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[NOTEBOOK / DIARY

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Sept. 28, 1942 Arrived Poston from Phoenix on the train. Mrs Nelson, schoolteacher, was also on the train w. young son Mort (Bill). I don't like her, too peppy + too fixed. Met by Ned + back to the little cell + bed. No water to wash with. In the morning no hot water for a shower.

Sept. 29, 1942 Received Ned's report in the morning. Went to Tomie's office - Wood 7 in the afternoon. Found her with Ann Kunatani. Ann is, + thinks herself as, first American. She says she has found only one other Jap. resident who reads the New Republic, besides herself + husband. She was trying to get Tomie to take part in a panel discussion for the teachers on Friday in wh. Ned was also to take part, + me or two others. Ann thought anthropologist, if anyone could, should be able to tell them the true situation here, + not give them the Utopia stuff. She mentioned an article she had written in wh. she gave the facts as she had found them - that young missis have taken the worst of America + not the real Amer. spirit, but that Dr. Shepard + Miss Findley, though saying it might be true would not let it pass as being too dark a picture. She says Ann says she spoke up before the Tola Comm. about what real American the Japs. are, but now she has come here + has learned that it is not so. She wants the teachers to know these things + not be

handed so much money so that a real effort can be made toward real Americanization, with subtle direction in all types of activities, with that as a view, not just allowing complete freedom.

Tami said she wouldn't speak, that she might get up & say all kinds of things. If I were bad I would get around & interfere with her social work, & if I were good people wouldn't pay any attention. Probably if she spoke the administration would call her a communist. Tami thought it best to remain anonymous for the good of her work.

Came from there to Light's office & found Noguchi with him. He was talking somewhat along the same lines. He wanted to know what was the aim of the administration, & make complete Americans of the Japs., with the only distinguishing feature their looks, or to make a blend of the best of Jap. & Amer. as Ad. pointed out the Indian Service was trying to do for the Indians. Noguchi seemed to think that Poston would have the effect of making them all more Japanese & Jap. conscious. Finally, because the elder issei, who were before too busy, will now have time to teach the younger ones about Jap. custom etc. & will do so, & secondly, because there is now much less ingress of & contact w. Amer. ideas & people.

Ad's manner was not one that would encourage me, at least to talk. & it seemed to me that Noguchi

went away not too well satisfied. As would express his
 opinions & make few comments, agreement or disagreement.
 He did admit his lack of knowledge of the Jap. customs
 & people & said he hoped to learn.

Our first tea in the afternoon. 23 present. A guest
 in the form of Dr. Goldwater, a Buddhist priest, & several
 young followers (?). The tea was quite successful &
 people friendly & chatty.

To bed early feeling heavy & discouraged.

Sept. 30, 1942 It is very hard to get used to this place &
 get adjusted. You have to be so careful what you
 say about anything to anybody. I feel as though there
 were a ball & chain around my neck. Besides trying
 to find my way around in a new, already organized &
 large department. What must the Japs. feel like here!

Spent all day reading Social Jour. Japanese lesson
 evening. Alex, w. a worried look, asked me how I was
 liking it here by now. I said it was a hard place to get
 adjusted to. He said, "Are you finding that out too?"

Met Mrs. Ann Kunitani, who was trying to get Tomie
 to give a talk in a panel discussion in which Ned
 was also taking part. She wanted some real facts given,
 not just the Utopian picture which had been built
 up by the teachers so far. She seemed to think that as
 anthropologists we would have seen the picture in
 the true light & should know the problems. She described

working, but I don't understand the points. She was the
 intelligent attack on the problem, looking it over
 & morning. To say they are not improved, & at all
 as another experienced will give you a hint. She
 said I did no good & he is rejecting my "good
 pointing" - ignorance, people don't like that.
 I am absolutely refused & talk. Said she would
 say to much & then people would be angry & she
 couldn't work a word. She said something but she
 would all her life & but I up & her. If she would
 I must get the work just right.
 said a number of things (see on page 4 & 5)
 This part. People were all mad. ^{my} ^{say} ^{BP} ^{makes} ^{Dr. Baker}
 a little about names, ^{the} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names}
 might begin. ^{the} ^{names} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names}
 Tom, had I took that & took with Parker in the
 & cattle train. We sat - the day after with the sheep
 get his table. Tom said the next day that she felt
^{the} ^{names} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names} ^{of} ^{the} ^{names}
 that she always has a tremendous reaction when she
 goes to Parker, getting this part & cut through in
 a while. But the coming week & going through
 - but she always want to go & then in almost a day,
 at which she would have feelings. But in the
 I can see that she has never had any reaction to her
 my feelings - Parker. When we went in to buy the
 though the tea was very good but didn't seem any
 me & know it. He wasn't saying very much. But

would have liked a big send off & pretty speeches, but all of us were reserved & didn't say much. He asked Tammi what messages he could carry for her to Worthington & she said, "a ticket for the fruit clipper back to Hawaii." He took it as a joke, but saw there was something behind it as well. (Tammi said later that she wished she hadn't said that because it rather hurt him & made him wonder if she was unhappy here & didn't like the Bureau.) On the way in to Parker we had a flat tire. Had a hard time getting the jack to work right. Tammi & Torl were holding up the car to keep it from slipping & Alex said "Here are you two little fellows holding up the car."

