

11:00 P.M.
 APRIL
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Dearest Mom

This is Sunday Night . . . and finally,
 have ample time to write. Washing, iron-
 ing, and notebook work ^{are} ~~is~~ all up to
 date. (By notebook work, we're keeping
 track of every cent we spend, letters
 to answer, who visited us, etc., etc.)

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Copying for you the list of gifts
 we received; when and from whom.

FEB. 7	Mitsi Tsuzi	Fancy glasses
FEB. 9	Rev. Akamatsu	Chapel fee
	Frank Sunada	
	Frank Takahashi	Candle-holders
	Mr. Koyama	Silver-ware, wine-set
		Blanket, plants
	Twycroft family	Fifty dollars
FEB. 11	Mr. Harry Yano	Ten dollars
FEB. 14	Mr. + Mrs. Schmid	Guest towels
FEB. 18	Rev. + Mrs. Sakuye	Casserole bowls
FEB. 19	Tessie + Louie Cavanaugh	Full dish set
FEB. 28	Art + Chiyo Nakamura	Towel set
MAR. 4	Mr. + Mrs. Ogata	Blanket
MAR. 6	Obasan + Osan	Ten dollars

Mar. 7	Mr. & Mrs. RYDER	TABLE-DOILIES
Mar. 14	IRVING WATANABE	TABLE CLOTH & NAPKINS
Mar. 15	ROSE & JUANITA HAYASHI	PILLOW CASES
Mar. 17	Mr. OKAZAKI	GLASS TRAY
Mar. 21	BETTY KOGA	TABLE-CLOTH
Mar. 22	KEI ISHIKAWA	BATH TOWELS
Mar. 24	Mr. & Mrs. OANA	PRESSURE-COOKER
	MO & TAD MIYA	WOODEN SANDWICH-TRAY
Mar. 25	RUTH & LEO TOYAMA	PILLOW CASE & TABLE-CLOTH
Mar. 28	CHIYO SUZUKI	METAL TRAY & GLASS-HOLDERS
	GEORGE TANNA	HAND-BLOCKED TABLE-CLOTH
	TOSHIMI SODETANI	TABLE PLACE-MATS
Mar. 30	DAVE & LOUISE HOSHIMUYA	BATH TOWELS
April 1	BERNICE YAMAGUCHI	PILLOW CASE & JAPANESE SILK NAPKINS
April 5	Mr. & Mrs. FUJIKAWA	ONYX BOOK-ENDS
April 6	Mr. & Mrs. ONODA	PLANT & HOLDER.

Gosh, HADN'T REALIZED HOW MUCH WE RECEIVED. Wish YOU COULD SEE ALL THESE NICE GIFTS. Most OF THEM, WE CAN'T USE IN OUR ~~APART~~ 1-ROOM APARTMENT. THEY'RE TOO GOOD. But SOME DAY WHEN WE HAVE OUR OWN HOME, IT'LL BE NICE TO HAVE EVERYTHING ^{OUT}, WHERE THEY COULD BE SEEN.

BUT NOW IT'S UP TO ME AND BEING
A BEGINNER AT IT, I STILL CAN'T BUDGET
MY TIME AS I SHOULD. BUT IT'S SO MUCH
FUN!! Especially COOKING. I LOVE IT!!
AM LEARNING THINGS LITTLE BY LITTLE.

" " " "

Bill HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO ME. HE
HELPS IN SO MANY WAYS. HE CLEANS THE
ROOM, MOPS AND DUSTS AND MAKES THE
BED EVERY DAY.

AND LAST WEEK, HE EVEN DID THE
WASHING. AND WHEN I'M TIRED, HE HELPS
WITH THE DISHES.

" " " "

WE HAVE ^{FRIENDS} ~~GUESTS~~ OVER QUITE OFTEN.
HAVE MET LOTS OF BILL'S OLD FRIENDS;
MOSTLY CAUCASIANS. FEEL AWFULLY PROUD
BEING INTRODUCED AS HIS WIFE. HAVE
ALSO MET MANY OF BILL'S DAD'S FRIENDS.
THEY'RE ALL SO NICE.

Bill WAS THE PRESIDENT OF HIS
GROUP AT THE SHELTERING ARMS BOARDING
SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS THE ONLY NISEI.
HIS CLASS-MATES AND SCHOOL-FRIENDS ALMOST
WORSHIP BILL. IN TURN, BILL IS VERY
SENTIMENTALLY ATTACHED TO EACH ONE. THE
CLOSENESS OF THIS GROUP IS SOMETHING I'VE

NEVER SEEN PARAMELED. THEY'RE LIKE
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL OF THEM.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL! TOUCHING AND REAL.

