married and I don't think that they should deprive themselves of the full happiness of life. This is particularly true of the case of Nisei girls because I heard that there were three times as many marriageable girls than fellows. The only trouble is that the Nisei have very conventional ideas about sex and it would ruin any



Nisei girl if a taint of ~~x2~~ gossip were spread about them. I think that it would be better to have normal sex relations, even if unmarried, than to be continually frustrated throughout one's life. It is possible for many Nisei to find outlets and sublimate these drives if they had a broad interest in the arts and sciences and other things. For example, I can go into a cathedral and I get a profound spiritual lift just out of hearing the music. I think that basically this is a release from the sex drive. I have an appreciation of arts and music and this is also sublimation also. If a person can make adjustments of this sort, then it is easier for him to live in our conventional society without indulging in free love. However, the trouble with most Nisei is that they have a limitation of interests. I've talked to many Nisei girls and we let our hair down in the cow-sessions. The topics for discussion invariably to some aspects of sex, social life in the camps ~~ixix~~ and before the war and our jobs. There is quite a concern about getting married and most of the girls are quite honest in saying that this is their principal object in resettling. I know that the boys are just as concerned and sex is one of their main topics for discussion. It is almost impossible to talk about books, arts, or racial and labor problems with Nisei unless they are the exceptional ones with a broader outlook on life. I don't know what the solution is for the Nisei because they are too conventional to indulge in free love. It is one possibility though.

< "However, I think that the Nisei out here are less conventional than they were before the war. I've heard of several girls having illegitimate babies and I know a few who are living as sort of common-law wives. There is one Nisei girl who lived as a common-law wife for 3 months and they were just going steady. All of a



sudden she found out that she was pregnant so they got married last Saturday. In this case the fellow was honorable but all fellows aren't like that. The fear of getting pregnant is the only thing that holds most of these Nisei girls back because they don't have a higher sense of morality than any other group. There aren't so many parents out here to watch over their every movement. The danger of being gossiped about becomes larger as more resettlers come into Chicago. But Chicago is a big city and a Nisei can still lose himself."

Just then Jean, a Caucasian girl who works at the same factory, dropped in. She is a very attractive woman and she has a four months child. She asked me what provisions were made for mothers who worked and who had babies. I suggested that she contact one of the day nurses of infant welfare societies. After she left Chiyo told me that this girl was married to a serviceman. However, she hasn't seen her husband for 2 years. She met a Filipino fellow and had an affair with ~~mx~~ him. The result was a Pinoy baby. I wondered why Jean anxiously asked Chiyo if the baby looked Caucasian. Chiyo said that Jean is now divorcing her husband but she will not marry the Filipino man. At the same time she is determined to keep the baby. Chiyo felt that society was too strict on placing a stigma upon illegitimate children. However, she thought that Jean had more of a chance than a Nisei girl in the same position.

Later in the evening Bobcat and another Hawaiian Nisei soldier came for a social visit. <It was then that I noticed the complete change of personality which Chiyo has in the presence of men.> She makes a big fuss over them and her actions are so artificial that it was sickening. <She is very simple and silly in her mannerisms and I wondered at such a change because she has been very



stable and intelligent throughout our interviews. I got the impression that she was man-crazy. I wonder now whether her hospitality toward the Hawaiian Nisei soldiers is due more to her desire to make them happy or more to satisfy her personal frustrations. It is true that she goes out of the way to help them about because she arranged housing accommodations for the 2 soldiers and she invited them over for a Japanese dinner tomorrow evening. She said that she would arrange for dates for them also. It gives her quite a degree of satisfaction to do these things. It may be motivated by patriotism but I think that there is something more behind it.

I found these Hawaiian boys rather uninteresting. They seem to be unsophisticated country boys from Hawaii and that's all. I questioned very seriously the accepted story that the Hawaiian Nisei are more Americanized than the mainlanders. I think that they are more naive if these boys are a good representative. One fellow is here in the Gardner Hospital because of a knee injury and Bobcat was sent back from the Italy front because of some liver disorders. He has been in an Army hospital in New Jersey for several months and may get a medical discharge soon. The boys do have a strong sense of loyalty to the 100th infantry and they would like to go back to the front so that their pals would not think that they were let down. However Bobcat said he had enough of this war and he wanted to go back to Hawaii.

I got to talking with Ed and he made some comments about the attitudes of the people out here. The boys speak very lowly and their English is poor so that it was difficult to understand them. They do not have much personality in their voices. Ed was a carpenter in Honolulu before the war and Bobcat was a plumber. Ed's



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"I don't like it on the mainland because the haoles are not friendly enough. All they do is stare at you and they discriminate against the Nihonjin. I notice that very much when I was down in Shelby. Just when I was in Washington, D.C. on a furlough before our outfit was sent out, I went into a restaurant and they wouldn't serve us. It's not that way in Hawaii because the people are more friendly and there is less discrimination. The Japanese stick together more out there because the haoles are the upper crust but we outnumber them. Maybe I just feel that way but I don't like it when those haoles stare at me. I just feel that they are thinking distrustful thoughts about us."

Bobcat had a little different slant on this attitude: "I was in the National Guards at Pearl Harbor and we had to go out and defend the islands the day the Japanese bombed us. We were never questioned as to our loyalty. We were just considered Hawaiians and nobody ever talked about evacuation. We came over to the mainland in June, 1942 and I noticed the funny attitudes the haoles had just as soon as we got into Oakland. We were shipped right out to Wisconsin and the people out there were good. They didn't take us as Japanese. Whenever anyone asked us we just said we were from Hawaii and we didn't mention that we were Japanese at all. I found out how the haoles treated the Japanese when I read about the evacuation and all about sabotage in the papers. Then people began to mistrust us. It wasn't as bad in Wisconsin as it was in Mississippi. My brother married a Haole girl up in Wisconsin and he has a baby now. I don't know what he plans to do after the war. If he takes her back home I don't think that his wife will be accepted so well. In Hawaii we didn't have too many intermarriages



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with the haoles. But it wasn't until I came to the mainland just how the haoles looked down on the Japanese. All I see out here is haele faces and I get lonesome for the islands. I've done my share in this war and I want to head home where people are more friendlier. I don't like all of this staring at us. There are too many haoles out here and they will never accept the Nihonjin as equals like in Hawaii. Very few of my buddies would think of staying on the mainland after the war.

"I don't think that very many of my buddies will come back anyway. When I went overseas I went with the idea that I would never see the U.S. again. Only one of my buddies in my platoon is alive now. Quite a few are getting killed now. I didn't see action in Africa because I was put in the hospital for my liver trouble. They wanted to send me back to the states but I pleaded for them to let me to Italy because I didn't want to let them down. The first time I went into action I was scared to death. After a few times I got used to it. I just put it in my mind that if I got shot that would be the end of it. I saw their boys get their arms and legs blown off but I didn't get sick after I saw these sights several times. One time I saw a bomb coming right towards me and that was an awful sensation. I ducked into a fox hole as fast as I could. The boys have a lot of guts and we never fail to take our assigned position. The haele boys fighting with us have a lot of respect for the Hawaiian infantry. I don't know too many of the mainland boys but they have a lot of guts too. The 442nd over there are breaking every one of our records. That's bound to happen because they are younger. If we can prove to the American people that we have done our part as loyal Japanese Americans, then I think it will be worthwhile. The people of Hawaii are proud of



us and we have proved to them that we are good soldiers. But I don't think the results will be so good on the mainland because there are too many haoles. The Japanese on the mainland are in a much worse fix than we are. I wouldn't want to be here to go through what they have to face now and after the war. I'm going back to Hawaii where I can look into any man's eye as an equal. But I remember at the same time that we are all Nihonjin and that too many haoles don't want to accept us even if we fight in the war."

The rest of the evening was spent in talking about the Jerome USO where Chiyo was active and they talked about this girl and that girl who was married, etc. It was quite boring so I left around 11 o'clock. The Hawaiian boys indirectly inferred that they were more loyal than the mainland Nisei but I didn't disagree with them because they have a right to their opinion. However, I did notice that they used a lot of Japanese terms and they accept more of the Japanese patterns than many of the Nisei I've seen out here. They implied that it was best for all of the Japanese to stick together in one group. That may work for Hawaii but I don't think that it is such a good idea for the mainland.

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Emiko went to bed quite early as complete physical exhaustion has overtaken her. She has been working quite hard and I am quite pleased with her mature outlook on everything now. She wants to save as much money as possible because she feels that she will have no opportunity to make money during the time she is in nursing school. I was talking to Alice, who decided to stay another day, and she said she was quite surprised that Emiko had developed so far. She thought that I should talk with Emiko before she went to



nursing school. Alice was a little worried that Emiko might get too worldly but I didn't think that there was anything to worry about. Alice just found out that Emiko is smoking now and she wondered if Emiko was also drinking and other things. I told her that I trusted Emiko completely and that there was no danger of her going astray. I said that every girl goes through the dirty joke telling stage and that ~~it~~ this didn't indicate any serious maladjustment. ~~Alice~~ Alice admitted that Emiko was surprising to her because she knows what she wants. She added that one of Emiko's weakness was to be a little too much on the defensive. Alice has met some of Emiko's friends and she did not think too much of them. However, Emiko was very defensive of them because they are Tets' friends. Alice said that she couldn't say anything at all to Emiko but she was interested in her future development. ~~She~~ She said that the girls really had a great opportunity and it was best for them to develop themselves instead of getting into the usual Nisei rut. ~~Alice~~ <sup>She</sup> Alice concluded that my guidance justified itself on many points because Emiko and Bette were not falling into the usual Nisei pitfalls.

She said that she had noticed the great development of Bette during the past 2 days also. Alice believed that Bette was able to mix in so easily with the college students because she has always gone around with Caucasians and she doesn't have an inhibitions about mixing in as so many other Nisei students. ~~Last night~~ This evening Bette went to the barn dance and she was the only Nisei there. Bette wondered why the other Nisei students didn't turn up because the Caucasian students were quite friendly toward them. Alice felt that the reason was because these other Nisei were more self-conscious than Bette. ~~However,~~ <sup>to 5988</sup> she cautioned Bette not to develop



a superiority complex towards other Nisei students because they hadn't had the same background. Bette said that she didn't feel anything against the other students but she felt that it was best to develop Caucasian friends at college while she had the opportunity. Alice agreed with this but she wondered if these easy relationships with Caucasians would continue after Bette was finished with school. I didn't see any reason why they should not. Bette and Betty Jean are now worried about getting a date for the first college dance this Saturday. I met some of their friends on the campus and Bette was so proud of the many friends that she has been making. She thinks that one of the students might ask her to the dance if she encourages him a little bit.

"The only trouble is that there is a man shortage and all of the girls are worried. We all get along swell and everyone is so friendly. I just go up and introduce myself to everyone because it is proper to be informal during the beginning of the school year. College life is really exciting and I know that it isn't going to be all play like this week. Betty Jean likes it so much too. We're going to have a lot of fun taking part in campus activities and we'll study hard too."

Sooner or later, the problem of maintaining our household will come up and I feel that Bette's school activities should be primary if it does not go to an excess. I don't want to chain Bette down to the cooking and other housework and sacrifice other normal college activities as this is part of her educational growth. However, I'll have to impress on Bette that she does have some responsibilities and that she should be considerate of others. I don't anticipate any difficulties on this score altho it may be a problem to have Jack's meals prepared at 4 in the afternoon. We should be able to work that out later on.



4743 Drexel Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sept. 20, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Ekwall:

I cannot think of sufficient words to express my deep appreciation for the generous check which the Kobe College Corporation has granted to Bette and me. It will be a great incentive for us to study hard when we realize that someone has our interest at heart. You can rest assured that we will try to make the best record possible so that your confidence in us will be justified. I am enclosing the signed receipts which we were asked to fill out. Please extend our sincerest thanks to all of the members of the board.

I will try to forward a report of my progress occasionally so that you will know how I am making out. I attended the Wilson Junior College during the summer and I found it most profitable to me. The courses which I enrolled in will help me greatly in realizing my ambition to enter a nursing career.

As I have told you in previous letters, I had intended to use part of the grant which your group so kindly promised to pay for my expenses at the summer school. Upon receiving your check I was able to repay my brother who advanced me the money I used for tuition, books and other expenses. The balance of the check will be used for articles I will need for the nursing school. I hope that you will agree with me that I have used the check in the best possible manner.

I'm quite anxious to come down and discuss with you my plans for the use of the remainder of the scholarship grant which you have stated will be forthcoming at a future date. However, the difficulty is that I am working at the present time so that it will not be convenient for me to come for an interview except on the morning of October 3rd. The reason for this is that I would like to make as much money as possible as I have considerable expenses and I will not have any income during the three years of nursing school. If this date is convenient with you I would appreciate it if you let me know. I will be free to see you some evening if that is agreeable.

I have been working for two weeks at the Auto Radiator Manufacturing Company and I am trying to save all the money I earn for incidental expenses at the nursing school. I will enter the Mt. Sinai Hospital Cadet Nursing Program on October 4th and I am looking



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forward to this new career quite anxiously. I am sure that I will be quite happy in this field.

I you wish me to come down for a talk in the next few days, do not hesitate to let me know because it will not be any sacrifice from my work to take the time off. I do hope to hear from you in the near future. I appreciate any advice which you may give to me of the planning of my nursing career. Your organization has made it possible for me to realize this ambition as the government cadet nursing program would not have taken care of all my expenses. The initial outlay is quite large but I am sure that I will be able to manage once I get well started in the nursing school.

Sincerely yours,

Emiko Kikuchi



4743 Drexel Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sept. 19, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Ekwall:

I am happy to report to you that I have commenced my education at the University of Chicago. I have been quite busy this week registering and orienting myself so I hope you will excuse my delay in not answering you sooner to thank you for the \$100.00 check which I received the other day. Please thank the board for this generous scholarship and tell them that I appreciate it greatly.

I am taking up a liberal arts course at the University for the next two years. After that I hope to enter a nursing career. I feel that this is the best possible program for me because it will help to develop my mind to the point where I will be able to think intelligently and logically. I am able to undertake this program because of the help which your group has given me. I hope to be able to pay for all of my expenses for my first year at college without too much of a difficulty. Your scholarship grant will take care of the major portion of my expenses. I talked with my counsellor today and she informed me that my total expenses would be around \$500.00 for the first year. I have saved a little over \$100.00 working all summer and my brother will assist me to make up any deficits. I am very grateful for all of this help that I am getting and I hope to make a good record at school. College life has been very exciting during this first week, but I realize that it will not be all play.

I am able to come down to talk over my plans with you some time next week. My schedule of classes has not been completed yet but I am sure I can come some afternoon. I would be free to come on Saturdays also. Would you want me to make a definite appointment or should I come down some afternoon without fixing a definite hour since I do not know exactly how my classes are scheduled?

Thank you again for the check which you have forwarded to me from the Kobe College Corporation.

Very truly yours,

Bette Kikuchi



Bette is still dashing around in her school excitement but she was suddenly deflated this afternoon when her program was made out. The University has started a new system of giving examinations to entering students and the ones who pass high on it may enroll at the junior year level so that they can graduate in two years. Actually this system has been in effect for quite a while. When Bette went to register her tests indicated that she did not have enough background to take third year courses in physical science and social science. Her instructor who counselled her said that she would be lucky to get a C average. He frightened her so much that he induced her to ~~ad~~ sign up for two courses which were more elementary. This would have meant that she would take 3 years to get her A.B. degree. I didn't think there was any reason why she could not take the regular conventional freshman courses so I advised her to change her program tomorrow if possible. Later she talked to some of her other friends and she found out that this could be done. It doesn't make any difference what courses she takes as long as the comprehensive tests are passed. There is no reason why Bette cannot take these courses along with the other freshmen.

In a way the scare may have its value altho it doesn't seem to be very good psychology to frighten freshmen like this. I suppose the idea is to let them know that they are here to study. I hope that Bette will be able to take the regular courses so that she can plan on graduating in two years. She passed all of the other tests satisfactorily so that she will enroll in courses which are equivalent to the junior college year. The Chicago plan is quite intensive and the students are asked to cover an enormous field of work in the two year period. If Bette learns



good study habits, there's no reason in the world why she could not keep up with the rest of the students. I suppose the counsellors were quite rushed today so that they pushed the students through rapidly and some mistakes were made in the scheduled program. I hope this was the case in Bette's program. Betty Jean was also quite worried about the courses she would be able to register for because the other students have been telling her how difficult it is to pass the comprehensive. The new freshmen have suddenly been brought to earth after a week of many social activities. They don't waste any time around here. The University has an academic reputation to maintain and it doesn't go in much for football teams and things like that. In spite of that there is a great deal of collegiate touch and the students have enough social activities to make it enjoyable. The girls around here do not notice the man shortage so much because of the large army and naval program on the campus.