Tammi says she has night blindness & brittle finger nails from lack of Vitamin A.

Oct. 2, Fri. | Gen'l staff meeting in the morning with all workers. Rudo gave a report. It seemed to me that he had a lot of good material, well put together - some instances not too well organized - others, but whether or not he realized the implications he did not bring them out. Rudo must have some Latin blood.

At 9:30 there was the panel discussion before the workers. I think it was good & the teachers went away with their eyes opened to many things - & probably feeling rather mixed up as it is so easy to feel. All the speakers did well, particularly Bob Sakai. Ferguson's afterwards seemed to be very favourable.

Spent afternoon & part of evening writing up discussion.
 sat between Mr + Mrs. Felsted in the at supper. Do
 not like her. Ned says Clare Spencer agrees that she is a
 bitch.

Went to work in the evening & found Mrs. Gelvin there.
 She seems hard & cold & set in her ideas. I wonder if she
 ever softens or is fun. She would make a good puritan,
 & I bet she could get drunk & bawdy.

Haskima brought his shogi board to class & he + Ned
 played. Haskima also brought a young man with him
 who was an expert at the game. He played for Ned.
 But he could speak no English. He spoke to Haskima
 in Jap. + Haskima to him. The Haskima would
 translate. He understood a few of our remarks in
 English, but far from all.

Later in the evening I dropped in to see Dr. + Mrs.
Shepard & had a nice quiet chat. He says he would
 like to take some of his Jap. friends to dinner, which
 is now allowed, but it is not a very pleasant place
 to take company. He indicated that he + Mrs. Shepard go out
 in the community & visit their friends. We spoke of
 the tiny rooms we have & how hard it is to entertain in them.
 He said he went to a J. friend's home & it seemed like a
 palace in comparison. We figured the # of people in
 the personnel barracks; with 2 to a room & sometimes even
 more when there are children, there are 20-25 in a
 barracks. This is as many or more than the Japs. have.
 "Rank discrimination against us" said Dr. Shepard.

He said they had read a passage fr. Plato last night
 wch in the class which was ~~was~~ applicable to this
 situation here, & had so been pointed out. He read it,
 Socrates was saying not to complain - a difficult subject
 but make the best of it etc. I asked if they knew
 Ann Kunitani. Yes, said Shepard rather coldly. I
 mentioned she had a great # of good records & maybe we
 could all go over & hear them sometime. He made no answer.
 I said this because he had mentioned his greatest lack here
 was music. He also mentioned that he had heard
that the program that morning had been very successful.
 I felt the talk had been very enjoyable.

Oct. 3, Sat Tomorrow's Barry's birthday.

Last night Ned did not eat supper & I sat between
 Mr & Mrs. Felstad. She is a bit of a bitch.

Went over to Tami's office & while trying to work had
 several talks with her. Not all the following has she told
 me today, but during several talks.

She was born Hawaii but for some reason (I forget) as a
 youngster was taken to Tahiti & live w. an uncle. Later
 came back to Hawaii & went to Univ. of Hawaii, & to
 Calif.

When a child of 3 she had typhoid & was given up by white &
 Jap. doctors. Her family took her to a Hawaiian medicin
 man. He said he could cure her & did so by taking her out
 a boat, outside of the reef where there were lots of sharks &
 taking her by her heels & dipped her in the ocean. She got better.
 She is now protected by the shark god. Her sister used to

But the not + power + by taking her own not + not when
 this was both about + pushing her up the not +
 making her stay - the water. James says he was around
 to death when she saw the fire around her house was
 attacked.

James spent much time - says she made in me
 the influential men there now + this the F.B.I keep
 working her. She says they just see kind / showing a
 for letters + see what she is saying. Her family is
 a case with nothing at, the behavior, + in her family
 why not, as they wanted her to be brought up - proper
 job. Parker - and he had kept her education. She later
 is, think, + people see the she dropped / her. They left
 telling her that she was vulgar + American.

She was at the time. Her + made her / think she
 she was away at 16 + before the Dean / woman was very
 much allowed. She took a job as companion + an older
 lady who wanted me for a night (with English). She was
 the way to get before her family knew where she was. She
 spent a year working.