EACH TIME ANY OF THEM MEET,
^{SOMEONE} ~~THEY~~ ALWAYS BRINGS UP THE TOPIC OF
"REUNION." AND THAT'S WHAT BILL IS GOING
TO WORK ON TRYING TO CONTACT THE
FELLOWS AND GIRLS FOR A GET-TOGETHER
AND ORGANIZE A SOUTHERN ARMS ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION.

But ABOUT BILL'S HEALTH. IT'S STILL
NOT TOO GOOD. LAST WEEK HE HAD
A BLOOD TEST TAKEN. THE RESULT WAS
THAT THE DOCTOR FOUND VIRUS IN HIS
BLOOD STREAM. (THIS DISEASE IS VERY
RARE). IT'S NOT SUPPOSE TO BE VERY
SERIOUS BUT HE STILL HAS TO TAKE
PRECAUTIONS. EACH WEEK, HE GOES TO
THE DOCTOR FOR A 'HYPO'.

HIS WEIGHT IS WHAT WORRIES ME.
HE'S QUITE THIN AND CAN'T SEEM TO
GAIN. ALSO HIS GLANDS ARE BOTHERING
HIM. BUT THE DOCTOR SAID IN ABOUT
5 WEEKS HE SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT.

THE OTHER DAY, ICHIRO TAIGASHI,
HIS MOTHER, AUNT, AND LITTLE NIECE
VISITED NEW YORK. BILL WAS VERY GOOD
TO THEM; FINDING THEM HOUSING, TAKING THEM
AROUND TO THE INTERESTING PLACES, AND ACTING
AS A GUIDE AND INFORMATION-MAN.

THEY LEFT YESTERDAY. . . . HAPPY, SATISFIED
WITH THEIR VISIT, AND GRATEFUL TO BILL.

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OH. . . . REMEMBER 'UL' JOE SHIMOMURA
OF C.K.? . . . BILL'S SQUAD-MATE?? HE
VISITED US AND LEFT A FEW HOURS
AGO. HE'S STILL AT HAWAIIAN GENERAL
BUT IS EXPECTING TO GO BACK TO THE
ISLANDS SOON. HE MIGHT VISIT YOU IN
PEDRO. PLEASE MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME.
HE'S A REGULAR GUY AND AWFULLY LIKE-
ABLE. PETE AND HE WILL GET ALONG
SWELL.

JOE LIVED IN THE SAME BLOCK (I
THINK) AS EDDIE KAMIKAWA. HE'S A
PALAMA BOY.

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NOT SO LONG AGO, ANOTHER ONE
OF BILL'S C.K. BUDDIES CAME OVER. . . .
SANJI KIMOTO OF HONOKAA, HAWAII.

SANZI IS COMPLETELY BLIND. IT HAPPENED RIGHT AFTER THE WAR ENDED. HE WAS TO BE SHIPPED HOME WHEN ONE NIGHT OUTLINE ON GUARD-DUTY (FOR SOMETHING) ... ONE OF HIS EYES SUDDENLY WENT BLANK. ENROUTE TO THE STATES, THE OTHER WAS ALSO MYSTERIOUSLY AFFECTED AND NOW ~~NEITHER~~ ^{BOTH} EYES ARE USELESS.

TRAGIC, ISN'T IT?

IT'S ALMOST FICTITIOUS.

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Bill is GOOD TO EVERYONE ... AND THUS, FELLOWS FEEL AT HOME IN OUR 1-ROOM APARTMENT WHEN THEY COME TO VISIT.

EVEN FELLOWS HE'S JUST MET.... COME OVER ON HAPHAZARD INVITATION.

REMEMBER GEORGE AKIMOTO, THE CARTOONIST FROM ROKKURU THAT CHYO KNEW? Bill AND I MET HIM AT A CHINESE RESTAURANT WHERE WE OFTEN DROP IN. NOW, HE SEEMS LIKE AN OLD CLOSE FRIEND WHO WE'VE KNOWN FOR YEARS.

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Oh! And did I tell you about our
meeting Dorothy Tarkenton and her husband,
Tom Hwa? They were married in
Chicago a month after us... and came
to New York on a honeymoon. The
night before they went back to
Chicago, we got together in their
"Honey-moon suite."