Bette was feeling quite downcast last night and she had the idea that the test showed that she was dumb. She said that she would probably be lucky to pass any courses and that I would be greatly disappointed in her. I told her she needn't feel sorry for her because these tests were equivalent to college comprehensives and she should not be expected to know such a detailed amount of information as the test requires as she has not taken many of the courses in high school. This cheered her up quite a bit so she is going to change her program if possible and start out with the regular courses which are supposedly at the junior college level.

This evening Bette went to another meeting at school and later went to the movies with Emiko. Emiko had her lower lip



stuck out a little because Bette was not doing her share of the housework. I told her that she should be tolerant about this matter as Bette was all excited about the beginning of the school year. Emiko said she didn't mind that so much but she threw away the instructions for Jack what he should eat for dinner. She thought Bette should do some of these things without being told to. I talked to Emiko about her own school plans and I reminded her that Bette would have the major burden of responsibility for the upkeep of the apartment after she left. Emiko is quite anxious to start nursing school now. She has been getting off at work a little earlier this week because of the Jewish holidays.

I took this opportunity to give her some of the suggestions which Alice had made yesterday. Emiko said that Alice was too prudish and she need not worry about her moral behavior. Emiko remarked that the one good thing about the family was that all of the girls always thought of it first so that they did not take any chances in hurting their reputation by unconventional behavior. Emiko said that she was so interested in her education now that things like marriage and sex didn't give her any disturbing thoughts. She said that all of the girls at the factory seemed to be obsessed with this subject and that was all they talked about. She said that she was glad that she had learned the facts of life quite a while ago so that she did not become curious like so many girls. She felt that many Nisei girls in particular were naive because their parents tried to keep them in ignorance and the result was a greater degree of curiosity about sex. Emiko went on to say that she thought she would be able to be a good nurse but that she probably would faint the first time



she saw an operation. I told her that in the event of the cadet nursing program closing up, she need not worry about the completion of her nursing course as we would find some provision of it so she would not have to quit in the middle of her training. By the time she starts school she will have about \$350 in all to take care of her incidental expenses. She will get \$15 a month from the cadet nursing program. In the event that this amount is not sufficient to take care of her monthly expenses, I may be able to supplement this a little since my other expenses would be cut down after she leaves. I think that Emiko will be able to get off to a good start since she will concentrate on her studies with the other girls. She gets so angry when people make prejudice remarks about the Jews and she feels that it will be a good experience for her to go into Mt. Sinai. She still is sore about that Nisei girl who made a nasty remark about Mt. Sinai and revealed her racial prejudice.

Jack and I were having a discussion and he maintained that he believes in the same democratic principles that I did, but he did not feel that the war was worthy of support since it would not accomplish very much. He said that he was being very practical and he did not have faith in an ideal that might not be achieved for hundreds of years. He said that he was primarily interested in his personal ambition. I scoffed at this and asked him why he wanted to be a doctor as I felt that there was a humanitarian motive behind this goal. For the sake of argument he insisted that this ambition was purely selfish in nature and that he only cared for the personal gain he could get out of it. The more he tried to convince me of this point the weaker his argument became because he could not eliminate the factor that he wanted to



help less unfortunate people out. I suggested that he was slightly cynical of the war and he said that he was not willing to sacrifice his life if he were not convinced that definite gains for democracy could be guaranteed. I didn't think that anything could be guaranteed but he said that this was not enough for him. I did not maintain that I did not have any less desire for personal gains than he did, but I thought that democratic progress could be achieved within the next 10 years. I said that it might not be gained for me but the Nisei as a whole would benefit for example. Jack said that he would like to see democratic gains but he did not think the war would achieve this purpose and most of the soldiers would be disillusioned. It was his belief that the next war would be fought between the allies and Russia on German soil because England would not allow the spread of communism in eastern Europe. In that case, he said, "would you still support this country and feel that a war was for greater democracy?" I answered that I could not determine my stand on such a hypothetical question as this. I thought that I would not support a war effort if I did not feel that democracy was at stake. I don't advocate war since I feel that it is destructive to civilization but in this case a negative approach does not accomplish much. Jack felt that the majority of the Nisei were negative about the war because they did not see how democracy was at stake when their own experiences had proved otherwise. He said that he did not go to the extent of turning against democracy like many Nisei as he still believes that the system could be perfected to a greater degree altho war was not necessary to accomplish this.

Jack mentioned that many of the Nisei fellows at his plant still believed that Japan is going to win the war. He asked one



fellow why he supported the U.S. war effort if he wanted Japan to win the war and the fellow had no answer. Jack said that these Nisei believed that Japan would commit national suicide before giving in to the allies. He did not think that this would be the case as he could not conceive of even Japanese militarists being as insane as this. Jack concluded that the desire of many Nisei for Japan to put up a good fight was that they felt that Japan was the only nation left to represent the colored groups of the world. Jack did not think that this was such a crazy idea because there is no other strong colored racial nation in the world now. He said that China was too weak to champion the rights of the colored group for many generations. Jack said that he had no love for Japan but he did not see what good could result out of crushing the nation until it lost all self-respect. I said I did not agree with this particular war aim myself and that it was not necessarily a weapon to use in trying to get all people to follow democratic practices.

I suspect that Jack does a lot of thinking about the war and he is not so indifferent to it as he puts on. He wants to think out just what the war means to this country and to himself. He gathers opinions from the workers at his plant and then springs them on me to get my reaction. The only difficulty about this is that the majority of these opinions are personal whereas I attempt to approach the subject of the war from an impersonal point of view and in terms of my faith in democracy. At the same time I recognize the economic desires of the capitalistic groups but I feel that the principle of democracy can be extended in spite of the selfish economic motives. Jack does not agree with me on this basic assumption so that is why we interpret the war differently.



We both believe in the same goal of democratic living but not in the means to achieve it. I find myself taking a more idealistic approach altho I still believe that I am materialistic by nature. I am very skeptical about most things except a faith in democracy as the best way of living. At the same time I recognize that democracy is still in its formative stages and that this country is facing a critical period because there is a danger that a strong fascist and reactionary force may set in after the war. It's a nice topic to play around with and if it helps to clear up Jack's and my thinking on the war, it is not harmful. I suppose I am a little defensive about democracy but I usually find enough arguments to support it. The issue which hasn't been settled is where the war fits into the picture and that is where Jack and I have the biggest disagreement. Bette calls Jack a fascist when she gets mad at him but that is far from the truth because he holds to the majority of the democratic principles which I believe in--only he doesn't think that the war is justified to further this end. >

This afternoon I dictated for a while at the office and after a hasty dinner, I went over to begin my interview with Davy (CH-50). < I suspect that Davy is going to turn out as one of my most interesting case documents. > Davy is a mass of complexes and a very confused young boy. The war really has had a reaction upon him because it broke down his faith in this country to such a point that he refers to all Caucasians as "white bastards". However, he hates the "Buddahead bastards" almost as much. The only exceptions he makes are his closest Nisei friends. The period before the evacuation was a time when he swung back and forth in his hates. He would hate the Japs when he heard Issei and Nisei



bragging about the conquests in the Philippines. Then he read statements in the papers about the treacherous Japs ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ (referring to the Nisei) and this would make him hate the white man for attacking his loyalty. <Then the Nisei would razz him when he said he was an American. Davy remarked that he didn't really become bitter until the Nisei in camp made him feel that way when they talked about they were kicked around. He said that he never talked that way before and he was not aware there was so much discrimination against the Nisei before the war and he did not have to look for a job. The confusion in Davy's mind is typical of many Nisei and he is honest in telling exactly how he felt.> He still retains some of this bitterness altho he believes in the constitution and he likes America, "but he hates the white people in it". He blames the Jews mostly and he said that he would never overcome his prejudice against them. Davy has all kinds of "hates" which releases his feelings upon. In camp he said he could not be for Japan because he was walking across the sumo ring one night and a Kibei grabbed him and threw him to the ground and told him that anyone who walked on the ring would cause bad luck to the contestants. He said that many Jap beliefs like this irritated him. Davy's desire to lose identity with anything Japanese is so strong that he pleads ignorance of the language even though he went to Japanese language school for 12 years. <Jack mentioned that Davy knows a lot of technical Japanese words which most Nisei do not even understand. Davy will not admit that this is true and he forces himself to forget anything Japanese. It is probably true that his experiences at Japanese language school were very distasteful to him. I remember he used to make quite a rebellion against the hold of Japanese customs in



the San Francisco Japanese community. His family was much more Americanized than the majority. Davy used to get in all sorts of arguments with Nisei when he maintained that he was an American. He said he used to pledge allegiance to the American flag every morning and his teacher taught the meaning of this oath so that he didn't like it when he went to Japanese school and they mentioned the Emperor as some sort of relation to him. He said he had a secret to tell: "The greatest pleasure of my life was burning all those Japanese books with the Emperor's picture in it after Pearl Harbor. You know what I did? I spit on the Emperor before I burnt it up. If any Issei found out that I did that I bet they would come and kill me."

Unfortunately Davy's convictions were not strong enough to combat the bitterness of the Nisei who went to camp and his viewpoints became a little distorted so that he began to look for other scapegoats, the principal one being "white bastards". He still believes strongly in this country but his thinking is a little twisted. Davy is quite an intelligent fellow and he has a lot of insight. He knows he is confused in his thinking but he is not sure of the reasons exactly while. He has been a little rebel all of his life. He never wanted to study to become a dentist as his father forced him into it. His dislike of this profession would have been overcome if he had not been evacuated as he was taking a pre-dental course at junior college at the time of Pearl Harbor. However, he lost all interest in school and I don't think he will ever go back unless he gets his thinking straight pretty darn quick.

Davy is forced to go to work now because he is completely broke. He said that he had found a job and he will begin on Fri-



day. I told him to come over tomorrow night and I would loan him \$10 to tide him over until he got his first paycheck. < I still have a bottle of whiskey of his and I said I would not give it back to him until he got working steadily. I found out the reason why he hates lectures. He said that sometimes his old man would lecture to him until 4:00 in the morning when he did something wrong and he could not escape it. Davy is not a bad boy at all. He has many potentialities if he could only realize that he must soon start working towards a definite ambition. His father worries a great deal about him and Davy pretends that he just ignores everything but actually he does have a great respect for his father. The only trouble is that his father has become a little disillusioned in camp too.

I don't know if I have the skill to bring out all these mental complexes which fills his mind as the interviews are more formal in nature. However, I know Davy so well that I can ask him practically everything and he tries hard to cooperate. He doesn't try to justify himself at all and I think I will get a much true picture of his real thoughts than for many other Nisei I have interviewed in the past. There are a couple of girls in his rooming house that I have established contacts with but I don't know if I can interview them as they work at night.

I have been sleeping only about 4 to 6 hours every night for the past week and it doesn't seem to have too much of an effect on me yet. I'm trying to finish a long novel so I read after I come home from the interviews. All of us seem to be pretty rushed these days. I'll probably sleep all day when the reaction finally does set in. I have several interviews scheduled to keep me busy and I still have to catch up on the dictation of CH-48 and 49. It looks like I won't be able to take the Cleveland trip as I will also begin classes next week and that will fill my schedule up even more. >



I finally finished my interview with Chiyo this evening. (She  
had some very good remarks to make about her analysis of her own  
personality.) ) I think that Chiyo is quite conscious of any defi-  
ciencies she may have and she actively attempts to overcome them.  
She was telling me of her philosophy of life so I have concluded  
that she isn't such a silly, immature girl as I thought previously.  
She is quite intelligent except that she does get too fluttery  
when there are men around. When I got over there this evening she  
was still having dinner with Katsuko and Bobcat. Chiyo apologized  
for having Japanese food but she said it was because Private Bob  
had missed it so much during the past year. Katsuko mentioned  
that it really was Chinese food. I didn't see why she had to  
offer any apologies as it certainly doesn't reflect upon their  
loyalty to have Japanese food. I had dinner about an hour before  
but I sat down and had another meal with them.

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( Bobcat is a rather quiet fellow and there isn't too much to  
him. Chiyo told me later that she never judges a person by his  
looks anymore and she finds good qualities in every person. She  
said that she treated all of the Hawaiian soldiers alike and she  
doesn't particularly get romantic with them. She had been made  
the mascot of the engineers in the 100th infantry when she was in  
Jerome and she now refers to them as "my boys". She said that she  
had received several proposals of marriage from these boys but her  
desire to make the soldiers happy was not entirely for romantic  
reasons. She admitted that she certainly would not like to be an  
old maid, but she felt that her activities in her private USO did  
help the morale of the Hawaiian soldiers and therefore it was a  
small part in helping along the war effort.

Katsuko was all dressed up and she seemed to have come out of



her shell a little bit. She is rather attractive, but quiet. She was quite worried that she was going to be fired from her job because she has taken two nights in a row. She asked me if I could help her get another job. She has no special skill so she's have to take an unskilled job. She's like to work in a clean place for a change. I agreed that night work wasn't good for a girl of her age. I ~~maxx~~ promised to help her get another job. I have tentatively scheduled her for another night. After that Bobcat took her to the movies so I could finish my interview. Some comments on Katsuko was made by Chiyo:

"There's a slight strain between the two of us right now and Katsuko will have to go her own way if this keeps up because it's not necessary for me to be put under this nervous strain. Katsuko is so sensitive that she interprets a lot of things wrongly. I can't be mothering her all the time because she is old enough to do things on her own. I have to wake her up to tell her to go to work and I have to do all the cooking for her. She's afraid to go shopping so I do that too. Last night I was going to have dinner for two Hawaiian soldiers and I wanted Katsuko to go down to buy some food. I even offered to give her the carfare but she acted as if she was being imposed on. Katsuko is a girl of many moods and I can't figure her out. I know that she is carrying the torch for her fiancée who was killed in Italy, but it is rather abnormal for her to seclude herself entirely. She doesn't have any social activities at all and she doesn't like to see people. All she does on Sundays is to go to the shows with my older sister.

"Katsuko came from a family which was very poverty-stricken. In camp her mother was so sloppy that all of the people in camp



talked about it. Her mother never ironed the clothes for the children. I think that this background of poorness has had a great influence on Katsuko as she feels guilty about spending any money at all. She counts her pennies very carefully and she puts every possible cent into the bank but she doesn't know why. She thinks it's some sort of protection for the future. She shares the food expense with me and she was so upset when she had her tooth extracted that I didn't charge her for food for one week. She needs to get her shoes repaired but she just won't go down and do it. I told her it would prove more expensive in the end as she would have to buy new shoes. Katsuko has only gone on one spree since she has lived with me. She went downtown and bought a \$45 black suit. I told her that this was rather expensive for a girl who was only earning \$30 a week. I said that she would have to get a lot of accessories for a black suit so she went down and bought a grey one. Now she has a very guilty conscience about spending all this money and she is saving every possible cent to make up this deficit. She came down and told me that she couldn't eat with me for one week because she didn't have enough money left. I wanted her to learn a lesson about budgeting so I didn't say anything. Katsuko ate on \$1 for four days and then I couldn't stand to see her living like that so I went up and made her come and eat with me for the rest of the week. I think Katsuko will think twice before spending money on another suit. She has money in the bank now. She won't draw out money once it is put in. She has so many moods that I don't understand her too well. It's not normal for her to live a life of seclusion for her and maybe it will be better for her to get a daytime job."

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Mr. Altrie wrote and he sent a \$30 ~~xxxx~~ check so that Emiko, Mariko and Miyako could have \$10 each for birthday presents. They all have birthdays this month. Miyako will be 13 on Saturday. Emiko doesn't know how Mr. Altrie remembers all of our birthdays. Bette said that since Miyako got \$10, she would send Tom the \$10 that Mr. Altrie gave her. She still does not think that it would be right for her to take monthly checks from him but it would be improper taste to accept presents on birthdays or other special events since he is an old family friend. Mr. Altrie sent Jack \$40 for a wedding present. He is stationed some place out in the South Pacific and he must really like the family because he writes frequently to all of us. I don't know him at all. Emiko said that he was a Filipino and he has been married twice but neither were very happy marriages. Mr. Altrie knew Pop about 30 years ago.