Later she came to the law school, + she made money because
 everyone thought she was more than a doctor.
 She was famous, several married + they had many
 for her. Apparently she is quite a bit of a. Her family
 remarks. People + some / have made to her + what they have
 done for her.
 She was at Santa Anita + during the war she had a
 of the previous reference in the 1920s. See page
 attached - to help in the counterintelligence project + had staying

on it. She was blamed for starting the strike there, they said (she has told this story several times) that there were only 3 people intelligent enough to do it & the other 2 wouldn't have so. It must have been she. I said, "Did you?" "Maybe," with a twinkle. She is quite proud of being come over here with a special M.P. & conduct. Pass! At S.A. they used to break their gloves or something all the time so they could get to go to L.A., always escorted by an M.P.

Tami's idea for after the war when she gets out of this jail, is to have a coral atoll in the middle of the Pacific & not allow anyone to approach, keeping the away w. machine guns. She says she owns an island, Bura-bura - the Society Group. There are plantations there & farmers. Her uncle-in-law who lives near by island near the place. She doesn't know what the status of the place is now, whether the Free Press have taken it, or what. Some nearby islands were being fortified. Her "native uncle" had gone to MIT (?) & his sister to Wellesley.

Tami says she is engaged to a young man, anthropologist at Berkeley. He is specially good at linguistics & material culture & they will complement each other in field work. She said they are "technically engaged." She thinks that perhaps she will not marry him, "for spite."

Sat. afternoon about 2:00 I went over to the laundry to do my ironing. One of the workers there, a J. man, came up + said I couldn't come in until 4:00 + pointed to the sign. I said I had thought they wouldn't be working Sat. afternoon, + he said yes, they were. All the while as he was talking to me he laughed. To me, ^{at the time} it seemed that he was being rude + was pleased to be able to tell a Cane. that she couldn't do something she wanted to do. On thinking afterwards I wondered if I was not perhaps the Jap. politeness, where laughter often covers up even great sorrow. Maybe.

Anyway, the difficulties of life - Poston hit me very hard + I felt sad for the afternoon. Very.

In the evening went to Red Cross + sums w. Ned + Ted Haas.

Sunday, Oct. 4 Barry's birthday. We slept very late. When we got up there was no electricity + water. They were turned on during lunch.

Ironed all afternoon. Met young (18) George Siemin, of Russian extraction. Speaks Russian, French, German + English. Was getting his A.B. - Paris when Germans invaded. Worked w. Red + then + got on in Amer. hospital. Lived in occupied Paris for several months + didn't get enough to eat. Was very happy to get back to plentiful U.S. His father is in Hollywood + is a assist. producer. Has made several movies. This boy loves Poston + doesn't want to leave at all.

Ted Haas went into long detail about Wood Shepard & his demand for constant gas and material - L.A. & all the trouble betw. him & Barrett & Head & Tom Kennedy, solved it - all very complicated. Ted doesn't approve of Shepard.

I revised all afternoon, 16 sheets & 2 discs, including 3 for Ted Haas because he was leaving. To be drafted. (iii)

Spent this morning visiting the opening of schools. (See So Jan. At lunch sat w. the Nelsons. Mr Nelson mentioned the meeting on Fri. in wh. "they had pretty nearly gotten into an agreement re the religious sect, the Issie & Nissi."

Saw Tami late in afternoon. Says Cal. report is in & now she will start working for Dr. L. Had an offer to work in Washington, Analysis of War Propaganda, but refused. Feels since Althea has been so nice & for she might do it. Says she will stop being a brat & be the perfect serious researcher from now on.

Eat with Miss Frindly at supper. Was raving about complete injustice of this location. Had told Jewel that we were sad we were giving the J. self govt but we were really just fooling ourselves, we will never give it to them. She told an incident of bringing a J. girl to lunch today.

Miss Gardner passed by. She was bright & by a white woman whom she calls "mattie." Miss F. also brought her several weeks ago & when she came she saw Miss Gardner sleep. Miss F. said she said "Miss - is coming to eat with her mother, her family, & me." Miss G. let her pass. Miss F. said she had planned what she would do if Miss G. had refused to. She would sit down & pick up all

the plates + throw them on the floor + smash them, then wash
out. People would know just what I was about.

I felt + kindred spirit. Dr. Carey sat down with
 us + heard this. He had a gleam of humor in his eyes
 + cocked his head in agreement. He spoke of how angry the
 whole thing made him + what an injustice I was when he
 compared it to the treatment - Hawaii. Miss F. said she
 felt she could say what she thought because she didn't
care whether she staid here or not. (See p. 29)

Mr. Hashima said the young men who come to play
 shoji to the night cross a Kibei. He went to 2 or 3 grades
 here, then went to Japan for 15 yrs. He has been back
 8 yrs. He understands Engl. + speaks it occasionally
but is afraid to because it is so broken.