The reunion of seeing Dot
was wonderful! Her husband and
Bill are quite a bit alike in
many ways... so they hit it off
sweet.

Dot and I have been very
very close. (We used to always tell
each other 'confidential' things... in
the Black House in Jerome. Thus,
to see her and talk with her again,
seemed like a wish-come-true. She's
one girl I found easy to pour my
heart out to.

Did I tell you about visiting
the Mio family. You must write and
thank them for the swell evening they

CAVE TO BIL AND I.

THIS WAS ABOUT A MONTH AGO.
BIL'S DAD, A MR. TAI, ^{and} MR. YANO AND
US WENT OVER TO THE MIOS TOGETHER.
WE TALKED OF OLD TIMES, REMINISCED,
LAUGHED, AND GOT RE-ACQUAINTED TOGETHER
WITH BIL. AND BIL'S DAD PUT ON
A HOME MOVIE FOR THEM. (HE'S
QUITE A PHOTOGRAPHY-FIEND. HAS A
PROJECTING MACHINE, A LIBRARY OF
FILMS, SCREEN, AND ETC. EQUIPMENT).
AT THE CLOSE, MRS. MIO BROUGHT OUT
ALL SORTS OF O-SO-SHI AND JAPANESE
FOOD. BIL WENT FOR IT IN A
BIG WAY TOO. IT WAS DELICIOUS
AND NOVEL. HADN'T TASTED THINGS LIKE
"ABURAGE" FOR A LONG TIME.

SO WHEN YOU WRITE, PLEASE THANK
THEM FOR A SWELL EVENING.

MR. MIO~~Y~~ IS VERY COMICAL AND
FRIENDLY. MRS. MIO IS BEAUTIFUL . . .
CHARMING STATELY KIND. THE GIRLS,
MIE, KIYO, FUSAYE ARE ALL SO NICE;
AND SO IS GEORGE. FUSAYE IS EXPECTING.
(SHE MAY HAVE GIVEN BIRTH BY NOW).

Mio Family
47 CPW (107th St.)
N.Y.C., N.Y.

Kiyo is attending an Art School and on the side, ~~doing~~ ~~painting~~ making money through her art. (She's the youngest and is making more money than all the rest of the family. \$90.00 a ~~month~~ ^{week} ... doing just side-work. Even the father and mother are working.

Some day Kiyo will be another Gyo Fujikawa. She's only about 19... and terrifically talented.

George, the brother ~~just~~ graduated from N.Y.U. (He was in Terry, Doug, Pete and Mike's class).

Don't know exactly where Mie is working. She's quite a bit like her mother... ~~so~~ ⁴ charming hostess.

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Yuri Tano is expecting again. The baby should arrive sometime in July. Bones will be back by then. He left last month ~~for~~ to visit his family in Maui.

We visit her whenever possible. She's really ^{"the"} ~~an~~ ideal wife. Have never met a girl like her. And Mom, did you know she was the valedictorian of her graduating class?

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WE ALSO EAT AT THE SOEHIRO'S QUITE
REGULARLY. (ALMOST EVERY TUESDAY WITH
BUI'S DAD). AND THAT'S WHEN WE GET
TO SEE MITSU TSUJI.

HER LITTLE ~~WIFE~~ MIKIO IS NO LONGER
A "BABY." HE'S NOW RUNNING AROUND
AND GIVING MITSU PLENTY OF "HEADACHES."
~~HE'S~~ HE'S CUTE AS HECK.

BY THE WAY, FERNIE AND MITSU HAVE
SORT OF SEPARATED. (DON'T MENTION IT TO
ANYONE . . . BUT THAT YOU'D BETTER KNOW).

MITSU SHOWED US YOUR LETTER TO
HER . . . AND I COULDN'T HELP BUT
NOTICE THAT YOU WEREN'T INFORMED.
THANKS FOR WRITING TO HER. I KNOW
SHE WAS PLEASED. WHEN YOU HAVE
TIME, HOPE YOU'D DROP A FEW LINES
OCCASSIONALLY. SHE'S A WONDERFUL,
SPUNKY GIRL.

" " " " " "

ANOTHER GIRL I THINK A GREAT
DEAL OF . . . IS CHIYO SUZUKI. HAVE
ALWAYS ADMIRER HER. SOME DAY,
WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HER.

THERE'S OODLES MORE TO WRITE, BUT
I THINK I BETTER JOIN BILL IN "DREAM-
LAND"! ... AND BESIDES, MONDAY MORNING
IS HARD TO GET UP.