Tom wrote and said that he bought a bicycle for \$45. He had this money from the time and automobile hit him while riding on a bicycle in Vallejo and \$50 was given to replace the ruined bicycle and for minor doctor bills. Tom felt that it was justified to buy a new bicycle now with this insurance money. We had been planning to look around for a bicycle for him but we could not find one. Bette will send him the \$10 and Emiko said she would send some later. Both of them have been sending dollar bills now and then but they don't know if the family is getting this money because it never is acknowledged. Tom mentioned that Mom will not have an operation for a while because there is such a shortage of nurses in the hospital. It must be a strain on her to have this operation postponed so many times. I hope that it will not prove harmful for her to have this operation delayed. (See letters appended)



Emiko took the \$10 over to Davey this evening and she met Sunny, her supposed rival for the first time. Emiko thinks of Davey as a little boy and she doesn't have any romantic interests in him at all. She was so mad when she came home because she said she met some of the yogores who were living or visiting in that boarding house and they had such funny ideas about things. She mentioned that the ex-Nisei soldier~~x~~ who lived in that house was very prejudiced and he made a sneering remark about her going into a Jew hospital. This got Emiko quite angry and she started to argue with him very politely she said. She was so exasperated because these fellows seem to reflect bitter opinions on everything and she couldn't understand it. { She wondered if all Nisei were like that. Emiko doesn't understand that the majority of the Nisei have a different frame of mind from her and that is why they are restless. There is no question in her mind that she is identified with this country but most of the Nisei are extremely restless as they feel they have nothing to cling to. She said that the ex-Nisei soldier remarked that if Japan were crushed, the Nisei would have no country to represent them and they would be in a worst fix than the Negroes and the Jews. Emiko was amazed at this as she didn't see why the Nisei had anything to do with Japan. This attitude is quite common and I have heard it from almost every Nisei that I have interviewed. It does reflect a sort of racial consciousness~~x~~ which prevails in this group.

Emiko: "But the thing I really got mad at was when one of the yogore~~s~~s there gave the dumb argument that the evacuation and the war and everything was God's fault. He really believed it was true and he just stuck to that point. He said that God made all the different races and caused the war so that it was no use for



the Nisei to do anything about it. The boy is not religious but he really believes that this is true. Those fellows really are prejudiced. I don't want them to think that I act superior to them but I had to make my points. I don't see why they should be so disillusioned. I wonder what they are going to do after the war? They certainly are a bad influence for Davey. Sunny isn't like the rest of the group altho she is a little moody. I think she really likes Davey and that's why she's trying so hard to get him straighten out. Sunny wants to go into nursing school also.

"Davey is going to start work tomorrow at Cuneo Press and he says that he will get \$1.00 an hour. He was supposed to start work at a battery company but he will get more at Cuneo's. I don't know if he will get paid that much because he is always exaggerating. Sunny got pretty mad when she found out that Davey had borrowed \$10 from you because I let it slip out of the bag. Davey said that he didn't know whether he was going to school or not but he is thinking more of it. I told him that he would get very bored if he had to work at a factory job all of his life. He was one of those who made remarks about my going into a Jew hospital and I got a little mad at him. I don't know why he should be so prejudiced. Another one of those fellows said that the evacuation made them prejudiced because the Nisei had no prejudice at all before the war. I told him that he was crazy. I said that they only blamed other people because they didn't have it in themselves to recognize their own failures so that they excused themselves by saying it was the fault of evacuation."



I don't know what Emiko's other group is like because she never tells of discussions she has with them. I have seen a few of them and they are rather nice but simple. I suspect that they



are concerned with the usual nisei topics. They are all pretty superficial and much inferior to Emiko in intelligence. She can't see this at all because she is loyal to her friends and she overlooks their deficiencies. One of that group thinks that it is quite an accomplishment to take out cheap Caucasian women, Alice says. I think that most of them are rather naive and unsophisticated as they have come from small Japanese communities. I hope that Emiko doesn't get too involved with them but I don't see how she can avoid it. I'm sure that she will outgrow them after she gets into nursing school if she doesn't limit herself to this Nisei group, the nucleus of which is around her boyfriend. <her boyfriend has decided now to go to school some more and he is taking some night courses. He did this at Emiko's continual urging, but the rest of the group are still drifting along and they don't have much to offer so that they probably will be happier as workers. I think that if they had a little more initiative and ambition, they might be able to make more of themselves but they are too busy having a good time to think of the future. I suppose this is typical of most Nisei groups and not unusual.>

I had one of those pre-college talks with Bette today and we discussed the beginning of her college life. I wanted to impress upon her the fact that school was her primary purpose, but she did have some responsibility in keeping up the household. I pointed out that some of the other members of the family had mentioned that she was a little self-centered because she was always on the receiving end of things and it might be a good idea if she consciously attempted to think of other people's welfare. It isn't that she is actually selfish, but it is more forgetfulness and dilly-dallying around. Bette said that she recognized this herself and



she would make corrections. She said that she could learn much about methods of study and she was going to devote a great deal of time to this. She said that her social life would be taken care of with the college activities so that she wouldn't have too much time for Nisei groups right now. Bette wanted to know if she would be accepted to come home and cook for Jack at 4 o'clock every day. I thought that this might be arranged in a different manner so that she could spend a full day on the campus. I suggested that she could cook the thing the night before and make the lunch and her ~~h~~afternoon would be free except for the food shopping. Bette will be very glad when she can settle down to her regular classes as this week's activities has practically exhausted her.  She said she went to the activities program this evening and they had a dance. There weren't too many boys but Bette said that she met ~~ax~~ 6 foot 4 boy who danced with her a number of times. Another of her girl friends who commutes from Evanston wants to fix Betty Jean and Bette and herself <sup>with dates</sup> ~~up~~ for college dance Saturday with three sailors from Great Lakes. Bette asked me if this would be okay and I said that she would have to decide herself altho I said it would be better to develop friendships with the boys on the campus more. She said that several of the language school soldiers greet her in Japanese and she is getting to know a few of them slightly. 

Jack is greatly relieved because the reconciliation with Dolores' family seems to be complete and He had a note from Mr. Ingojo which completely accepted him as a son-in-law and it expressed a wish that California would be quickly open so that he could come and meet the family. He has given Dolores some sort of a wedding gift.



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Sept. 18, 1944

Dear Emiko:

The weather around here has gotten quite cool. Mother has not had her operation yet. Dr. Iki told me that he would operate on me but it had to be postponed when I caught a cold and he thought it best not to do it at that time. I am well now but because of the shortage of nurses I was asked to wait a little while longer for my operation.

Emiko, you are finally going to enter nursing school aren't you? Please study hard. Mariko finally became Mrs. Taki, didn't she? I am completely satisfied now since she had to go through so much fuss.

Mr. D.C. Aliter sent Emiko ten dollars for your birthday so I am forwarding it to you. Please remember to write to him and thank him for the present.

I received a letter telling me that Jack was married. I am not marrying her so I don't care whe he marries. However, I think Charlie will have to marry a Nisei girl or he would not be satisfied..

Please give my regards to Betty.

Mama

P.S. Thank you for the sweater and other things.

Dear Emiko:

This letter is really from mom but I'm writing it for her. First she says to say congratulations to Mariko. Next she says D.C. Albtars sent Mariko, Miyako and you thirty dollars. You get ten and Mariko gets fifteen because five dollars is from mom as a gift.

She hasn't had her operation yet because there isn't any nurse. I bought myself a bicycle for forty-five dollars. Ask Bette if she ordered any magazines for me because none came yet.

Tom



Sept. 19, 1944

Dear Emiko:

I am enclosing \$10 which Mom sent in her money order to me. It is a birthday gift from Mr. Altre to you, so you'd better send him a letter of thanks. He also sent Miyako and me ten dollars apiece for our respective birthdays. How in the world did he ever remember our birthdays?!!

Mom mentioned in her letter to me that her operation has been postponed till a later date, first because of her cold, and now because her nurse is away on a trip. I am enclosing her letter to you--also Tom's letter. You can see mine when you next come over.

I went downtown shopping last week and spent 3 hours at the music store trying to get some classical records which I thought you may like, but they were out of the ones I wanted. I finally chose one and will go down again some other time to get the other, or others (depending on the price). There are so many things that I'd like to get you and Betty but the fact that I am not working restricts me at the present time. By the way, you forgot to take the \$1.35 with you the last time you were here so will enclose it with this letter. I can't remember what it was for; wasn't it to buy a present or something? Have over \$1.30 so will send that.

Will you thank Chas for the cute wedding and birthday cards. I was quite touched to think that he took the time to choose such cunning cards. Betty was over last night and I thanked her again for hers and your nice combination wedding present and birthday gifts but I'd better put it in writing and you can consider this your "bread and butter" note!

Will you tell Jackson that he left his raincoat here--I should have given it to Betty last night but it slipped my mind.

I wonder if Paul has looked up Mom yet? I've been working on Betty's suit; as soon as I make the pockets and put the lining in, I won't be able to go any further, as she hasn't given me the zipper or buttons as yet. I told her that I'd get those items for her but what about you? Shall I get yours too? Drop me a line.

Are you folks planning to go to the Ballet?

Mariko



I read until about three last night after coming home from the interview so that I did not get to the office until about 11:00 this morning. I don't think I have been getting enough sleep this week, but I will catch up over the weekend. My interviews are coming along well now. I did not get much dictation done as Tom was using Louise.

Bette is looking tired out because of all the activities she has been attending this week. She went downtown with her new friends this afternoon. Bette has taken over the duty of doing most of the shopping and cooking in the last few days. Her dinner this evening was very good as she takes a lot of pains in cooking now. Next week she will start her classes. She has to get her program straightened out yet. Several of the girls she knows told her that the advisor Bette had gave everyone the wrong steer and put them in classes which were not necessary to take. Bette said that she is up to see BJ and the other girls so much that they think she lives in Blake Hall.

Emiko has been working hard and she was tired out this evening. As soon as she got home, she ate a little and went to bed. She hasn't had too much appetite lately. She has been losing ~~weight~~ weight at her work and it is not necessary for her to starve herself. Emiko is worried because some of her suits are getting tight and she does not want to grow out of them yet as she cannot afford to buy replacements.

Sent a carton of gum to Miyako for her birthday. Bette and Emiko are going to shop for presents tomorrow afternoon. Bette sent Tom the \$10.00 this evening, and Emiko plans to send the kids some money later. The girls are very considerate of the family and they did not think that Mariko should accept the \$5.00 wedding from mom as she couldn't afford it.



The war in Europe seems to have slowed up so that it is possible that it may go into the winter months. It sickens me every time I read of the increasing lists of casualties. I hope that the whole thing is over soon. The Pacific war has slipped more into the background but the Navy and Army has been pushing forward. Manila was bombed for the second time yesterday. A Nisei fellow over at Davy's rooming house made the remark this evening that it was going to be very hard for the Nisei after Germany falls because a lot of atrocity stories about the Jap soldiers would begin and the public would take it out on the resettled Nisei. He said that the camp people would get nervous too as many of them still believe that Japan is going to win the war and they are waiting for Japan to come to their rescue. La Violette expressed the opinion yesterday that the WRA was getting alarmed because it felt that there would be a great crisis in the camps when Japan is defeated. I hardly think that will be true as most of the Issei are not that concerned with the war. They just want to live in peace. It is the agitators who give the group the bad reputation. This does not mean that the majority of the Issei are not still sympathetically inclined towards Japan. Many Nisei have this feeling also which arises out of their confused feelings and their growing racial identity as they feel that they are not being accepted. Too bad that they cannot see the resettlement program more objectively. Maybe the inconsistencies of policy in the best is the democratic way. The direction which the WRA has been going has been enlightened in policy altho the practice is more difficult due to the deficiencies of personnel. The WRA hopes to have 50,000 people resettled by next June. The progress of the war both in Europe and the Pacific will influence this movement greatly. After the fall of Germany, many Nisei may not want to come out anymore as they



will hear rumors that most of the war jobs are closing down. The possibility of returning to California after the elections is another strong rumor, but I hardly think there will be a mass movement back when the restrictions are completely lifted. Davy's father, an educated man and a dentist in Amache, believes in these rumors as noted in his letters

"I understand that the government will send us back to California after the Presidential election. Soldier's families will be sent back first and this movement will start next spring. But if I was sent back to California, how can I make my living? I have no money to keep up my office for any long period without much patients. Government must help us to reestablish the business for they took away our wealth, means of living and destroyed everything we had. They are responsible for our livings for they have uprooted us from our happy livings." (Aug. 20.)

"We had trout dinner tonight and enjoyed it very much. It made us feel homesick for California. Nisei's can go back to California now if they apply for it and bring suit to the court because the Army do not contest it anymore. After the presidential election, the Niseis will be permitted to go back to California." (Sept. 8, 1944) ( Dr. Higaki's letters attached to ch-50)

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This evening I went over to Davy's and interviewed him for five or six hours. I made a few contacts there which I may be able to follow up later. The group of boys there are rather ordinary and all they talk about is money. I asked them what they were going to do with all the money they made and they responded, "Money talks, hey!" The four fellows in the living room were comparing wages and one fellow discovered that he is working four hours more a week and he gets a salary of \$5.00 less.



He was thinking of quitting his job to get a higher wage. Tom N. mentioned that he was going to work in the ice plant next summer as it was piece work and he knew of one fellow who made over \$425 a month during the summer by putting in 12 hours a day. One of the other fellows, Sam, mentioned that he knew of a guy who made \$70.00 a week for piece work. Tom said that he was going to "cut out" for Cleveland soon as he knew a girl over there and he heard that the wages were higher. The term "cut out" for another city seems to be used quite freely among the Nisei. The fellows in this boarding house felt that they were being made suckers because they were working for Cuneo's and battery companies for wages of \$35 net to \$50 a week.

Then Davy mentioned that he was getting \$1 an hour on the job he started today at Cuneo's. He said that he did silk screening work on posters, but it was only 40 hours a week. He plans to work on Saturday nights as a busboy at the Picadilly Hotel if he can get the hours from 5pm to 2 am. He said that he could not save on his present salary since it would only be about \$34 a week after taxes were deducted. Then one of the fellows said that his friend put in that he had six dependents so that he did not have to pay any taxes. The other fellows wondered if they could get away with the same thing as the fellow mentioned was only 19 years old. Tom's friend said that he could not get a release from his job so that he was not able to transfer to a department which paid higher wages. Apparently the job does not mean too much to these fellows as they all said that they did not plan to keep them after the war. "We will be fired anyway."

This emphasis on wages seems to be very prevalent among the Nisei. I wonder if that is going to be an indication of the future psychology of this group. The Nisei could very well develop



seem to emphasis money above everything. The money element may be the most important to large numbers of Nisei as they feel insecure and a large wage is something tangible. At the same time many of these individuals are not saving much as they try to live according to the accepted American pattern of being free spenders and large tippers. There seems to be large numbers who are preoccupied with saving for the future, but they are not the more noticeable ones. Sometimes I wonder if the pattern of getting known as large spenders and the emphasis on clothes may not be a compensation for the frustrations they feel at their jobs and they are seeking recognition in this manner. The fact that they are from California or Washington or that they are good dancers are less of a criteria for prestige now since the organized Nisei society is far from being all inclusive. A flashy suit may signify to unknow Nisei that these individuals are important personages. Very few of the Nisei can achieve prestige with their jobs since most of them are in the unskilled fields. Thus large salaries and the more obvious uses of it becomes more of the criterion. The fellows in that rooming houses are not zoot suiters, but they go around in definite gangs, and they sort of feel in awe of the brazen Nisei who publicly gets drunk and is daring.

After the discussion of salary, the topic swung to girls. One fellow mentioned that he knew a place up in Evanston where nine Nisei nurses aides lives so that three of the fellows decided to go up there for a visit this evening. Only one of these fellows knew these girls. By that time, Davy had returned from his errand so I went into his room to interview him.

Davy was upset this evening because he went out and bought steak for dinner. Sunny got angry about this as she said that they could not have steak all the time as it was too extravagant. She



made them eat liver. Davy would only eat salad as he made the excuse that he hated liver. He went out on the excuse that he was going to buy some stamps so that he could go to the restaurant and eat. He bought some work pants with the money I loaned him and he said that he liked his new job as it was hard work and it kept him from getting bored. He still doesn't want to go to school even though his father has offered to finance him.

Davy is usually a happy go lucky fellow but during the interview he relieved all of his inner frustration which have been completely projected to a "hatred" of "white bastards" whom he blames for all of his disorganization. He really is not completely aware of what is wrong with himself, but it does him a lot of good just to talk it out. We got through his center experiences and his first resettlement to Denver. I find that this is a very worthwhile interview because it does give a picture of what ~~many~~ confusion many of the Nisei are going through.