As we worked over here in the evening we heard loud
 shouts + roars. Went out to find 2 big trucks leaving.
Mr. Head also went out to see. He said 96 boys were
 leaving. "If that happens many more times we will be
 out of a job here." An old man who worked in the printers
 went. Head told him he shouldn't go, he was too old,
but he insisted he wanted to.

Oct. 6 Tuesday Talked w. a teacher this morning who
 is to teach - 59. She is teaching "core" + explained some-
 thing about it. Seemed rather defensive. "Progressive
 education." Here they are not including as many courses
 under "core" as in some places, not civ. art, music, esthet.
 etc. which, besides social studies + Engl. are classed
 as background cultural studies.

Staff meeting this morning. Ends on political set up
/ Peter II.

I asked Tami what religion she was. "Atheist." I had
religion crammed down my neck so much as a kid I
don't have any now. My family used to drag me to
Congregational church at 8:00 every morning because it was
fashionable, & they do. Then at 2:00 in the afternoon I
had to go to Buddhist prayers. Then in the evening I always
went to Shinto because there they had the best playground.
I would clap my hands 3 times + kneel + pray + then
throw money into the money box, then I could go & play
+ wrestle & have a good time. I was maybe you call
it baptised into Shintoism. My parents took me to the
priest when I was 33 days old + announced my
name to my ancestors. I guess you would call that
baptism. I guess I also belong to the shamanistic
rel., you know the shaman dipped me in the shark
water when I had typhoid. The Catholic priest also
threw water over me.

Later, after lunch: I teased Tami about "Be
Prepared" for some reason. She looked quite serious +
answered that she had the distinction of being one of two
women in the USA who belong to the B.S.A., - is an eagle
scout, what's more. I asked for enlightenment. She
said that in Hawaii the Boy Scouts had a cross a mile
wide river to start their hikes so they wanted someone
from her family to belong so they could use her family's boat.
Her brother couldn't (or wouldn't?) + so she did. She
did all the things with the exception that they couldn't

allow her to stay out all night. She has lost 7 metal
badges. She says she told all the ^{Japanese} B-Sent & wear
their uniforms when they started out on the evacuations
& Santa Anita & many did. She says she could
wear the shorts or a pleated skirt, but not the pants.

Had lunch w. Tami - Blk 31. The place is still
depressing. I felt that it was most degrading for
many of the people to have to eat there. I also did
not like the way the children, w. 1 member of the family,
sat at a special table, apart from the rest of the family.
I also noticed that groups of boys ate together.
The people have to eat - 2 shifts because lack of
dishes. The 1st shift always hurries so they can
work the dishes for the 2nd.

We went afterwards & have dinner w. Dr. & Mrs.
Taniguchi. He is a dentist. He works in the hospital
but says he has practically nothing to work w. They only
do the most pressing work. He would not work with
children at all. He says Japanese child are very
spoiled & it takes too much time. He says another
dentist w. 4 children knows must bill how to handle
them.

I asked Mrs. Taniguchi how she felt eating in that
place. "I feel like hell." We used to linger over our
meals so long & discuss the day's events. Here you can't
at all. You feel as though you have to hurry & make way for
the next people. Also, you are always sitting facing strangers.
Mrs. Taniguchi expressed surprise that the children of the

Concerns were being & these notes. "Catching things to
Parker or anywhere?" She did not know that we had the
in mind. She also thought everyone would have a hand
with wanted to

Note to add to B. Carney's discussion: In Carney's case this
a 1st grade teacher had told her something that happened - her
class that morning. Vig: She had picked up a very small
Amer. flag on the floor, apparently not guilty. One of the
little 1st graders accidently noticed it + jumping up and said, "She
has her American flag!" "Whereupon the whole class immediately
rose + began singing "God Bless America." In Carney's case
the teacher would not be interviewed, he having been involved +
that they should be collected. It suggests that these men had
men + they would have arrangements made.

Mon Friday at 5:00 and that she was going to Mrs. Vickers + B.
Parker + take the cargo trailer to Phoenix. Mrs. Vickers says
for all. She says to come through her next time. She
said Parker wanted to borrow the girl for an exhibition,
and Mrs. Vickers put her first down that Parker not to let her.
Mrs. F. told me the girl had done this: She might do more now.
some organization. On Sunday she told me about the party, Parker +
generally, and others that he knew about the party night
how thought she had been invited (not Mrs. F. daughter) on
Monday, the 12th day of the month, at her son's house, 9th
grade + level ^{to} on the date. Parker also called the date
to side of said, "Now this is my daughter I am going to use
the" + brought the whole on her that the class brought 200

did she. Later one boy whispered & she asked him what he had said. He giggled. She asked again. He giggled. So he said, well we will live & call a crowd. She appointed a judge & said she would be the FBI. The boy was convicted, so she leaned him over a table & gave him a health sword. (Miss F. then had to leave.)

