

October 10, 1944

Dearest Hiro,

still no word from you-- I keep haunting the post office hoping to get some word, but I guess you must be busy. We hope and pray that you are well, and that the going isn't too tough. Please take care of yourself dear.

We are all well. Yesterday after writing to you, I went to the gas rationing board and got my ration. Have been allotted plenty for my work, and was changed from a B to C classification. That's one nice thing about this job, I get all the gas I need for it. I also went to the high school for my club. Then to Ewa to my club there, then to Mrs. Bowman's for our Council meeting. Stayed there from 3:30 to 5:30, you know the usual stuff in a Y meeting, talk talk talk. Winnie is always so nice though about having the bunch there. Mrs. Bond, the manager's wife was there too, she came on her bike! Mrs. L'Orange rides a put putt-- funny world.

The elections have been interesting. Mayor Petrie got it again (this is the primary so the finals will come in Nov.) Delegate Farrington won outright, Oliver Kinney made the nomination this time. On the Big Island the biggest upset was a man named Clement Akina who ousted Spencer the veteran. Sakuichi Sakai was the lone Japanese as far as I can make out throughout the territory and he won the nomination from his district. Mrs. Thelma Akana led all the senatorial candidates on this island-- which is grand. Montie Richards made it too-- but by the skin of his teeth-- guess people associate him with the big shots. It will be interesting to see how the finals come out. The Labor Group here in the Islands is getting stronger and so many of their candidates won, which is an interesting trend, over the Big Five.

I'm enclosing the pictures you requested for the boys. They came out so well. I'm sure their families will appreciate them.

We heard from Babe yesterday, it was written before George left. She is going to have to buckle down now as she's on her own. She and George sent you some Xmas gifts, some umeboshi and nori - so you can have a feast. Also some canned foods, like chicken, etc. I think Alice sent you some eats too, and no doubt Hank has done it already too. So methinks you will have a pretty nice Xmas-- we hope so dear; it will not be like Xmas so much for us without you, but at least it will be a happier one than last year, when I felt so low after just coming back from the hospital.

Yesterday M.s. Iguchi gave us some aku, so we had sashimi. Am hoping I don't break out in hives-- maybe not. It was certainly good, and she is so thoughtful to always remember us. She gets so worried when I don't hear from you-- as she says she has been through it and knows how much it means to get letters.

Today I am going to pick Peter up, then meet my Waipahu Elementary group. Peter has his comics and drawing pad already in my car, so he can keep himself busy in the car while I'm meeting with the group. Tomorrow I will go to town for a meeting, and several errands. Mrs. Suzuki will pick Peter up. She is so nice about helping us out. I hope sometime you will drop Jiro a line to thank him for all he's doing for us. Tonight the Lion's club is meeting in Ewa and having the Double Ten celebration-- the Chinese celebration of their liberation from Manchuria-- the speaker is to be a Mr. Kelley of Kam Schools who was in a Japanese prison camp, and was repatriated. They asked me to go, but I don't think I will.

How are Pete, Dollar, Chicken, Ben, Mitsu and the others? Please give them my regards. Ben and Peter should be up for a furough shouldn't they?

Please take care of yourself, dear. We miss you so much, and pray that you will be with us soon.

Love, *Heahe*

P.S Do you know Toshiaki and Charlie Mimura-- one in Medics, the other in the band. Their sister who looks like Fuzzie works at the Medical group. Said one of them was wounded. *I sent the pictures to Mrs. Crowley -*