It made me stop to think that the Nisei actually do not realize how well off they are. La Violette gave us a good picture of the plight of the Canadian Nisei this afternoon. At that time, I felt that we were so much better off in a democratic country where there was a chance for free expression and a growing opportunity to work out the future if it will be taken and worked towards. The Canadian Nisei do not have this chance because they have been completely rejected and they have no more faith in the government of Canada or in "British Justice." This justice comes out of the imperialistic policies of Britain and it is very patronizing in character. It is only for the white Englishman and they are more prejudiced than American, only they handle it in a smooth manner while the Americans are more emotional in character. I prefer the American way as it is more honest and there



is more of a chance to achieve democratic practices. I think that the present resettlement is a good example of that in spite of the many mistakes which are being made. Altho the U.S. Nisei may be pessimistic at times they do not hesitate to demand that the ideal system of democracy be extended to them as a right of citizenship. The Canadian Nisei do not have this expression and they are much more pessimistic about the future, according to La Violette.

La Violette has a good basis for comparison. He has worked as a community analyst at Heart Mountain and he is now working on a one year project to give an interim report of the Canadian evacuation and resettlement. He is teaching at McGill University in the sociology department. He took a lot of pictures of his trip through the Canadian interior settlements for Japanese and we look at them while he talked about the Canadian program. A rough quotation of his three or four hour "lecture" follows--I took notes on the major portion:

"The outstanding characteristic about the Canadian program for the Japanese is the consistency in rejection. The Commission (comparable to the WRA) bases this upon two assumptions: That the Canadian Japanese are non assimilable, and that the Nisei up there are not eligible for the draft or defense jobs. The Canadian objective is to get rid of this group because they have convinced themselves that the Japanese are lowering the standard of living. For that reason they wish to deport as many Japanese as possible on the basis that they are not "loyal" to Canada. There has been not government attempt made to integrate the Japanese into Canadian life as they do not believe that this is possible. At the same time, it is a touchy question and they are thinking of possible trade connections with Japan after the war so that they are trying to solve this Japanese problem in the "smooth" British manner. Never-



theless the viciousness of the program is rather obvious.

"The Canadian government is taking as less responsibility for the Japanese as possible. It only provides grade school education for the Nisei are the teachers are mostly other Nisei. Consequently the Japanese are carrying on some underground language schools. No high school education is provided by the government so that it is up to the parents to assume this responsibility through correspondence courses for their children. Canada does not have such a thing as the Student Relocation Council to help the Nisei to get a college education.

"The American objectives in comparison are confused and it goes up and down. However there is a nebulous framework of democratic action into which the program is gradually fitting. There is more of a possibility that this will be accomplished. The program is directed towards integration and the U.S has taken the viewpoint that the Nisei can be assimilated. The resettlement program is more definitely in this direction and it has been pushed by the WRA and the people are not hamstrung by red tape so much. There is less restriction on the Nisei once he is out of camp. In Canada, the government keeps a complete check on every Nisei no matter where he is located and movements are restricted.

"There was a much stronger cry for complete deportation up there. Prime Minister King took some of the pressure off by adopting a policy that there will be a segregation of the loyal from the disloyal. The policy is to deport the disloyal to Japan even if they are citizen. The Canadian program of refection is pushing more and more of the Nisei into the latter category.

"The second part of the program in Canada is very underdeveloped. The idea is to scatter the loyal ones across the country and to finally achieve categorical integration by this process of placing



them out thinly. The press of Brithis Columbia took up the cry that the Nisei were not wanted back in their province ever so that the Nisei have no guarantee that they will be allowed back to the coast even if the war ends.

"The Commission has not been able to get together a good personnel to administer this program. It is much worse than the WRA in this respect. The pay scale is low so that a Canadian social worker in the Commission only gets \$110 a month. In the WRA centers, the minimum pay for this sort of work is twice as much as in Canada. The Commission is in a chaotic condition and it is not entirely covered by the civil service. It couldn't have gotten any other kind of a personnel under the circumstances and they are definitely prejudiced. These people are humane in other things but they yell out their hatreds against the Canadian Japanese along with the press and pressure groups. This attitude is permeated from the head office right through to the lowest Commission position. \*

"A few of the Canadian Nisei have gotten into civil service to work on the projects (interior settlements) but the number is very limited. Most of the Caucasian personnel can't do the job as they can't rid themselves of their emotional feelings and be objective. There are some in the WRA personnel who are open in their dislikes of the evacuees, but they go ahead and do their jobs as the heads of the agency have a more clear-sighted and fair outlook than in Canada.

"The Canada system is to mistrust all those of Japanese ancestry and everyone is under their thumbs. They know exactly where every Nisei is relocated and their citizenships rights are still denied. There are only about 23,000 Japanese in Canada, but it spends less than one-fourth of money on the program than the



US in proportion to the Japanese population.

"The Canadian Nisei are hamstrung at every turn and the civil rights are suspended indefinitely. They can't get licenses for business or buy property or land. There is quite a difference in the Canadian attitudes towards the resettled Nisei as compared to WRA policy. Up there, they don't want to do anything at all until after the war. The psychology of treatment has its direct results upon the respective Japanese population of Canada and the U.S.

"For one thing, the Canadian program has driven the Japanese entirely into a shell and they see no hope for the future. A Caucasian person can't even talk to the Japanese up there like in the U.S. The Nisei just shut up on everything. It's a complicated situation as the Canadian Nisei are more Japanese and they can't be objectified like the U.S. Nisei. One of the reasons is that the Japanese of Canada is a newer group and the process of assimilation has not progressed so far at the time of evacuation. The Nisei up there wouldn't talk to me very much when I visited the interior settlements altho I know many of the more educated ones from the U. of British Columbia and those who came down to the U. of Washington.

"The psychology of the Japanese ~~xxx~~ in the WRA camps and in the Interior Settlements are absolutely different. Down here the people are beginning to talk freely and easily about the evacuation. There are even jokes about it and the people have a feeling that they are alive. Up in Canada, the Japanese walk around with their chins down and they are utterly defeated. The psychological problem for those people are quite different. They can be roughly divided into two groups: those who expect to go back to Japan and those who just don't think of the future at all. Resettlement is almost an unmentionable subjects in the Canadian camps.



"The policy of the government in resettlement and handling of the evacuees makes a lot of difference in their attitudes. When the relocation program got under way in the WRA camps in March 1943, they made it easier as there were too many red tape restrictions to get out of camp up to that time. In Canada, there exists a series of restrictions and it takes months for a person to get out of camp. Consequently, a feeling of persecution and insecurity is fostered more. The Commission is hated more than anything. The conditions are not set for mass relocation up there. The people are just rotting it out in camp for the duration. But if they were given encouragement, I am pretty sure that they would go out in larger numbers even though greater outside hostility exists in Canada than down here.

"It is hard to describe the tremendous hostility that the Japanese in Canada have developed towards the government. Some of this arose out of the government disposition of the Japanese property on the coast. In the fishing boat deals, the Japanese got more than the appraised prices by independent dealers. But the trouble was that a lot of vandalism had taken place and the cost of repairs were taken out of the sale price. Property was all ~~impounded~~ impounded, and the Canadian Army has furthered this feeling of rejection by refusing to consider the Nisei for the draft. There is a stereotyped attitude towards the Japanese all the way through. But in a way, Canadian Nisei might be better off as they are waiting for the government's next move and they don't go through some of the confused state of mind like the U.S. Nisei who don't know just how they are going to be taken as the policy is changing. The result is that many of the U.S. Nisei don't know which way to turn while the Canadian Nisei has no choice.

"On the whole, the Japanese Canadian is likely to become an impoverished group and they are much worse off than the U.S. Japanese. They are much more infested with rumors than in the WRA.



camps, believe it or not. Everything is in a tangle up there.

"The Canadian farm labor resettlement has not been so good. It was necessitated by the acute shortage of labor. There are about 2500 Japanese in sugar beet work, but they can't buy land so that there is not sense of permanency so consequently they feel very insecure. The owners even tell them that they will have to get out after the war. There are still about 13000 Japanese in the interior settlements of British Columbia. It is largely a farm group and resettlement is impossible for them if they can't buy land. In the U.S. there are many more opportunities of this nature and numbers of Japanese farmers have bought land in Colorado and other western states and many of them are doing quite well.

"You can't tell what is going to happen to the Japanese Canadians. The hardest hit are the educated Nisei as there is no place in Canada for them. The others do labor at least and they are making war wages in the priority factories in the industrial areas, but they are assigned the jobs nobody else wants or the jobs which have been left for defense work. The Canadian Nisei cannot get into defense work so they have to take what they can get elsewhere. There is no discrimination in wages for these jobs the Nisei do but they are tied to their jobs. The Canadian Selective Service freezes all workers to their jobs and they cannot shift around at all. Thus a resettled Canadian Nisei may come out to a job which does not suit him at all and he can not do anything about moving around to find his occupational adjustments.

"There is no great public outcry for the rights of these Canadian citizens as Canada does not have a tradition of fighting for civil rights. But I still can't say positively that the American program is any better altho it seems to be. Canada could set up a



program of integration and make it possible for Japanese to buy land and give them the right to vote and all the other things in the long run. The thing is that the Canadian Nisei are envious of the U.S Nisei as they don't think that they get any attention. There is no group in Ottawa which sits down and thinks about these things since States rights is quite strong up there.

"Thus you will find a general atmosphere of apathy in the Canadian camps and they turn their attention inwards to the camp life. In the U.S. camps, you don't know who is going to relocate as sudden decisions are made and unexpected families go out and take a chance. Many of the Nisei are going into the army. In Canada, there are none of these promises for the future. The Canadian does not finance the resettled families like the WRA does.

"Even if the WRA camps had to become permanent, the Japanese could make them economically profitable as the centers are located on undeveloped land. Wyoming offers wonderful opportunities for this sort of thing and the people of Heart Mountain could make the community self supporting if they had to. The same would hold true for some of the other projects. In Canada this would be impossible as the interior settlements are located in poor farming areas and in former ghost towns. There is only one Canadian Interior camp that has any possibility. The others are in the most isolated part of the country and they are really cut off from civilization. The government pays wages to each family or relief to those who cannot work. The amount is barely sufficient to take care of the bare living essentials. The people do all of their own cooking. There are no barracks as in the WRA centers as the Canadian camps are reconverted ghost towns. Many of the houses have no electricity or other facilities as in the WRA camps. The Canadian system is drawing the Japanese family into



such a tightly knit Japanese system that it will take generations to break it down to the point where the process of assimilation can pick up from where it left off at the time of the war. The Japanese families buy their food from the surrounding towns and the storekeepers do not resent them as they are getting a new source of income. The people in the settlements will not allow another Japanese to go into business on his own. They are contented to live this deadening life as long as they are all in the same position. It is no wonder that they seem to have lost all hope for a future in Canada.

"At best Resettlement is a very tough proposition. The farm life is hard and they live under primitive conditions. If too many go into a certain farming area, there is sure to be great opposition. Many of the younger Nisei are going East but they center in Montreal and Toronto. There are about 400 in Montreal and 700 in ~~xxxxxx~~ Toronto. A howl of protest was raised against the invasion of Toronto so that this mecca for the Nisei was closed. That practically stopped resettlement. It would be like the WRA closing Chicago to the Nisei. Montreal is further off and there is still a fear of going that far east. The French Canadians are more tolerant of the Nisei there and there are possibilities.

"The wage level of the resettled Nisei is extremely low. \$125 a month is top wage. There are many domestic jobs open for Nisei girls at \$40 a month but few takers. The Nisei girls do not have the opportunities to enter clerical and factory work like the U.S. Nisei. The Nisei in Canada who see that there is only a future for them in Canada are going through the great struggle of integration versus segregation. Integration holds little promise for them as the Nisei do not have any government support at all in helping to get greater acceptance. It is the educated groups



who do most of the thinking about this. This attitude has been strengthened to them as there is only one Nisei publication, the New Canadian, and it prints a lot of stuff from the Pacific Citizen and the camp papers. The majority of the Canadian Nisei cling to more of a segregated pattern because they feel that they need the comfort and protection of their own group even stronger than in the U.S. They are not accepted as readily as down here. As a result of the experiences which the Canadian Nisei has gone through, I think it is fairly safe to assume that they have lost faith in the Canadian way, i.e. democracy. Canada does not make any pretences at applying democracy for this special group. It just puts on the restrictions and nobody protests. The Canadian Nisei do not have the heritage of the U.S. Nisei who gets up and yells for democracy if it is not ~~extended~~ granted to him. Even with the lack of it and the bitterness which may exist in the U.S. Nisei psychology, there still is the demand and the insistence that the ideals of democracy be applied. It does have its positive benefitss and the U.S. Nisei are slipping into the American way of life faster than they realize. The Canadian Nisei does not even have this faith as British Imperialism puts a little different interpretation on democracy and they have not qualms about not applying it to the Colonials. Under such a situation the Canadian Nisei has much less hope for the future than the U.S. Nisei and a much greater tendency to lose faith in the Canadian system of life. The chances of them become as well adjusted as the U.S. Nisei in the long run are limited unless the Canadian government has a change in policy."



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Diary

Sat. Sept. 23, 1944

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Slept all morning and then came to the office. Kiku Tomita dropped in so I talked with her all afternoon. She is going to write up her autobiography and perhaps start a journal of observations on Nisei activities. I don't know how much she will do as she works full time and she has just enrolled in the University of Chicago Evening School. I tried to give her some suggestions on how she could write up some of the stuff. She is still interested in "conclusions" and I wanted her to get more of the factual data if she were going to spend time. I showed her a few of the longer reports we had in the office and tried to point out that Tom and Frank were much better qualified to write up formal conclusions and she caught on. I don't know if it was worth while spending six hours with her this afternoon, but there is a possibility that she might be able to contribute some very good data for the study if she had the time.

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Emiko and Bette went shopping this afternoon. Emiko bought a red coat. She shopped all around for a bargain and she was finally able to find her nice coat in one of the bargain lots for only \$15. It looks like a much more expensive coat and Bette tried to get one like it but the rest were all cheap. Emiko told Alice and Mariko that it cost \$35 and they did not doubt her for a minute and Mariko can usually spot a cheaper coat right away. Emiko said that she planned to buy another coat since she will have more money saved up than she had hoped. She bought the coat with the birthday check that Mr. Altrie sent and the \$5.00 which Bette gave her.

Emiko's and Bette's suit ~~is~~ ~~are~~ not finished yet, but it is not Mariko's fault as she has been unable to find the buttons for them. Mariko claimed that Alice did a lousy sewing job so that she had to do it all over again. Emiko is anxious to get her suit



finished so that she will be able to wear it to nursing school. Emiko said that she would be lonely the first day there even tho the hospital was not too far from home. A Nisei girl in the school has been assigned her "Big Sister" to show her around, but Emiko did not appreciate that she much. She hopes that she will not be made the room mate of this girl as she is going to tell the hospital that it is better not to segregate. She said that the other Nisei girl will probably feel the same way and she doubted if they would go around much with each other as they will get their own friends. Dorothy Ikeda (ch-39) still does not know if she will enter next month. She thinks that she may have to wait until next January.

Emiko has all of next week scheduled as her various friends want to take her out. "They must think that I am going into isolation or something." She is going out on dates with friends at work and those she knew at school. The rest of the dates are with her Nisei group. (2) She told her boss that she just received word that she could enroll at Mt. Sinai so she gave notice of quitting work on October 2. She is getting all worried about how she is going to get all of her clothes and records over there. Mariko has an old little radio which I will try and get fixed up if I can locate it so that Emiko will also have a radio over there. She is already planning how to decorate her room up at the nursing school.

Bette finished the first week of activity at college and next week she will start her studies in earnest. She still has to rearrange her study schedule a little, but she thinks that she will be able to make the change in courses without too much difficulty. She has made a lot of new friends in her first week at school and she is planning to take part in many of the school activities this fall.



Jack has not been making much progress in his plan to get into medical school by next fall. He thinks that there is still a chance so that he has been writing a number of letter lately. He would like to save \$1500 by next June and he has only reached one-third of this goal in the five or six months that he has been working. He believes that he will be able to save much more from now on as his work checks have been around \$50.00 a week and his expenses have been cut down to a minimum. He asked me if I would be willing to lend him \$1000 as he needs \$2500 to go thru med school. I rather hesitated about this as I felt that I had to provide for Emiko and Bette first of all. However, I said that I would consider it. I suggested that he try to get a loan from Dolores' father and I could lend him \$500. I told him we could worry about that when the time came.

Nothing has been said about family resettlement lately and it is going to be an added expense if we take definite action next year, which is still problematical. I will be able to save a little money now that Emiko will be going to nursing school. It is a matter of putting the money to the best possible use. Mom has not had her operation yet and she will have to be on a special diet for quite some time. I still hesitate about making definite moves because of other factors like the draft and my work--also my uneasiness about being tied down if I take the initiative on family resettlement. The others all have their courses charted out while I am still indefinite and I suppose in the best position to do something definite. I'll be more than willing to lend Jack the money if Bette and Emiko's schooling is taken care of. I'm just assuming that the Cadet Corps will be closed by the time Bette gets ready to go to nursing school so that I have to figure for this. Now if the Cadet Corps closes soon, then Emiko will have to be taken care of. There are a lot of



"ifs" in the situation which complicates matters.