Ned says Norris Jones told him that he & Vernon Kennedy had to hold the teacher down this morning. Norris thinks that had she had psychiatric help at once she could have been pulled out of it in a few days. As it is it will take months.

I had already asked Dr. Pressman about the teacher. The following is the interview: Me: How is the teacher? P: Ah, she's crazy. Me: Where is she. P: Down in the Hospital. Me: What's she got? P: Dementia praecox. Me: Old case? P: I believe so. I believe it has been developing for a long time & she came down here as an escape. Me: And got into this. P: Yes. Me: How long had she been here? P: Ah, about a week. Me: How old is she? P: About 25. Me: How did they spot it? P: She began talking incoherently, couldn't eat, couldn't sleep, & so on. Me: Try to get what about her family? P: They are - Kansas, we have telegraphed them. Me: What are you going to do with her? P: Take her to Phoenix. Me: God! P: You aren't a psychiatrist, are you?

Wednesday, October 7 I spent the morning writing up notes. The noon hour doing food survey at Bl. 6. - Miss Tsukasa, the SSA, the afternoon on more notes, supper at Bl. 38, the Jap. lesson, the 2nd the shibai with Tami.

On the way to Bl. 6 walked part way w. Tami + Noyuchi. Noyuchi said he needed to talk to someone + we were to. Says he has to get out here. Talked w. Tami about visiting various centers. Tami wants to go to Colorado. She says she wants to get away. Noyuchi suddenly said he would like to go to Mexico + asked me how I thought he would get along there. I looked at him + told him he could pass as a Mexican, I he started to talk Sp. + illustrated that he knew it. He spoke quite well. He said he had spent some time in Mexico City. Very beautiful. He began describing the fact that he had sold his state wagon, for \$800. to a dealer. It was a swell new one + had fd. recent work for it. He said the administration had been asking him to sell it for \$700, but he had refused.

In the evening at the play Tami was suddenly reminded by thinking of the possibility of a duel between Echacater on the stage of her own family. She suddenly said that her old family sword had been cremated w. her mother. None of the children in the family were willing to take the responsibility of keeping it + they thought it was best that it go w. her. I asked what the responsibilities were + she said they were many, nobility, morality + all kinds of things. She had thought of keeping it but decided she could not uphold the family honor. It was too much of a burden. Her 2 brothers had also refused. They all had a horror of letting any of their things fall into the hands of a museum or a tourist. A beautiful white robe with the

In the bathroom, night after the other
 this Oct. 5 Mrs Palmer - I heard a J. infant / mo' last
 night and will feel "Don't the wonderful?" & a little girl
 agreed. Maybe it is with these costumes but I sure don't
 see it.

Me: It is pretty hard to appreciate when you don't under-
 stand the language & know what is going on.

Mrs. Palmer: I might appreciate sometimes, but at
 times like these I sure don't.

Mrs. Angel: Like when they talk that language. When
 they talk that language I'm always just sure they are
 talking about me.

family crest had also been cremated with her. They thought
 best that the old family thing go w. her, she is really the last of
 that class. I asked if they were sorry now that they cremated
 the things, & she said "No, not a bit." She said she still
 has some robes with the family crest on them. I was
 quite touched when she said she would give me one of her
 shirtings, but she knew it could hardly please me.

On the way home, ^{Tam} said she always feels silly & fat she has blown
 up to someone & wishes she hadn't. Only a blow up & Dr. Holt
 & her sister. To anyone else she does it & the whole she
 hadn't. She never did it before Dec. 7, she was a lecturer,
 not a teller.

Johnny Fukuishime & T. & T. Fukuishime are going to Calo & the
 best fields. Will keep a diary, accounts etc & also very
 personal record of reactions. Want to go just to get out.
 Will be back 6 wks. Later want to go to another place.
 "My wife is a good sport to let me go." Say they definitely

don't have \$ pay \$ 20 for coal depend on cable away.

A letter came from Mother the other day in which she says, "I hope you + Ned will some day have a home. But I hope it is not among the Japanese, they are not good people." Naturally this was not very pleasant to hear.

I was talking to Mrs. Grey last evening. She said she was waiting impatiently for the recreation room to be ready so she could get into small groups + have discussions. Said Moguchi was in last night + was such an interesting person. I asked if she were sure that we could take Japanese into the rec hall, + she suddenly looked horrified, "I never thought of that." I said that there were members here who would not like it, + those who did would have to make our worst felt. It caused her much concern + she lifted a determined chin to fight for the cause.