WHAT A ^{HAPPY} SURPRISE TO HEAR ~~THAT~~ THE
~~THE~~ FURTANIS ARE EXPECTING ALREADY.

BILL AND I HAVE DISCUSSED ~~THE~~
"ADDING TO THE FAMILY" — MANY TIMES.
WE BOTH FEEL ^{IT WOULD} ~~WE~~ ~~CA~~ BE UNWISE FOR
US TO IN THE FIRST YEAR. WE FEEL
WE'RE NOT QUITE MATURED ENOUGH;
NOT FINANCIALLY PREPARED. AND TOO,
WE WANT TO FIRST GIVE LOVE TO EACH
OTHER BEFORE SHARING WITH THE CHILD.

WE FEEL AS IF WE'RE STILL
HONEY-MOONING. ... ~~AND WE'RE NOT~~
~~WISER THAN WE ARE NOW!~~ WE CAN
STILL 'GO OUT' AND LEAD A YOUNG
COUPLE'S LIFE; ^{STILL} ~~BE~~ NOT TOO TIED DOWN.

MAYBE IN THE SECOND YEAR AFTER
BILL'S SCHOOLING HAS STARTED AND WE
FEEL A LITTLE MORE "SET", WE CAN
PREPARE FOR PARENTHOOD ... BUT TIL
THEN, WE'RE ^{GOING} ~~LIVING~~ ^{TO} FOR EACH OTHER FIRST.

(HADN'T REALIZED I WAS DOWN TO
THE END OF PAGE 6).

MUST CUT IT SHORT.
BUT BEFORE CLOSING, JUST HAVE TO
COMMENT ON THAT "INCIDENT" ON PACIFIC
AVENUE. ALMOST COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.
FELT TERRIBLE. AND IT WOULD HAVE TO
BE PEGGY'S MOTHER. SOMEONE SO QUIET,
SWEET, + HARMLESS. IT'S MADDENING AND
YET, WE CAN'T HOLD IT AGAINST NOR
JUDGE ALL CAUCASIANS ON THE "SMALLNESS
AND MEANNESS" OF ONE.

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Now — I MUST CLOSE.

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PLEASE SAY HELLO TO THE
NEIGHBORS, LITTLE KIDS, CLASS-MATES,
ETC. CERTAINLY ^{THINK} ~~REMEMBER~~ A LOT OF
SAN PEDRO. BUT SOMEHOW DON'T
MISS IT TOO MUCH. AM TOO, TOO
HAPPY WITH BILL. WOULD GO CRAZY
IF I EVER HAD TO BE PARTED
FROM BILL AGAIN.

THE PAST IS ^{BUT} HAPPY MEMORIES;

THE TAIWAN WAS BORN -
IF YOU COULD EVER GET HOLD
OF ANY MORE, YOU COULD SEND SOME AGAIN

P.S.

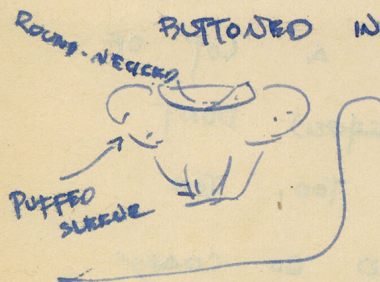
THE PRESENT IS "LIVING", LEARNING,
AND MOST OF ALL — LOVING; THE
FUTURE WILL BE THE MATERIALIZING
OF THE INFLUENCE ~~OF~~ OF THE PAST
AND PRESENT AND ITS THAT FUTURE
THAT'S IMPORTANT.

So, till next time

many thanks of you,
Lovingly, Mary

P.S. Could you try to get Mickey
(Davis) Williams address for me?

P.S. COULD YOU ALSO SEND THE BLOUSE THAT
YOU GAVE ME; THAT CUTE, WHITE,
BUTTONED IN THE BACK, SUMMERISH ONE?



Oh AND COULD YOU SEND
THAT COTTON BLUE-PRINTED ISLAND
MATERIAL DRESS YOU MADE LONG
TIME AGO. I ~~WISH~~ ^{HOPE} I COULD

STILL GET INTO IT. NOW, I WISH I
HAD MORE CLOTHES (AS YOU ONCE SO OFTEN
TOLD ME TO GET). I'M SORRY NOW. AND I WISH
I HAD MORE FEMININE CLOTHES. (GOSH, WHAT'S
THAT — HUH MOM?).