Jack has been getting a little discouraged about the slow progress he has been making, but Dolores has been keeping up his morale. Her family reconciliation has been complete so that this is not a major worry on her mind. (see letters attached.) Jack was feeling a little sorry for himself this evening and he said that if he did not get into a medical school by next June, he was going to divorce Dolores and become an adventurer and get into the merchant marine to see the world for a few years!

Davy was around for a while this evening. It has become a sort of custom for the boys over at his boarding house to have drinking parties all Saturday night. Davy was running back and forth to the Liquor store to buy quarts. The last time Jack saw him, Davy mentioned that all of the fellows had passed out. Davy is able to drink and drink without too much noticeable affect. It is too bad that he is preoccupied with drinking as it is not going to do him any good.

Davy is going to get a Saturday night job and this afternoon he and Jack went over to find out about it. It is a busy job in a hotel restaurant. Jack figures that he could work the whole weekend, but Emiko does not think that this is such a good idea as he will ruin his health.

Emiko, Bette and I went to a show this evening after listening to President Roosevelt's campaign speech. We thought that it was a very effective talk and it answered all of the smears which the Republicans have been making lately. I still think that FDR is the best choice for President. Jack mentioned that a few of the workers at his plant were actually Republicans and he has been trying to convert them.



The following are letters Dolores sent to Jack:

San Francisco, Calif.  
Sept. 4, 1944

Dearest--

Darling, I'm all cleaned up ready for bed - washed my face and neck, brushed my teeth, combed my hair. Now I'm cozily propped against my pillow in the mood for --- for writing to my dearest one. You've probably been busy since I've left to make up for the 2 weeks so you need a refresher - how about a line to set me and you, okay?

I wish you could be with me here. When you do come to S.F. again we'll spend a night here in my former room - how it's all Lourdes. She won't mind though. The room is really her style - all in white mostly except for the rug, closet grate, screen and bookcase. The bed is large and comfy as you'll sometime find out.

Dad painted the bathroom and had the sides tiled in pottery pink - anyway it looks better than it used to - a lot cheerful now. The kitchen is going to be painted next month - needs it.

Mother taught me how to prepare "adabo" - very simple - the pork or chicken is cooked well in vengar, garlic, parika, whole black pepper, salt, bay leaves. You can add a little shoyu too.

Earlier this afternoon mother and I had a little argument - I mentioned the fact that I may be suspended for 7 months and she caught on that it's punishment for getting married so suddenly. She's afraid I'll get lazy and not finish or else I'll have a baby too soon. She thinks it's a lot up to me about this suspension deal so we argued. Sometimes Mom is impossible - I don't like to argue with her because she insists on arguing about things she's not sure of or understand. One thing, we'd always agree if I had to stay with her all the time. She doesn't want me to do work downstairs and yet if I stayed here at home and worked outside she'd resent it. She says the pinoy's will make remarks saying that I gave up and couldn't take it or that I'm spoiled and won't ever finish. I told her it's no one's business but ours. Mother's glad I'm happily married and she likes you from what she's heard from me and the kids. (also she likes your looks; she says we look alike - poor you!) Still, she worries about what people will say and she prefers to keep it quiet among the few she knows - well, I'll leave it to her. But it'll be funny if Dad should do otherwise (they'll have to get together on their stories.)

Tonight we all went to Far East Cafe on Grant Ave. for Chinese dinner. We included the family and Elmyne. I wished you were there with us. Dad ordered plenty, he ordered cocktails for El and I, himself and mother. He passes cigarettes to us as often as he pulls them out. We drank a toast to a certain couple



who just got married in Chicago - guess? Dad's really a swell guy - he saw me sighing after the meal and he made a sly remark wishing you were here too (so you and he could finish up the food as Dad is always the only one left to eat everything so we didn't leave with guilty feelings).

After the dinner we went to the Mariner and we sat out there talking - El, about her trip to N.Y. and me and Chicago. I told Dad about us listening to the concert under the stars after we got married. Also the time we went rowing - well, that started him on his experiences about his swimming in a lagoon in the P.I. with crocodiles lurking nearby.

Gee, darling, I know you'll like Dad and Mom. You like Dad especially because he's easy to talk to - you can kid with him.

Mom's quiet but sweet. She may seem too quiet at first, but, after a while you'll like her too. She's like my mom-in-law.

I miss you a lot darling - wish I could say all the things I feel in my bosom but I save it all for the next time.

I better get some "shut-eye" to be prepared for that hearing at 1:00.

In the morning about 9:-0 Joe, Lourdes and I are going to Petaluma to pick up some chickens, have to be back by 12:30. I'll sign off - regretting that I can't sigh off instead into your arms. If you're cold (due to the weather) you'd melt in my arms.

All the love I know - your wife,

Dolores



Sept. 5, 1944

Dearest Jack: my husband,

Gee, I could cry sweetheart - everything's been so good to me. I really don't deserve all the things that have happened. First of all I'm your wife; second, the family approves; thirdly, the school has reconsidered and now I'm back again.

I promised the school I'd keep the part in which I married without consent from the school and my parents quiet. This is so no one else will try it. Darling, I didn't even have to face the board - they just talked it over and decided favorably. I don't know what made them so big-hearted. It could be that when I spoke to Miss S. Heitman, she felt my sincerity in finishing and that my case being so different called for leniency. My grades aren't bad either so it must be that I'm not such a poor student - even if I don't study as I should.

My first class is this afternoon 4-5. Golly, I would've been stuck if they suspended me as I'd have to give up my room - that would've meant moving around - getting all my junk back to 1552 Webster or keeping it with the kids. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Phew, what a lucky girl I am! Then too, it would've changed our plans and I'd hate to be burdening you by even taking the chance of hindering your chances for success.

The kids around here don't know it was an unplanned marriage - so it can't spread. They know now I'm married and back and they're all so glad! Gee, they're a swell bunch of "sisters" to me - wish you could meet them some day,

Angelo wrote to me and I have to write him about the trip and the good news. He wants to know Emilio's address so he can write to you kids.

Well, I'll be living on \$20.00 month and without any worries of board and room - now that I'm married I'm going to learn how to practice living practical and economical. I can manage on the cadet money - that's plenty for me - and I'll even save money in the bank. I'll get that money rollin' upwards in the bank! I'm glad I don't have to worry about Dad, Mom and the kids - Dad's very capable and will be for the longest time yet. He's gained the 30 pounds he lost - he's healthy and better looking now, his disposition is a lot better too. He's really doing well - his diabetes is so mild the doctor says he'll be able to control it even without the use of insulin. He's still using the minimum dose of 10 units and with it is faring excellent.

The music is playing "Amour" - ha, rhumba and I'm so happy I could dance but you aren't around to catch me - no senor!

I'll sign off now. I shan't be too busy to write - you'll be hearing from me oftener than planned. I'll be busy studying



too from now on. I'll show them they did the right thing. I'll put my best foot forward - I've lots to work for.

Your devoted wife,

Dolores

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Sept. 7, 1944

Dearest Jack,

I had dinner at home and spent a quiet evening with the family. Harriet has a cold so it was best she stayed home and come over another time to congratulate me.

I brought your music recording over and played it over and over again for your mom-in-law and pop too. She likes you singing. Mommy is real child-like in wanting to know all about you. Of course, I don't tell her all the details but I told her how badly I felt when we had to separate, how I visited you and how we kept it up via mail. I'm amazed at how relaxed I am in saying a lot of things (spilling the beans!) - yet, neither of them cawl me out. I do wish you could be with me so I could have you meet your folks.

It's funny I'm still no so used to signing Mrs. K. at the desk - but I feel so good being called Mrs. Kikuch - now that I'm a "Mrs." I gather more respect - pardon me, the girls think I'm quite a lady now.

Ah - the radio is going to play "Don't Take your Love From Me". Gee, that reminds me of the time your ~~mama~~ and papa were on Buchanan St. Reminds me of that period before evacuation - well, neither I nor you took love away.

Incidentally in that recording of yours, you mentioned Chicago and me coming out to get married (sigh) it's something I did! The only thing ~~ixx~~ didn't do was give up nsg for a while. Oh, well, as you say it was for the best I didn't run back into your arms at the depot. Wish I could re-kiss you again - oh - how soft and tender - I feel like purring instead I'll just moisten my lips. Your pipe is on my study desk - brings back 4 years of beautiful memories.

I do love my Jack with all my heart. I'm all yours - being your companion and wife - but I wish I could do something to express how much I care for you - it's so deep, you're the only one who can reach my affections. I do love you terribly much.

You don't have to ask if you can address me "dear wife" - remember that letter? I love you!

Your wife, Dolores



Sept. 7, 1944

Dear husband,

Just a short note to ask you if you would please sign the health and marriage paper - I don't expect a baby (not yet, I hope??) so you don't have to worry. I'll let you know if anything slipped up.

Received your letter today postmarked Sept. 3 (you dated the letter wrong, you wrote Sept. 4.)

I'll write you more later.

My ring (ours) is lovely - I'm always wearing it - to work, to sleep and when I play (bowling).

My social activities since I've returned has been numerous - teas, dinners, bowling once, seeing the family as often too as Dad wants to keep an eye on me for you. My girl friends are all asking me over. Eva Strauss just got back from Oregon and I'm going to Berkeley tomorrow night. Harriet Halston is coming over for dinner tonight.

I've lots of studying to get done - and oh, it'll have to wait until next week. The girls here are so surprised - I'm getting constantly slapped on the back or else kissed (by the "skirts" only). Evelyn's eyes popped out, ha! Gerry keeps sighing. The rest who live on my side are simply tickled pink - "I'm so demure and secretive tsk, tsk!"

Gerry's the only one who knows of the trouble I almost got into - and she says "only Dolores could do it and get away" - however, I don't take it that way. I'm sincerely thankful, everything's been kind for my happiness. With a wonderful husband - I'd do it again to be your wife.

Again, I say the ring is lovely - it's your choice and that's what makes it so close to my heart. I love you, adore you, wish I could say more.

Dolores



Sept. 7, 1944

Dearest: my husband,

I'm writing a "good night" note before I go to bed. I heard the radio play "Sweetheart" and it reminded me of our wedding - sweet and unforgettable - Grant's Park, the concert, the stars and your arms around me. You don't know how I feel right now. I wish I could describe my very mixed emotions of sadness and joy - if you could be real right now so that I could touch you - it's like reaching for a star - only some day soon I'll be in your embrace. Gee, darling, I do miss you a lot - my heart is very lonely and when it thinks of the months before us, it feels like crying.

I've good news to write darling - I'll be having another 3 weeks vacation some time before or in March. You see, our senior cadet program starts and so we (in our class) have to have our vacation that soon. Some of us will have Xmas and New Years. It would be swell to see you that much sooner. I was going to ask for vacation in May - but now, I won't have to. Maybe, soon we can make plans to be together??

How's the application into Med school doing darling? I'm hoping and keeping my fingers crossed that you'll be able to get into one soon. Don't ever give up darling - I'm backing you up. I'll never leave you however the wind blows, I'm with you. I wish I could do something to help you. I love you so much Jack - I wish I could hold you close to me as I say all this.

Now that everything's "jake" with the sch and folks, I've lost all my fears and I'm such a happy one! I found out too, that I love you more than ever and may I confess something? I love you more than I could have felt in the past - I've learned my lesson from now on I'm facing everything openly and with confidence. I'm not the "victor", even if everything turned out successfully. I've learned many new things and I'm maturing at the same time. I'm sorry that I didn't tell my folks earlier - however, we stuck together and I'm devoting myself to you and those brats your promised (indirectly related to why I'm here in school).

I'm going to close my eyes now - the song "I'll be Seeing You" brings tears to my eyes - I'm not crying Jackie - they're just moist because I'll be seeing you.

Always and always,

Dolores.



Sept. 8, 1944

To my dearest husband,

I just have to end this day by writing a few lines.

Eva just left - she's returning to Seattle (cadet nurse) and I won't be seeing her until next year. Dad and I drove her to the terminal.

Dad and I had a quiet chat. He was explaining to me why he was rather quiet at home - he and mom had an argument concerning the business - about the charge account of one of the customer. Funny, because earlier mom told me about it from her point of view. Tsk, tsk, at their age!

Dad seemed to be expecting you before the year is up but I told him it wasn't certain yet about the west opening up, then too - it may be impossible for you to leave whatever you may be doing. Dad mentioned about wanting to get a nice apartment-house so we can live in it. Dad's very willing to help around, but, I don't want to lean on him - I'm afraid he may like you too much and I won't get a chance. Anyway, we want to be independent. He said, "if there's any trouble between you and Jac, I'll take his side because he's the head of the family" What do you know - just like a man!

He and mom certain have proven their real love for me as they've changed just because I'm happy. He wanted to know if I argue like mom - ha ha! I told him we always discuss things and come to a compromise (ahem, er - er don't we darling husband?)

Gee, I like my name - Mrs. John F. Kikuchi. Imagine, darling I answer to it now! Incidentally, did I surprise a lot of people! The doctors I know call me "Mrs." and emphasize it. Gosh, I know what they're thinking of - (blush)

I love the brats I'm caring for - oh, they're lovable but do I want to spank some of them! Our new supervisor in Children's Ward said I probably know about kids but I told her I just got married - golly I didn't know the lines on my face showed that badly - I must order another shade of powder.

I have many letters to answer. I should have some announcements so I can just read them instead, but maybe I better find time to answer. I'll make carbon copies. Gee, it's a hot night I mean warm. Reminds me of Chicago nights. When I close my eyes I think of 2 heavenly week - and our first week anniversary - you were a bad boy taking a walk around the block - something I can't understand it began with a crushed aspirin.

Oh dear - how I love you and miss you. Gee whiz!!!

Love,

Mrs. Dolores Kikuchi



Sept. 10, 1944

Dear husband,

This beautiful night and the beautiful music on the radio reminds of the evening of our wedding - the evening concert at Grant's Park, Chicago, Illinois. I can't help it Jack if I bother you with my frequent short notes.

I had dinner with the folks. You know, I rather enjoy going home more often - the folks are always ready to hear about you. Incidentally, we were discussing you - Lourdes read his letter from you aloud. Dad kind of smiled and asked how be it that you and sis were close. He then said, "I bet you knew about it all the time" - about me getting married this summer. But Lourdes and I convinced him it was as much a surprise to Lourdes. In fact Lourdes added that she ~~xxxx~~ was really surprised because I puttered around and didn't just marry you like I should.

Oh - Johnny darling listen.... the radio is play "Sweetheart". Golly, what a coincidence. This isn't the first time its played while I've written to you but - it's really a reminder of our wedding day. Sweetheart - yes darling, sweetheart of mine, will you remember fall time, August time, August 18th? My heart is aching for someone and you are that someone from somewhere 2000 miles away. and I'm aching for your loving arms - loving you Jack is sometimes so very painful, you understand why don't you? When I awake and I don't find you - almost makes me want to cry.

I read one of your letters to Dad and Mom and in the end he said for me to tell you there's nothing to worry about - everything's okay and forgiven, you're his son now. Gee, darling, could you ever imagine this is true. Sometimes I'm afraid I'm dreaming - if I am don't answer back because I don't want to ever awake.

Speaking of pictures - Mom says she and Dad had a wedding picture but she gave them all away to her friends in the islands and forgot to save one for herself. She says she just looks at Dad and she's satisfied. Anyway, we'll be sure and give her and Dad one. If it isn't on its way yet - won't you dedicate to them?

Golly, I better not give all of them away and forget one for myself. As it is too many girls want a copy but I told them I'll give them snapshots instead. By the way, how did the snaps taken on the beach come out - even if lousy, they're precious so send them to me darling.

I'm sending some pics you can have. The little girl is none other than yours truly. It's a copy from an old picture taken in the Philippines. I was looking at a real live canary when it was taken. The beach scene was taken 10 years ago of mom and pop and can you see my legs. The other couple were



neighbors. The large Mexican hat always went along with the family to the beach.

The one with mom and dad, Lourdes and Junior was taken years ago during our vacation to Lake Tahoe. Mom's hat looks as modern as some of the creations in Mademoiselle. Ralph and Lourdes are precious. Ralph has always been a cute little boy. Darling, when we have a little boy, we'll take a trip to the mountains and go fishing, pack a lunch and oh, bring our camera along? etc. etc.