Miss Findley seems to agree with my feeling about Pressman. She said something about "keeping him right at his job" on the ride into Phoenix with the crazy woman... "But there certainly is something nice about him."

ri. ^{OK} During the trip to town ^(Friday) mailman stated made statements which are the kind which can do Poston inestimable harm. "You know all those F.B.I. men there - Poston?" "No, who are they?" "Oh, they are all around, lots of them. And the things they have found!" No elaboration. He says he is quitting in a week to take a job in Phoenix. He gets only \$8.00 a day here + get much more as a truck driver.

No notable incident in town, everyone nice to us. Tami passed by the sign in the barber shop "Taps Keep shut - You Rat" with no showing any reaction, but apparently not liking to have it called to her attention.

Ride back - a jeep with 2 soldiers. Perfectly polite to us both.

In town while waiting for the jeep we were both amused by the stars the Mojave Indians gave us.

A few facts about Tanni: Her father died when she was 4 & there were 3 other children, one 1 yr. old. So she was taken to live with relatives in Tahiti. She persists in not naming the uncle who lives in ~~Tahiti~~ ^{Japan}: Says he is a very powerful figure in the ~~government~~ government & his name is plastered all over the paper all the time. She wishes he would get a bullet thru him - she is going to pray to her ancestors to lift his soul to heaven.

She wants to leave the Bureau. Not at all happy - resenting ~~or~~ being connected w. it. Wants to get out & be a lone wolf, working on her own. Thinks Alff is effeminate. Says all the girls remark on his funny behind - is he a woman after all, they say. Doesn't like Mrs. L. Wouldn't take her on tour of Ports, only to Buddhist temple, & in way back afraid to offer her a pop - didn't know what reaction she would have.

She has always been a tomboy. Likes to work w. men much more than w. women, & likes very few men.

Is puzzled by her lack of ability to present to get down to work & produce. Feels tremendous loyalty to Cal. & some to Alff. & wants to (???) but can't. Used to work so well. Always had assignments done before time. Boys would accuse her of showing the up. She was only girl in the Dept. Boys would say, "We could fall in love with you, Tanni, but you are too damned efficient."

I said, as we passed the mess hall a bit late for lunch, I wish I could take you in. "No, thank you, I would be a genuine pig for the administration again!" This w. much feeling, indicating a resentment at the old experience.

Tuesday, Oct. 13 Friday - trip to town - morning. Tea - afternoon. Ted Haas came to lesson - evening. The 3 wrote letters.

Saturday ¹⁰ Worked w. Florence on law blotter all morning + did some dictation, legal party - afternoon. Then working. Wandered to Tamias in evening - Noyuchi, girl, Hazel, Tomi + us. Also dropped - at Evans before going working.

Had chat w. Findly last night about housing + troubles. Roy's lipstick + deodorant. Probl. children. Hawaii. Ned told me later that she had told him very confidentially that she had received a letter fr. a Jap. - Hawaii who said that they were going to evacuate the J. fr. Hawaii + he was asking questions on procedure + the best ~~of~~ relocation centers for them to go to. It was a great shock to her. I guess it would be. It takes a good deal out of me, too. That has been - it talking fr. many, that it had not been necessary to evacuate them there, but they were working - defense industries + were continuing to draft them.

The law party - the afternoon was sort of a farewell party for Ted Haas. He supplied \$25.00, + some of the supplies which had been presented to him for "chaperoning" (or dinner) a picnic, + the girls fix + eat. ^{with} Ned + I read most of time - some w. by shot + heard a lot of stuff. Ned's writing I up. They struck me as very sensible + intelligent guys. I felt quite honored ab how freely they came to talk - friend of me. We stayed about 2 hrs. Most all big shots of the Ad. came over for brief times. Ted left at 9:00 to go to S.F. for a wk. Sort of vacation - to hope. + also called by W.R.A. He says he is a bit sad by being turned down by the army in acc. of past news breakdown + possibility of present to me.

Dropped - at Evans just after supper + found present also Head, Silvers, + Burges. Stayed only a brief ^{time} minute + had a pleasant cocktail. Head look red-eyed + sort of desperate. He was throwing down the drinks rather fast as tho' he had to get away from something. They were going on a picnic + he insisted they should have been. I was rather surprised at the freedom w. wh. they used "their" cars.

Started out to see Toni, after doing the work, + on the way went to see the new Rec. Hall wh. has just been organized. It looks very nice. chairs + lamps etc. + already there was a 4 roomed bridge. While we were there Noguchi + a girl strolled in. Noguchi looked around + then asked, "Are we allowed in this place?" We walked out w. them + as soon as he was out of earshot he said, "I hope you don't frequent that Snabbit place." Ned laughed + said that was an excellent name for it, "Snab Hall."

