

May 21, 1945

Dearest Mom,

Received numerous letters. Will try to answer everything in one.

But first of all, could you look thru the boxes with clothes in it, and see if there's a little box, addressed to Mrs. Maryyama. If, you find it (I hope you do) will you send it immediately. It's suppose to have George Chinen's watches in it. And Gosh, I just have to find it. Am terr-ifically worried. If it isn't one thing, it's another. Am continuously worried over something. By golly, I'll get ulcers yet!

And about the "get we'll cards" could you send pronto. Sally and the girls said they'll do em.

About the reaction on the center..... I was more or less expecting it. Anyway, we know how the center feels. If it's no go, it's "no go." We don't want to stirr anything or bring bad feelings.

Last week, sorta "got it in the neck" from all different sources, about all kinds of things pertaining to it. Anyway, if anything, I'll be gaining something worth the effort: will learn how "to take it." Since coming here, it's been "rough", but it's been a real experience on "how to grow."

One can only learn by trying, and feeling out, and being sincere. What happens as the "results" or "outcome" (no matter how much it can hurt) really matters little. The thing that counts is the sincere desire to do that which is needed. To me, success or failure, isn't as important at all. I'm taking orders from ~~all~~ different people. I'm not questioning anything. I just hope I do what God would consider "the right

thing at the right time.

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Sent the 25 dollars that Mary Y had sent last week. Seems you people need it more than I would in this "rather haphazard" work.

Was glad to hear the theater-program went off so well. Hope it brings in the amount needed.

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Sending a few more address lists, but wait.....am contemplating on letting the Island girls help as much as possible. They're just the girls to "carry on." Yet, on the other hand, I'd like to see Mary Yamada actually have an office for Crusader-work, if she could spare some time for it. Having had the experience of trying to start an office here, I think I know the procedures, and can help her get started. (That's if she cares). What money is left, maybe she can take with her. I can tell her how to go about finding a suitable place. It isn't so very hard. (This is just a "thought." Perhaps, she won't even have time, so don't take what I wrote to heart), It's up to her.

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What are your plans? The quicker you can decide, it would help Art, Pete, Bill and I. ~~to think of our future too.~~ We're all concerned ~~"at a loss" because we can't read your mind, and thus, we're making no plans whatsoever.~~ Where do you really want to go? If you do want to go to California, please don't hold back. I'll go and find a place. ~~But please don't hold back from me.~~ *Don't "w-r-i-y-o."*

There's so much to tell you; people I've met, what's happening here, etc....but time limited, so will try and write later.

Love, Mary