The big girl with the long black hair and grin is none other than your wife. She remembered that once you had asked for this picture and she signed on it "Toujour - Dolores". Well she gave it you and it got burned on the trip back. Well, now she found an extra copy and without reservation is signing it as she always meant before. Your wife - Dolores. Indeed I can't hardly believe all this.

I told Dad this evening how you always wanted to put your arms around me even in the street when we'd walk from school and how I used to tell you not to do it. I mentioned how you used to get disturbed because you wondered how I could have you and yet be afraid people would find out and report it.

Anywa, sweet husband I'm very proud of you, I felt greatly honored by being courted by a handsome, compatible and uneligible bachelor. And now that I'm your Mrs. I'm so much more proud because any woman being respected and cherished by one such as you, should be.

It's past midnight now - I've spent a wonderful evening with you - can I just leave you for a while - when you close your eye I'll return and steal a kiss. I love you more so than you realize.

I do love you!

Your wife,

Dolores



Sept. 10, 1944.

Dearest husband,

I got off duty at 10:30 - am working broken hours 7-10:30, 2-7. It's Sunday morning and you're probably asleep yet. Anyway, may I just walk in and steal a kiss darling? I am sad and yet happy when I recall the time we used to get up during the two weeks we spent in our Honeymoon Hotel.

Every day there is someone new who I am surprising. The dietician who instructed our class was certainly surprised. She really likes the ring. She says its very dainty and sweet and yet simple. I told her my husband has good taste and believe me darling you do and I admire your selection. The ring is really beautiful!! I'm looking at it right now and you know that I feel like kissing it every time I see it. When I look at it, it brings back Chicago and you, most of all, it signified that I am somebody's wife and that I've a duty to perform. I'm going to keep you happy Jack - I ~~xxx~~ love you so much darling I wish you are here to caress me - I miss your presence - I wish I could just reach for you - I would put my arms around you and cuddle up close to keep warm. Oh dear, my toes are beginning to curl - I just better kick something and change the subject.

Gee, I'm so cozy to write to anyone else but you. I can't pick up my pen to answer my letters - wish I had a personal secretary. I'm just lazy, that's all.

Well, darling I better get to studying. Tonight, I might see Harriet Halston as she's curious about it all. Otherwise, I'll be at mama and pop's for dinner. Wish you could be there - the folks really want to meet you darling. They call you Jack (Pop does and mom calls you Jackie). Sometimes, I call you John anyway no matter how I call you, there's a force within one that's love bound - when I say "John" - my heart swells - when I say "Jack" - heart says "darling".

I love you! Since you understand my emotional make-up you'll sympathize I'm just carcy in love with my husband -

Wife Dolores

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Dad is looking over my shoulder to censor what I'm writing. hm, he says it's okay now I don't have to hide anything. Isn't it funny how he's so opposite of what we expected. Gee, I wish you could get out here so they could meet you. Oh well, it won't be far off - time alone will tell. Here's a few words from Papa Gogojo --

My Dear Jack - my daughter speaks highly of you, everytime she comes home she talks about you. I hope that everything will



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come out all right so you can come back here in California. Ma and I were worried about Dolores' action, but now that its over, there is nothing for us to do, but hope for the best between you two. I have no choice of whoever my daughter marries as long as the man of her choice has a good principle of what married life means, but, I have no doubt that you two will get along fine.

Jack, you dont have to worry about your wife, as I am keeping a close observation for you.

Papa - Ma

Darling - it's me again. Dad's combing mama's long black hair and it reminds me of you and I. He's braiding it and oh, he's pretty good - after all those years. They're both like kids. They fight and play like spoiled brats. Mam's laughing and I can help but laugh too. She's hitting his arm because she had to admit Dad fixed it real cute. Now, Dad threw a hat on her head and she's laughing so much. Dad says she fixes it too tight and that she should loosen it up so it would look softer. And mama says Dad know too much about hair dressing hm - ! Mother fixes it so secure in a plain lump at the back of her head - what a difference when we fix it in a pompadour - she looks pretty.

I received your letter and the health slip - and the snapshot. Thanx darling. I'll be waiting for the pics. I've got to order a few more later as so many want a copy - Rosie, Juanita, Eleanor I didn't account for. I'll order more later.

Well, sweet I've got to get back to the hosp - Dad is going to drive me back. Well, love, I miss you a lot, but I can wait until I see you again.

Love,

Inday



We were all very sleepy today so that we slept until about 1 or 2 pm. It took us another hour or so to eat. Our sleep was disturbed with all of those phone calls which E and B had. Jack had a cold so that he did not want to go out today. He has been taking Davy's "medicine." Later in the evening, Jack went to a show and then he wrote letters again.

We went over to see Alice at Toshi's as she is returning to Minneapolis tomorrow or Tuesday morning. On the way, we ran into Mary (ch-24). Mary is looking very pregnant now. She said that she had not married Wayne yet. Last month she had a fall down the stairs and she almost lost the child she was carrying. Mary remarked that they were not trying to get back to California for a while yet as they planned to stick it out here for another winter. I told her that I had read about a Nisei girl going back to Pasadena so Mary said that she might try to get to L.A. next spring. She goes around in a caucasian group out here now as she seems to have lost most of her Nisei contacts except with her sister Yoshi who sees her once in a while.

Toshi wanted us to stay for dinner, but we did not feel like imposing. Reiko and her mother were there as well as Mark, Alice, Otto, and Teddy. Mark thinks that he might get sent overseas soon but he doubts if there will be too many Jap prisoners to escort back. He doesn't think that he will be sent out before Alice has her baby. Toshi has a four star service flag in her window now--Albert, Mark, Jackie, Billy.

Toshi said that there is a new arrangement in her apartment now. Since Dorothy will be moving in tomorrow, the Ikedas will outnumber her greatly. For this reason it was decided that Mrs. Ikeda would manage the household and be responsible for the shopping and cooking. Toshi said, "I'll just be a boarder here."



I will pay \$5.00 a week for board and room for myself and Lucy. I'll pay a little more after my baby comes. Incidentally, Yuri I. (ch-36) went to the hospital to have her baby this morning and Ike was around here acting all excited. Luckily his sisters-in law are out here to look after Michael.

"I have been getting along very well with Mrs. Ikeda and there has not been any conflict at all. For a while I thought there would be one, but that was because of 'uncle' mostly. He disturbed the household with all of his drinking, but he is gone now. Mrs. Ikeda does most of her worrying about Otto and I convinced her that I was not the one who had been encouraging him to stay out until 2am. Mrs. Ikeda is very happy now that she will have three of her children here with her. She is crazy about Lucy too and she never lets me do any of the hard work on account of my condition. It's a good thing that we have the boys around.

"Otto is acting very put out today because the school gave him a lot of homework. He is grumbling about too many people around, but it's his own fault for not studying before this afternoon. He just got a letter from the student relocation saying that he could go to Purdue now without getting an Army clearance as that system has been eliminated since August 30. It is up to the colleges to put their own quotas on. Some of Otto's friends got into the U. of Illinois. The U. of Michigan is still closed by the school because there are too many Nisei there now. Otto works after school and he contributes \$5.00 a week for his room and board. Mrs. Ikeda will manage the house and that will take all of the worries off of my hands as she can tell her kids to turn off the lights and things like that. I was spending too much. If there is any money left over, it will be applied to the rent. We are canning a lot of vegetables



and fruit for the winter. We are really settled down. The only thing which is missing is Albert. I hear from him quite often and he seems to like the Army life okay. I hope he is not sent to Italy before my baby comes. It may be a pretty close race. "

Alice, Mark, Emiko, Bette and I went over to visit Mariko and George and their madhouse is quite a contrast to the more serene atmosphere at Yoshi's. Emiko, Bette, and I went on ahead as we stopped in a bakery to buy some fresh bread. We walked along very casually in a new way and it took us a half hour to cover the three or four blocks. We munched bread on the way and Bette commented that this could not happen nowhere but in America. Emiko said that bread was the staff of life and that there were millions of people in the world today who did not have bread. Bette hoped that the war would end soon so that so many millions would not starve to death. Then we began to notice the green trees and we concluded that it was pretty good to be living in America. Emiko said our talk was better than going to church. We were feeling pretty good until we walked up the alley and saw the dirty buildings. I made E and B crawl through the fence to get to Mariko's.

Mariko and George were painting the spare room blue and Mariko was all excited about decorating it up. She has a lot of artistic talents so that she really made it look good. She hung some Oriental prints on the wall and she planned to put the pictures of the family around the mirror. I thought that she should put the family pictures on the ceiling so that George could have a rest. George is going to make the former bedroom his den so that he can retreat into it when a lot of chattering women come around." He had it all arranged when Mariko came in and she bawled him out for not fixing the furniture right as



it did not have "artistic balance." George just "yessed" her and he changed it all around according to her directions. Poor guy, hasn't a soul of his own. The marriage seems to be going along quite smoothly. Mariko is thinking of looking for a clerical job shortly. She plans to finish up Emiko's suit first as the deadline for Bette's has already been passed and there is no rush. Mariko is doing a very good job on these suits.

Mariko said that there has been no change in her feud with Mrs. T. She said that Mrs. T just ignores her and acts as if nothing had happened and that George is still single. Mariko is never going to make the first move as she is happier to have things as they are.

Yoshi dropped in later so that we gave her a few drinks and she started to feel blue. She wanted to dance, but I declined so that E and B said they would beat me up when we got home if I didn't oblige her. There was nothing for me to do but to obey their command! Yoshi has bought a \$50 coat and \$14 shoes and Emiko wants to do likewise. Yoshi claims to have lost another five pounds but she is still much bigger (around) than Emiko and that makes her unhappy. She keeps hoping that Emiko will gain more weight.

Yoshi said that she is quitting her job with the Bazalons the middle of next month to take a job as a nurse-governess for a new born baby at \$35.00 a week. She is on a two weeks vacation right now. Yoshi has a room in the same building where Miki lives and she pays \$4.00 a week for it so that she will have a place she can call "home." She is going to start her music lessons at the Chicago Music Conservatory next week.

Paul came back from his vacation to Boston to see his grandfather and he stopped over. He had a bottle with him



so George, Paul and I proceeded to drink it up. We got to feeling very mellow but we did not get drunk. Mariko did not say ~~anything~~ anything to George as she does not care if he drinks at home. He just objects when he goes out to bars and leaves her all along.

Paul has been on a two weeks vacation from his teaching job at the U. of Michigan in the language school. He said that the day he arrived in Boston, his ~~father~~ grandfather went to some kind of a party and drank home made sake. He has been seriously ill since and Paul believes that he may pass away. Paul was very impressed with the camp as he has never/<sup>been</sup> to a relocation center before. He got the impression that the people were settled down there permanently. The thing which he noticed the most was the the Issei were more politically conscious than he had ever seen them before.

While he was there, some friends took him to listen to a short wave broadcast from Japan: "I was really surprised that they had such a think in the camp. I was taken in a roundabout way to a barracks so that I would not be able to find it again. The short wave set is hidden away so that a person looking into that room could not notice it. There were about 15 people gathered the night I went and the news from Japan really is different. The broadcast told of all the victories in China and those people in camp still are convinced that Japan will win the war. The defeats in the South Pacific Islands were explained away by the Tokyo announcer saying that this was part of the military policy and that America would never penetrate the inner circle of defense which has been built up. They said that it was a military withdrawal and not defeats. Some of the Issei tore at the short wave broadcast wrote this stuff down and it was to



to circulate all around camp by the next day. That is why all of the old folks think that the American stories of the war is all propaganda. They don't read the American papers anyway. They say that the Japanese fleet is still in hiding and that it will defeat the American fleet in one big battle when the time comes. They are convinced that Japan is fighting for the good of the Orient."

Paul said that there would be once more class in the language school and that it would close up after that. However, he is not worried about his future for the duration of the war as he thinks that the Army will have other positions for him. He said that he might sign up to go overseas to do propaganda work, but he is not sure. None of his relatives mentioned the fact that he was teaching for the Army right now altho some of them said that his folks in Japan would be very disappointed. Paul did not tell all of what his relatives said as he is rather conservative and he probably convinced them that he really was not turning tail on Japan. He is all for this country now and he does not ever expect to go back to Japan.

He was mentioning some Japanese phrases which he had Bette repeat to "learn your native ~~xxxxxx~~ tongue." Bette said that <sup>English</sup> ~~xxxxxxx~~ was her native tongue and Paul did not quite understand this. About 11:00pm we went to Chinatown to eat and we embarrassed Paul by saying we were going to steal the salt shakers and the napkins. He is very proper and correct in everything he does. He wants me to come up to Ann Arbor to visit him, but I don't think I will have the time. I don't think I can make the Cleveland trip now.



It looks like the next study conference might be held in Berkeley, but I doubt if I could make it. My attendance is not necessary since the emphasis would be on the relocation centers. Dorothy is going to try to get the official/<sup>permit</sup> from the Army. In the event that permission cannot be obtained for Berkeley, Dorothy plans to hold the conference for a couple of weeks in Salt Lake City. The original choice was Chicago, but there would be too many transportation difficulties at that time of the year.

I certainly would like to see the Bay Area again, but it is not practicable for me. It will cut right into the middle of the Fall quarter and I would not be able to catch up again if I took time out. I wouldn't want to interfere with my work either since it would mean over a month that I would have to take time off and additional time to get rolling again. It takes longer to make case contacts now that I have almost run out of the contacts that I have had and every individual interviewed is a new one. It is not necessary for me to be at the conference and my attendance would not justify the expenditure. At least I will have some satisfaction in knowing that I did have an opportunity to go back to California anyway. I think that Dorothy will be able to get the permit easily enough since other Nisei have gone to Seattle for some kind of a church conference and a Nisei girl was permitted to enroll at Pasadena Junior College.

The conference in Salt Lake would also be very inconvenient for me and I don't think that I would be able to make it unless I stayed out of school this quarter. I wouldn't want to do that unless absolutely necessary since it is taking me so long to get my MA degree. It is going to take another year and a half yet at the rate I am going at present.



Frank and I talked it over this morning and he is not so enthusiastic about going, altho his attendance would be compulsory since he will not have the conflicts that some of the others have. Frank would like to have the conference here and that would be more suitable to the members of the staff in this office. It would mean that all of us could attend it then as we would be around. Togo will not have too much enthusiasm about going out of town at this time since his wife is just having a baby. Frank will have problems about leaving his wife here. I don't think that it will affect the members in camp so much as they are anxious to get a breathing spell from camp life once in a while and it would be more in the nature of a rest period for them. It would mean that DS and probably WI would be the ones who had to make the long uncomfortable trip, unless it were held in Berkeley which is the ideal spot for all around purposes. Frank is going to suggest Chicago as he feels that it would be a better choice than Salt Lake from the financial angle. It would save the transportation and expense costs of Togo and himself for two or three weeks and we would have a conference room for our use.

It's funny, but several months ago I would have been all excited about the chance of going to California just to go there. But now it doesn't seem important any more. I wonder if that is the way people in camp are going to react when California is opened up to them without anymore restrictions. I feel that if the conference could be held here, it would be more convenient. I certainly could not justify a trip otherwise as I would not have too much to offer. I have my goal of cases to reach and it would make me feel uneasy to take time off again this year. I'm rolling along fairly well now and I



feel that this fact collecting is my primary contribution to the Study, if any. Just to be considered for the trip is satisfaction enough. The way I am getting tied up right now, I can't seem to find time to make a break in my work to go to Cleveland. Now that my classes have started, I will be busier than ever. Maybe I will be able to squeeze in the time next month, but I hate to get behind in my cases. I don't feel tied down to the work, but I am interested enough to want to continue doing it without any interruptions. I get a frustrated feeling and a guilty conscience every time I take time out as I am still not satisfied with my speed of work altho I know that I put in plenty of time. I just feel that this work is more important than taking a trip. J, E and B think that I am crazy and that I deserve a vacation even I don't do anything at the conference. I would be more willing if I did not have my class to complicate the situation. Under the combined circumstances, I just do not think I would make a trip to either Berkeley or Salt Lake and I shall ask Dorothy if I may be excused. I don't think she would not since she did not plan on me too strongly anyway since the meeting will be aimed at the relocation level mostly. I think that Tom should make the trip as he has been working under pressure for quite a while now and I hardly think that he will be getting drafted for a long time. He works in spurts, but all of his stuff has quality which mine definitely lacks. The best solution would be to have the conference here in Chicago but that may inconvenience Dorothy and WI too much.