We dropped - at Toni + later Noguchi, his girl come. The high pts to me are the simplicity + lack of intellectual activity on the part of the girl, who seemed bored by lack of understanding of the conversation, + the seeing of Hazel + her awful sweetness + dreaminess. Ned thinks the girl is probably a typical niece + is of course a very diff. type fr. the intellectual girl wh. Noguchi + Toni represent. I can certainly see how Hazel must drive Toni completely nuts. Toni said next day that Hazel was shocked that we sat on the floor - didn't keep Caucasians farther of superiority. We had tea, coffee, sandwiches + delicious pie cake. I felt more or less relaxed + at home + able to say what I pleased for the 1st time since coming here. But right now I can't remember what on earth was said. We stayed

until almost 11:30.

Sunday ^{Oct. 11} We had the pleasure for the 1st time of getting up at 7:30 & still being able to have breakfast - 9-10:00.

Went over to the office - sd & found Ned & Nell in deep conf. The subject seemed to be Tania. Nell says she adores Tania, but she sure is a little brunt. Every time Tania sees her she has a chip on her shoulder & is mad, & Nell just answers her right back. Tania fight everyone. I said they asked if she fought me & ~~and~~ I said no. They asked how I did it. I just shrugged. She doesn't fight with me. Nell didn't take Tania threat of leaving at all seriously. Thinks she should be happy.

The talk turned to democracy & the injustices. Nell said people were all confused, but to see there were 3 basic principles which would solve everything: 1) Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, 2) Love thy neighbor, 3) Let there be no other gods before me, - the being goodness (?). All 3 have been forgotten here & in many parts of the world. If we would use these as a basis, things here & there wouldn't happen. Ned & Nell spoke then of this being the real battle front. Ned said that the 1st ~~fact~~ really serious battle for democracy had been lost in this, & that we were still on the defensive. Now we should start the offensive - the reconstruction. The job was to get everyone out of here, & to educate the rest of the U.S. to take the people. If there had been some organized plan before this to educate people & remove some of their ignorance & make them feel more confident of the Japanese then this would never have happened. In Hawaii they had a committee which tried to do this, & ^{which} to act immediately after Dec. 7 to relieve the situation as much as possible, both in Hawaii.

When this conversation ended I went & wrote some letters. Mr. Klein also came in to ~~write~~ type something & I had a conversation with him re reasons for good teeth. Says is not diet, but more water content - heavy mineral content, & also con. amt of fluoride (2 pt in a million are safe).

Dinner 3:30 & 4:30. We sat at a table with Miss Finley & her 2 guests Miss Truckad & a friend. Miss Fawcett taking advantage immediately of the permission given by Mr. Head to invite evacuees to the personnel mess for wh. she put up such a fight. We had a pleasant but uneventful lunch & went & sat for a while in the Recreation Room, which is even more fixed up, with millions of chairs, file rags, curtains, etc. I left soon & go on ironing.

While ironing the gaunt-faced man was in bathing his day. He mentioned that while they were fixing the Rec. Hall Nell had come in, looked around, & gone out again without even a word to someone who asked her how she liked it. Mr. Miller, however, knew exactly what she was thinking, just 2 words, "Pon Taps!"

After ironing I went over to Evans & return some books & found the Burges there. One of the remarks of Morris was, "These Japs just had to learn about how the govt works. They don't know the ropes & they just have to learn, they don't know anything about government. The Indians, now, they have had long experience & they know what has to be done & what to expect. They are much easier to handle." I remarked that the Japs were just like the rest of the population - that - hoping I kept the sarcasm out of my voice, but Morris made no answer.

Ned came - just as The Evans & Burges were valiantly

cleaning up the mess that "Bobby", the Burjes accidently had made on the floor. We all sat down for a peaceful moment & some refreshment (!) & Med remarked that the new Rae Hall had been named. They asked what. Med said Noyuki had called it "Snob Hall." Moris said, "Well, I don't think that is at all interesting, nor amusing. If you hadn't told me who said it I would have known it at once." All seemed to frown on it & think it had taste.

Then we went over to Tami's where we had been invited with Ann & Mich Kunetani & Kay Watanabe. We again sat on the floor & had a most pleasant & relaxed evening. Tami was very quiet most of the evening & seemed to be taking in her guinea pigs. She remarked later that she doesn't talk much in a group like that. Again I don't remember specifically what Med said. Med said he would write it up. Ann speaks very tersely, with her eyes snapping. Mich is rather calm & deliberate. He looks very young, much younger than Ann, but he is quite mature intellectually. Kay is sweet & intelligent, with a cute little lisp. The tea, coffee, & Hawaiian fruitcake, plus cigs, were something nice to do. Ann's remarks on language were interesting. Sanshi are taught Japanese by their nissen parents & then are expected to learn English later - what. She thinks this very stupid as it inhibits markedly their progress in school. When she knows that a child speaks only Japanese she goes up to each & speaks to it in English just for spite. Another bit of conversation was about the desks of the Ji for showers. They liked to be completely immersed. They have tubs which you can sit up & you sit in a fire underneath. When the water gets cool someone lights the fire underneath & as you sit you

can feel the warmth come up around your fingers. They say that Japs. - Imperial Valley ^{love} - the city had them + are discussing building them here. They don't like Amer. ball bats either. You can't get up to your neck. One of Tami's (?) 1st memories to coming home fr. school + lighting the fire under the tub.