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We are having a minor office crisis because of the limitation on office help, but this was straightened out this morning by Frank, the diplomat. Our dictation schedule was



indefin~~ite~~ and mixed up so that it has not been working for the past few weeks. Tom likes to do all of his work in one lump and I suppose he was building up some kind of a resentment. I was the innocent bystander as Frank felt that this was due mostly to the pressures which have been put on him during the past few months. I think it would make everybody happy if the wrath of Dorothy would descend upon me once as everybody seems to get the pressure except me. But I would not relish such a possibility even for the sake of science! It's an awkward position to be in as I get the title of the "fair hair" young man of the study and I don't deserve the halo since I am very innocuous and I don't have the background to be more scientific in my work. Thus, the wrath of the Berkeley office does not descend on me ~~xxxx~~ or else I have a thick skin and things don't bother me that much. Everybody seems to want to be in somebody else's shoes: I would like to be able to write quality reports like Frank and Tom and they envy the mass production methods I have, only they never read any of it and they are just impressed with the number of pages. I can joke about this to Frank, but Tom seems to be more sensitive. I suppose he feels a great deal more pressure because his whole future is at stake. He really has some very good projects he is working up right now and I don't think he should worry about it too much although he is under the impression that he is in disfavor with Dorothy. I don't know what is going on around here and I just plug along my own way and these things are called to my attention when such a situation as the conflict on secretarial suddenly comes into the open. Tom and I were able to arrange schedules in a more definite manner this morning and Tom said that he is going to change his work habits. I guess I will have to change mine too



and come a little earlier in the morning altho it is hard when  
- go out on those physically and mentally exhausting interviews  
the night before. Jack thinks my job is such a cinch compared  
to his labors at the defense plant but it isn't that easy. It's  
hard on my feeble mind doing all that worrying about getting  
the cases out at fairly regular intervals so that Dorothy will  
not think that I am falling down on the job. Everytome I get  
a paycheck, I mentally figure that it should have been deducted  
so much that month. I have a mania for doing a lot of worrying  
about the dumbest things. Most of the time, I keep it to myself  
tho and a diary entry is a good outlet. The only trouble is that  
the Boss reads it. But I decided a long time ago not to pull  
any punches and write my thoughts of the moment even tho I may  
get fired as a result. All this because of my impatience to  
get my cases dictated. I probably have not been entirely fair  
with Tom but I never know if he really wants me to dictate that  
day or whether he is just being polite and building up resentment.  
Behind the "Japanese Mask.!!"

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Emiko stayed over with Mariuko this evening to fix her suit  
and Bette said that she missed her bossing around as usual! Bette  
went to a show with some of her schoolfriends this evening. She  
is going to get her school program changed tomorrow and start  
her regular classes. She wants to hurry up and pay her tuition  
and get her books so that she will become a real college student  
at last. I'm glad that she likes the University so much. It's  
been exciting for her all week and she is ready to start some  
studying now.

This evening I went over to interview Katsuko and I was  
over there until around midnight. She is a peculiar girl, but



most attractive. I took her out for a coke after the interview. Katsuko quit her job at the factory, but she is thinking of going back there if the boss will have her. She started working at the Y restaurant today, but she does not think it pays enough. Katsuko has held five or six different jobs since she has been out here. She doesn't know what she wants. She said that she thought of going into Cadet Nursing. When I began to encourage her on that, she said that she could not do it for a while because she had to save her money in order to help her folks resettle. I think that this is more of an excuse. Her father is 74 years old and Katsuko just turned 19 recently. Her father was married once before in Japan and he left six children back there.

Katsuko is one of these quieter girls and it took me a while to draw her out. She is intelligent but she has a hard time expressing herself. She was talking much more freely at the end of the interview. I think that one of the troubles is that Chiyo sort of dominates her so that the girl does not have too much of a chance to talk. Chiyo is all excited about night school now and she said that she told her instructor all about the evacuation and the 100th infantry this evening so that she did not get much practice in typing. She wants to be around when I interview Katsuko but I arrange it so that I go there when she has night classes. Katsuko is able to tell her own story if encouraged. She said that she never told anyone before that her family was on relief and how poverty stricken they were as she was always ashamed of this fact. She never took any of her friends to her home to visit her. She felt inferior to the other Japanese so that she did not get in with a Nisei group in Long Beach. In camp, she was able to meet them on an equal basis for the first time. She never had a date until she was evacuated.



Katsuko said that she lived among a very small number of Japanese families before the war so that was the reason why she never learned the language well. She said that she could only understand her own parents. Her folks did not have much social contacts with the other Japanese as they wanted to hide the fact that they were so poor that they had to go on relief. Katsuko said that she had one argument with her father at the time of the war outbreak because she did not think that her should express so many attitudes in favor of Japan when the U.S. government was giving them relief money. She said that she never had electricity in her home until after she got to junior high school. She felt that the reason why she was shy was because she was not able to have such good clothes as the other girls.

Katsuko does not know what she wants out here. She is not interested in too many things as she tends to be withdrawn. She depends a lot upon Chiyo, yet she will go out on her own to get all of her jobs without asking the WRA or the other agencies. She is even thinking of returning to her night job and doing the waitress job in her spare hours so that she will be able to save more money. She feels that this is what is going to offer her security. She said that the reason for this was because she was so poor before. Her brother is the same way and he works about 70 hours a week as a mechanic so that he can get more pay. Her brother is not a citizen since the parents brought him to the U.S. when he was only four months old. I doubt if I will ever get to interview him as he only has time to work, eat and sleep.



Today was a long but uneventful day. I got up at 7:00 in order to get to my first class in time. I don't think I am going to enjoy it too well because a background in statistics is required. I was busy most of the day but I didn't seem to accomplish as much as I desired. This evening I went over to finish my interview with Davey (CH-50) and I was over there until after 1:00. Davey has decided that he is going to reform and he said that I could keep his bottle of whiskey which I had taken away from him last week. It strikes me that Davey is still very confused in his thinking and he doesn't know what he wants. In most respects he is very normal, but he has an abnormal dislike of the Jews. He is not able to reason intelligently on this subject at all because of his emotional attitude toward them. He makes the Jews the scapegoat of all of his problems.

On any other subject Davey is willing enough to listen and he is intelligent enough to see the point. He has a keen sense of humor and this prevents him from getting a distorted personality like so many other Nisei. He has definitely decided not to continue on with his dental education as he doesn't want to go to school any more. He would rather have his fun. Davey does not feel there is much chance for him or any other Nisei after the war but he is not in the slightest concerned about this as he has so many little problems to work out at the same time. His objective in working is to make as much money as possible so that he would have pocket money to spend when he is drafted. He received a questionnaire from the Army the other day. He is not interested in fighting for this country but he will not object when he is called.

The one ambition which he has is to become a musician in an



orchestra. He is not able to read music well enough yet but he is not willing to take lessons. He makes the excuse that each lesson would cost \$5.00. His brother is playing in a Caucasian orchestra in a midwest circuit and making \$70 a week and Davey believes that he would be able to do the same thing. He feels that there would be less discrimination in the musical field than any other which he may enter.

He seems to be adjusting fairly well to his job because the work is interesting to him and it keeps his mind occupied. Thru this job he has already made exceptions to his dislike of all of these so-called "white bastards". I suspect that the use of this scapegoat will be dropped if he is able to make satisfactory adjustments out here. Davey has not started to save any money yet because this is still his first week at work. He owes about \$40 which he has borrowed from various friends. Recently he has stayed home almost every evening altho he goes to a Negro night club on Saturday nights to listen to a jam sessions. None of the Nisei girls he knows will accompany him because they are prejudiced against Negroes. Davey gets irritated at this because he thinks the Negroes should be taken as individuals. He said he preferred a mulatto girl to a Caucasian girl. I asked him why he didn't look at the Jewish people in the same light but he said they were different because they were all cut-throats and out to gyp everyone out of money.

I met Kiyoshi Kimoto there. He was married last January and he introduced me to his wife. Kiyoshi was called for induction yesterday so he quit his job and gave up his apartment with the expectation of being inducted immediately. He was put on the reserves so that he and his wife did not have a place to stay.



They came to this Japanese rooming house earlier in the evening. There were no vacant rooms available so that they are sleeping in the living room with a curtain thrown in front of their bed. It's not such a desirable situation and that they would move out if they could not get a separate room. After the interview Davey and I played cards with Kiyoshi and his wife for about an hour. I also made contacts with another Nisei fellow who might be willing to be interviewed.

Bette still has not gotten into all of the courses which she desires. She wants to change her social science course to a more advanced one but she will have to wait until next year before the decision on this will be made. Betty Jean was over to the office today and she said that she enjoyed college life greatly. She liked Bette very much. She said that the two of them have their eyes on two freshmen whom they intend to make their boy friends for a while. Bette went to a college reception this evening and she said that they had to stand in line and shake hands with President Hutchins. She is anxious to get her books so she can begin her studies.

I didn't see Emiko all day because she went out to a dinner and a play with a couple of her school friends. She didn't get home until after 1:00. Her whole week is filled with social engagements and she will probably be exhausted by the time she gets to nursing school. Her friends must think that she is going into a convent or something. Emiko will probably have time to engage in her normal social life. We haven't decided how she is going to bring all her belongings to the nurses school at Mt. Sinai.



I was busy most of the day at the office. Louise is going to have her vacation on Oct. 4 so I am trying to finish up the dictation of CH-48 which is a long case by the end of this week. I just sit by the typewriter and dictate it to Louise right on the typewriter so that this method saves quite a bit of time. We have arranged it so that Tom will have Louise the first of next week, this doesn't interfere with my schedule at all since I've had continuous interviews lined up the past two weeks and have been late so that I am rather tired. My classes have started so that I will have to find some time to study for that. My usual method is to float along until near the end of the quarter and then cram up but I don't think I'll be able to do that since there is so much factual data to learn. I'm a little worried about my lack of knowledge of statistics and that will handicap me quite a bit.

I've been rushing in and out so much that I don't see anyone in our apartment very much. Emiko has been busy with her work and hasn't been home for dinner the past three evenings since her friends are taking her out before she enters nursing school. I don't think she's getting enough sleep. On top of all this, Emiko wants to reduce her stomach so she takes sitting up exercises in the middle of the night. It makes a terrific noise so I wish she would sit on the floor and do that. She has bought some shoes and clothes during this week and she will start her packing this week-end.

Bette has been managing the household quite well by herself and has taken over most of the responsibility already. I hope she isn't burdened too much with her tasks since she will be getting a lot of homework soon. She mentioned that her eye-



sight was not so good. She was unaware of this condition until she took her physical examination at the University. She has had considerable difficulty in getting her courses straightened out because her adviser is rather obstinate and he doesn't think that she will be able to pass Social Science II. I went up to see Mr. Lohman, chairman of the lower division social science, to see if a change could be made as he has the final authority on this matter. He was very cooperative about it and he told Bette that she could come into his classes and he would take the responsibilities himself. Bette was so relieved to hear this because she will finally be able to settle down and buy some of her books. Joe Lohman asked if our Study could make some sort of a progress report for the American Social Science Council or something like that but I told him that this was rather doubtful since it had to be cleared through the Berkeley office. It seems that most of the sociologists are very curious about our work and we are very secretive about it to most of them. I don't have much contact with these professors but Frank and Tom see them quite often and they always make inquiries about our progress. I guess they think it's an important study and they want to know what we are up to. Bette's remark after we left Joe Lohman's office was, "Gee, it sure pays to have some pull with the professors around here."

Bette has been spending quite a bit of her money during the first weeks of school so I thought that she should budget it more carefully so that she would have enough for the whole year. The problem of getting her tuition money for next year will have to be met a little later on. I plan to put Bette on a small allowance but I haven't decided yet how much I will give her.



probably \$2.50 to \$5 a week.

Jack woke us up early this morning because he was fussing around like an old lady about some pictures which were misplaced. He had to wake us all up to let us know about it. We are one of the unfortunate Chicago citizens to be plagued by a few bed-bugs and Jack performed a regular routine every morning to locate them on the bed. Every time he finds one he has to yell out and wake us again. Winter is coming on so the bed-bugs will go away. Mrs. B. has fumigated our apartment on a number of occasions this summer but it didn't seem to do much good. Bette is immune to bed-bug bites so it doesn't bother her at all. I think a real good fumigation will get rid of these monsters.

This evening I dashed home for a quick dinner and then went over to interview Katsuko (Ch-51) again. She was just getting up when I arrived as she has gone back to her nightshift job at Continental Products Company. She opened up much more this evening and she told me all about her camp experiences. Her high school teacher seems to have influenced her quite a bit because she mentioned that one of the Nisei teachers was very bitter and he always spoke of democracy with scorn in the Social Problems class. Katsuko said she believed all this until she got a different viewpoint when she started to meet a lot of these Hawaiian Nisei.

Katsuko also told me all about her thriftiness. Money means a great deal to her because she thinks it will give her security in the post-war period. She keeps a very detailed account of every cent which she earns or spends and she let me copy down this budget. She said that she always has a guilty conscience when she spends a lot of money because she never had so much to spend before in her life. She very rarely goes out so that there



are many days when she doesn't spend any money at all. Katsuko thought that she was stingier than most Nisei girls but she felt that this was due to her poverty before the war. She said that she never wanted to get on relief like her family was for a long time. In spite of her thriftiness Katsuko hasn't been able to save a great sum of money because she does not like her night job and she takes many jobs off. She has changed her job a number of times but she is not satisfied with any of them. She really doesn't know what she wants.

Part of the reason for this great confusion, aimlessness and disorganization is due to the fact that she received a severe shock last June when the War Department informed her that her fiancée was killed in Italy. Katsuko said that she hasn't been able to do anything constructive and she has definitely withdrawn within herself and cut off almost all social contacts. She is just beginning to emerge from her shell at the present time. Katsuko is quite liberal in her attitudes and she does not have the mental conservatisms typical of many Nisei girls. Her sister apparently is even more this way because she recently married a Caucasian fellow. Katsuko said that she had to start thinking more of what she is going to do in the future as she could not live in the past all the time. She is only 19 years old. I didn't get finished with the interview so that I will have to go see her one more time. She wants to get a part-time job in addition to her regular job so she can save more money. It seems a little foolish to me because she should have more social activity. I told her that I would see what I could do about a part-time job at "McClurg's" since that ~~ixxix~~ company is located near her apartment.



I put in a pretty long day yesterday as I dictated all day and then rushed home to eat before going over to interview Bob Ichinaga (CH-52). I don't know what Emiko and Bette had been doing this week as I hardly see them. Emiko has been going out on a lot of parties. Last night Emiko and Bette went to a show with Davey. Bette hasn't started her homework yet but she is finding many of her books and it is rather expensive. Himeko has loaned her a few since she took some of the courses last quarter. I don't think I talked to Jack this week since one or the other is asleep all the time. My day was pretty long because I had to get up at 7:00 a.m. in order to make my class. Mrs Wright has already given some long reading assignments but I don't know if I'll be able to get around to it this week since I'm tied up with interviews. That's the way things go; some weeks I have many interviews and some week it is slow. The past two weeks seem to have been pretty heavy and I have been putting in 10 to 14 hours a day altho I can't see any accomplishments.

This evening I completed a whole interview at one sitting of about 6 or 7 hours. Bob Ichinaga, 19, is leaving for Nebraska on Monday to help his uncle harvest an onion crop. He is going to help decorate some church tomorrow night as they are holding a Nisei dance there on Saturday so that I wouldn't have been able to see him again. I was willing to go tomorrow morning to complete the interview and insisted that I finish up. Bob has a Buddhist background but he has been going to the Christian churches out here because it offers more social activities. He is very anxious to see a Nisei society develop because he feels that he will make better adjustments. He came from a small rural community so that he has never been to such a big city before.



Bob I. first came to Chicago last February because he planned to go into a radio technician school. He was going to work for 6 months at Bloomfields on his seasonal leave. However, he got all excited when the draft announcement was made so that he decided not to go to school until after the war. He quit his job at Bloomfield's because he was dissatisfied with the wages. On his arrival here, he thought 65¢ an hour was a huge wage as he had never earned more than 30¢ an hour on the farm in Lindsay in California. However, he heard about Nisei making \$60 and \$70 a week so that he was dissatisfied with his position. He took a job with the LaSalle Hotel as a bus boy on a temporary basis so that he could look around for a better job. In April, 1944, Bob I. got a job at ~~at~~ the Cage Steel Structural Company where he worked himself up to be a welder's assistant. He was making about \$45 a week average when he quit yesterday. He has no definite plans for the future as he may go back to camp after the onion seasons. He expects to be drafted at any time. In the event that he is not called, Bob I. will come back to Chicago. He hopes to open a restaurant after the war or else go into farming work. He said that he was tired of the big city.

Bob came from a very small Japanese farming community but he felt that the Caucasians were much friendlier in his home town than out here. He is the fourth oldest in a family of six children. His two older sisters are now married. The mother was separated from his father about 10 years ago. Bob I. was able to reacquaint himself with his father after he got to Poston. He finished high school there and he was active in the student body as he held a number of class officers. His younger brother is student body president of Poston II high school this year. Bob



looks back with great pleasure on his Boston life because he had so many social activities there. He became interested in radio when he was put in charge of the loud speaking system at his mess hall. He finally decided to resettle over the objections of his mother because all of his friends were leaving.

Bob I. has a very likable personality and he seems to be rather extrovert. However, he has a number of conservative ideas which is due to his Japanese background but he is not aware of it. He is rather conscious of his ancestry and he refers to himself as "Japanese". He believes that the only solution for the Nisei problem is to have a Japanese community out here so that a lot of social activities could be carried on. He would like to see the Nisei scatter out in work, however, he does not think wages would be high enough if they had to work for other Japanese.

Bob I. goes around with a crowd of about six or seven boys his age. He has a very contemptuous attitude toward the zoot suiters altho he has a pachute himself. Most of his pals are living in the Japanese rooming house where Davey is staying. The fellows go out to play pool, bowling and shows quite often. He said that there were a number of fellows in the buildings which requeently visited houses of prostitution constantly but he has not gone with them because he read about some Nisei fellows being arrested in a house of prostitution once and he doesn' want to be caught in a similar situation because "it would ruin my reputation". He has learned to smoke recently and he drinks occasionally with some of the fellows upstairs. He likes to stay at this rooming house even if the rent is excessive because he is able to see his friends. In the attic room upstairs there are 5 fellows crowded in this room and they pay \$25 a week for this privilege. The WRA



used to send a number of resettlers here until various people complained about the poor condition there. Bob I. is not too unhappy about leaving Chicago at this time because he feels that the city is too big for him. He wondered why the other Nisei acted so unfriendly. He said they always stared at him when he walked down the street and wondered why they could not get into one big organization so they could throw dances and meet new people. He does not think a segregated pattern would be harmful to Nisei as long as they could have social activities. This is typical of many younger Nisei who use superficial activities as the main criterion for their adjustment.

I found out this evening why some of the fellows in this house are reluctant about being interviewed altho they seemed very cooperative toward me. Bob I. said that the FBI agent has come around recently to grill the fellows working in the defense plant. He said that he had to answer questions for about 5 hours and they asked everyone. I rather suspect that some of the fellows in the house think that <sup>the Study has</sup> some connection with the FBI because I came around just about the same time the FBI did. I hardly think that those fellows who run around a great deal will be willing to be interviewed because they don't have the ~~xx~~ time. There about 20 fellows on the third floor and 5 in the attic. There are about 12 more on the second floor so that this building has more resettlers than what I had thought.

I lined up Kiyoshi Kimoto for an interview. I knew him in San Francisco. He is married now. The other day he was called for induction so he quit his job and gave up his apartment. Now he is looking around for another place to live and he is willing to be interviewed during this period if I am able to find time



for him. Kiyoshi said that the FBI interviewed him one night and he was asked a lot of detailed questions about his loyalty for 5 hours. He also wondered whether we were connected with the FBI. I assured him that we were not so that he said that he was willing to tell his life story to me if it was worthwhile. Davey came in at this time and he said that the day after I finished my interview with him the FBI came and interviewed him for 3 hours. Davy is working for Cuneo's and he didn't know the company was engaged in making torpedo casings or something like that. Davey commented:

"I didn't tell him how I really felt about things because he wouldn't understand. That's why I told him I wasn't bitter against this country and I told him what he wanted. He asked me what I thought of my emperor and that got me sore. I told him I believed in the constitution of this country but I did not tell him that I did not like the white people in it. He asked me what I learned in Japanese school and I told him that I didn't learn about the 47 Ronins and other Japanese stories like that until I read it in the Life magazine and that's the truth too. The guy was pretty nice to me and I strung him along for 3 hours because I was getting paid \$1.00 an hour during the time he questioned me. Hell, he really asked me a lot of dumb questions as if I was a Jap. That's the trouble with the people of this country. They just don't trust us. No wonder I get bitter. I can't say nothing though because I want to keep my job and they wouldn't understand my position. I forgot to tell you I gave blood once when I was in Denver but that's because I didn't want an old lady to die on account of me. I don't know what the hell they mean by loyalty to this country. I think I'm just a good American as the rest of them even if I'm bitter. In camp I would have been more for Japan but not out here."



Dictated all day long and finally finished ch-48. We had quite a thunderstorm today and the temperature suddenly dropped. Pretty soon winter will be here once more and then we will be hearing a lot of stories about "unusual weather." Bette feels that she must get some more clothes because the other girls dress so well and she does not have enough winter things. She said that last winter she borrowed a lot of things from Emiko. She went to a YWCA dinner on the campus this evening and met a lot of new friends.

Emiko was in an uproar because Bette left the house in such a mess. It was no worse than usual but Emiko wanted to call attention to the fact that she had done the work around the place without glory and I should note how much difference it made. I strung along with her just to make her happy. Bette doesn't manage things as well as Emiko yet but she will learn in time, I hope. Emiko is very busy getting all of her things together and one would think that she is going to Africa or some other uncivilized place. She is even taking nails and hammer along to hang pictures on the wall. She only has two more days to work. The enthusiasm is working up now that the time for entering nursing school draws near. Bette commented, "Geez, you sure are getting a lot of things." Emiko's response, "Well, you had a chance to go to nursing too and you would have gotten the same things." Bette, "That's not the point." Emiko: "At least you are going to college in style and you don't have to worry about anything. I bet there aren't many Nisei girls that have it as easy as you are."

Yoshie phoned up to ask if Bette wanted to work three hours a day from 3:00 to 6:00 for Mrs. Bazalon at .50 an hour. Bette thought it over and decided not to take it as she did



did not know yet how heavy her study schedule would be and that it would tie her up all day. She figured that she already had a job keeping our place up and doing the shopping. "Besides why should I work when I don't have too. I would be just rushing from class to work and I wouldn't have time for anything else. I want to have plenty of time to do my studies and also to take part in the school activities." I felt that this was a good decision as I did not see the sense of burdening her down with outside work as her school work might suffer. I told her that I would give her three dollars a week allowance for her incidentals and I might raise it later on. It's not a matter of how much I can afford, but more a matter of how wisely she learns to spend her money. Emiko will be getting \$15 a month in the Cadet Corps, but I told her that I would give her \$1 a week anyway.

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The Resettlement Committee of Mayeda's is planning to start a USO for the Nisei soldiers. He has rounded up some of the girls in the WRA office to come to the organizational meeting on Sunday. It is another move towards the segregated pattern but one would be foolish to object to anything being done for the "boys." It is another case of not being able to see the forest for the trees. Tom has been following the Buddhist movement and the only thing that keeps them from rolling is the fact that they are still afraid of public opinion. The JAOL had a secret meeting the other evening and it will start a membership drive soon. Some church group on 43rd street is sponsoring a Nisei dance tomorrow night. Morikawa's Nisei church is going fairly strongly. All of this indicates the trend towards segregation. It disappoints me as I feel that it is going to stop the integration movement a lot,



I don't see how it is going to be discouraged. The WRA and other interested ~~agains~~ agencies, except the Friends, have made a complete about face in policies and they are encouraging these segregated activities. I think that it is too bad that the Nisei were not left alone in their informal groups for about a year more. By that time, the integration movement will have been pretty well set in the Nisei mind and they wouldn't have the inclination to go back as far as the pre-war patterns. Even now, I don't think that the Nisei society is going to be too solidified. It is the ambitious Nisei who hope to gain prestige in their own group which are pushing this movement for all it is worth. I suspect that they will suffer a setback when the vast bulk of Nisei do not "cooperate." There are too many of them in Chicago to bring into one big Nisei group, but there is a chance that many sizeable bodies of Nisei will get formal organization sooner or later. It seems that the Nisei are cutting off their noses to spite their faces, but who am I to judge. I don't know what the solution is, but I can't see it in this direction. I still would like to see the integration plan pushed as I think that it would work for the more advanced Nisei, but maybe there is not enough of this group. A social affair is the bait which pulls them all in. I was hoping that they would not get too far by the time the war ends in segregating their lives and there is still a chance that this may happen. When the full attention of the war is pointed to Japan, the Nisei may not wish to be in the spotlight with large Nisei groups and they will seek other avenues of adjustments. Integration has gone far, but it still has a long ways to go before the Nisei becomes definitely established in the American stream of life. I don't think of the individual



maladjustments at all, but in terms of the group. It's an abstract sort of thing and I suppose one is tempted to think only of the isolated cases and interpret them in terms of the majority so that the objectives of the whole program gets waylaid. The Nisei as a group has more of a social life than the caucasians because of the greater proportion of civilian males around but they don't seem to realize that they have this advantage. The restlessness is due ~~xxx~~ more to an unsettled mind than to lonesomeness and a lot of the ambitious Nisei and caucasian promoters of a segregated Nisei society cannot seem to get this through their respective heads. When I think of the harm that may be done, it upsets my bile! The mass of Nisei opinion accept the idea of a Nisei society as the only solution to their general adjustments and it seems to be sort of futile to oppose it now that it has reached the strong development of the present day. However, I'm not convinced yet even though my thinking is at cross purposes with most Nisei. Even Tom and Frank dismiss it as "inevitable" even though they agree with my viewpoint in theory. A movement is only "inevitable" if the group remains blind to the dangerous implications and it could be prevented if there were more thinking and foresight going on in terms of future adjustments rather than temporary pleasures. A hell of a lot of good it is going to do when the Nisei have to stew in their frustrations after they bring segregation upon themselves and then cry with hindsight that they should not have gone in this direction. One who is not involved in the Nisei problem can be tolerant about the whole thing, but I feel that it is a threat to me as an individual as I don't want to be forced into a segregated pattern just because I have a Nisei face. The Nisei would think twice about things if they could realize that a social segregation would create an economic segregation and then ~~they will be right back to their pre-war situation. This is~~



they will be right back to their pre war situation. This is the most pessimistic way of looking at it, but what other conclusions can I reach?

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I bumped into Mr. B on the way home and he was in a very melancholly mood. He said that he had lost about 40 pound in the past year from his worries. He said that he was nervously inclined and his son, Billy, was the same way. For a while they did not know if Billy would ever be normal again. Mr. B. is in the real estate business and he is worried about the Negroes breaking out of their segregated area. "After this war they will think that they are equal to the white man just because they fought in the war. Mark my word, we haven't begun to see any trouble in this country yet as we will have all kinds of race riots right here in Chicago." Mr. B is of Jewish extraction but his prejudice against ~~Jews~~ Negroes is stronger than any attitude of tolerance. ~~xx~~ The strange thing was that he talked to me as if I were a member of the majority caucasian group. "There are some good Negroes and I used to sell houses to them in the Negro district, but the number is very small. For years we have been fighting to keep them on the other side of Cottage grove. Just recently they bought a house down on 42nd and they crossed the 'line.' I don't know how we are going to keep them back. If they move across to Drexel all of the property values are going to drop and I'm not going to stand idle and watch that happen. For the past 15 years, I've had one trouble after another. I lost a lot of money in the depression and property values went way down so I took some big losses. I think that the war with Germany is going to last until the middle of next year and then we have to watch out for the Russians as they



might turn against us. They are going to try and make the whole world communistic. The Democratic Administration has to be removed because it is ruining private business and encouraging the communists to come in and take this country over. " I guess the Nisei are not the only ones to have a distorted pattern of thinking. It seems to be the disease of too many Americans. There must be a weakness in our educational system someplace. The trouble with most people is that Democracy does not mean anything when their dollars and cents are threatened in any way. They will be willing to be Fascists just to protect their holdings at any costs and America be damned. People say that wars and the selfish greed of man <sup>or</sup> is inevitable too, but I don't agree with that. It's more a matter of conditioning properly rather than an inherent instinct. Mr. B's attitude towards the Negroes has its basis in the protection of his economic position and this reflected over to us when he tried so hard to eject us last February. Now he takes us more as individuals, but he still would be against other Nisei moving into his building or his block as it might jeopardize his property interests. There certainly is a lot of work to be done yet, but there is hope. Most Nisei running up against this sort of thing don't care to carry on the struggle so they move back within themselves to a segregated way of life, but that is no solution. I think that most Nisei would like to be accepted as Americans but they don't think it is possible and that is why they are making their present withdrawal into a Nisei society. It's much too early in the game to give up that easily.

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I went over to interview ~~Mr~~ ~~Mr~~ Kiyoshi this evening but he was out apartment hunting. Talked to Davy, Sonny and some of the



others in the house for a while. Davy is going to get overtime work from now until Xmas so that he was busy figuring out how much money he would earn each week with the \$1.50 an hour overtime on Saturdays. He figured that he would make around \$55.00 a week. He owes over \$50. Davy wrote a letter recently to his father and lied that a thief had entered the house and stolen his new suit and overcoat and the rug from the floor. His father got very worried about that so he wrote back and told him to be careful about locking his windows. He said that Davy must have a suit and coat so that he wanted Davy to send him an estimate of how much it would cost and the money would be sent. Davy was quite proud of his cleverness until I started to give him hell for thinking of taking money from his father who was only earning \$19 a month in camp while he was making \$50 a week. Davy hung his head and he said that he would write and tell his father not to send any money. Davy should be sending money to his folks instead of the other way around. He is not mature enough in thinking to realize that he has to make his own way now. Davy said that every time I came over I got him into trouble, but he was not sore at me. Met Endo on the way home and he mentioned that he was making \$63 dollars a week at the same place now. The group has not bought a car yet.



Yesterday I was worried about the direction in which the Nisei adjustments were going; today I am disturbed by the thought of how a person with my bias could ever be in a position to study the Nisei. It is a recurring thought which I have occasionally reflected upon--but not too seriously. I suppose the thing which brings it to mind now is that sooner or later I will be faced with the task of making some sort of analysis on the data I have collected and I think I am sadly lacking in the proper mental equipment and the capacity to do such a thing. On these occasions I am filled with guilt complexes of sorts and I wonder if I am not receiving my salary from the Study under false pretences. Perhaps I am one of those individuals who is able to do field work of sorts, but unable to analyze the findings with proper insight.

For over a year now I have been playing around with the thought that I would like to be some sort of social research worker, but I have many doubts about my capacities. I am almost convinced that I don't want to be a pure social worker or a pure research worker, but would like to be a combination of the two if that is possible. It seems to be a bridging of the gap between the Sociologists and the Social Workers and I understand that there is quite a feud between the two.

In studying the resettlement phase of the Study project, I should have have more of a trained attention upon the subjects. But because of personal feelings, I am not intellectually honest because I attempt to prove myself right in a lot of my opinions about Nisei adjustments instead of trying to prove myself wrong. The difficulties lie in the fact that I don't know from which base I should make my tentative opinions: the ideal of integration or the practical and obvious wishes as stated by the Nisei them-



selves. It is hard to be completely objective in this matter because I am emotionally involved, whether I like it or not. In a way this is going to be the whole problem of the study when the time comes to write up. Certain members of the staff are much more sympathetic to the evacuees than others. It is a matter of personal background and other things. But suppose Dick Nishimoto were out here studying resettlement and he did the same thing that I did? He would probably collect data of Nisei and Issei adjustments to illustrate the success of his opinions on the matter and I would tend to get more data to prove the failure of things about <sup>the</sup> group that I disliked. Who is to be the judge?

I have concluded that no matter how hard I try I can never be free of my bias and I think that the same holds true for the other members of the staff. It is impossible to approach the thing with completely intellectual disinterestedness altho it is a good sounding phrase. Different members of the study get along because they agree in their bias the way I look on things--altho Dick did label me on the extreme of his little blue and red chart in Salt Lake City. Maybe the fault is with me because I make my judgements on the basis of ~~what~~ my ideals of what Nisei should be and I get irritated when the evidence goes in the other direction and shows things as they are. The mental conflict is heightened because I honestly believe that I have a sympathetic understanding of the group and I want them all to succeed in the ideal, knowing all the time that this is impossible. Under these circumstances I suppose I am happier at doing the individual case documents as my personal bias throws me less off gear when I am doing this. I'm a hell of a research worker! My preliminary education must be all wrong, but I'll be damned if I am going to



read a lot of sociology books just to get concepts. I think that I am a little more objective because I don't get so emotionally excited about the trend of Nisei segregation as I used to, but that may be because I have stayed away from these developments in order not to be irritated. On the other hand, if I don't learn some sociological concepts, how am I ever going to do an analysis of the data that I have? I guess I had better consult WI on this ~~sm~~ the next time I see him as he didn't give me the answer to this aspect of the dilemma. >

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