Discussion of the future of the Japanese + the reasons for coming here - politics etc. \$6,000,000 lost by Japs. due to evacuation ^{- Cal.}.

Shortage of fish + those who are fishing now. Convent ca. Nojima + his change of attitude - fr. fellow travelers to present, whatever that is.

Monday ^{Oct. 12} I used Mrs F. as I came back fr. the P.O. Her greeting was, "I'm an evacuee." I wondered if now Nell had gone nuts. Then she told me what had happened. She had decided that she would increase her efficiency fr. 25% to 75% - if she had a fortifier. She went & asked the carpenter to put them ^{up}. He said that he would be very glad to make it for her - as soon as the lumber came. "You see, he put me right in the same class w. the evacuees. Now I'm an evacuee."

Worked w. Florence all morning on law.

After lunch had conference w. Mrs Lushman. See S.J. One thing she asked me not to circulate was about the school chairs. They had 18,000 (?) ordered + they were actually loaded on the train, but then the army came w. an order + took them all. "Priorities." !! More are ordered but the same thing might happen again.

Afternoon - reading stuff fr. files. Dumb storm all afternoon + then rain at night + it turned quite cold. Hashima did not come to meals class because of rain.

~~Afternoon~~ At 7:30 a meeting called by Nell for Caucasian housing problems. Present - See S.J.

After the meeting Miss Vickers dropped in with me in our room. We asked her about the parties at the Hospital. She said that ^{the} people there are always having them, they seem to have such a jolly time, they are much more original & can relax & have a better time than the Caucus. She told of the engagement announcement party of Dr. Shigiooka (?) & Dorothy Brita on Sunday night. Only the family & friends of both were present, Dr. Pressman & Miss Vickers. They had games, the 2 families as sides, who won the prize for each side was a lg. box, with w/ were small boxes for each person present, & with these capsules, & with these the names of Dorothy A & the Dr. S. Then they went to the symphony for the whole Hospital. Not many usually come to these, about 60. But many come to the movies. Some man who has some here - camp showed them.

She went on to speak of other parties wh. had been held & how beautifully & originally they had managed the food & decorations, & always in such a short time. They could really do things in style when they wanted to, but day by day were pretty sloppy in the kitchen. One dance they had had was very stiff, however.

Then she went on to tell us about the Red Cross. The chapter organized here without the Hospital knowing it at all. They have not been able to get several well qualified nurses to work, they just say they don't want to. One complained she had ulcers, so they put her in bed for 4 wks, then gave her a ^{bed} room - the nurse's dorm. & the special diet for 4 wks, then the doctors pronounced her cured. But then she announced that she wouldn't work. Another said she had to take care of her family, or, if one then another would get sick; & then were two more who wouldn't come for one reason or another. Then they found out about the Red Cross. It had organized & arranged for a home nursing service & had plans for visiting all the homes needed & had a

staff of over 50, who, it turned out, were pd. by the administration. Some people had thought they were pd. by the Red Cross, some by the Quakers, but finally it was said that it was the Administration - to the tune of some \$5000 a year. Hence they had this vast organization & were doing something the Red Cross had never attempted to do (is this true?), home nursing on this vast scale. The Red + representative, ^{fr. Phoenix} Mr. Robe (?) came & was amazed & said he didn't know what to do. The representative from S. F. was supposed to come but hasn't yet, probably waiting to hear fr. Washington. Miss Vickers did not realize that the inaugural a few days ago was when they were actually taken in as a chapter, she thought nothing definite had happened yet. Anyway, she felt that they could not be successful because the crew of nurses, nurses aids, (whom she said had no training at all) & midwives had decided that they needed no head, she didn't see how they could keep away fr. the snags. The Red + had not consulted w. the Hospital at all in this, & the Hospital also had planned a home nursing unit wh. they were planning to start as soon as the change fr. WRA to India Service, wh. is taking some time & prevented action on many things, is finally completed & they get statements of policy from the I.S. But the Red + had asked for a meeting Wed. morning & she suspected they had hid some of their troubles & were seeking help. Miss Vickers told all this - a joking vein but you could see it was a thorn in the side of the Hospital, that the Red + had gotten their feet & taken some of the nurses & had consulted the Hospital at all until it was an accomplished fact.

Spent rest of evening reading Harpers.

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 Tuesday - Staff meeting at wh. Dick Nishimoto talked. He tried to shock everyone, ~~sounding~~ using cuss words etc & each time glaring at Florence Mohri & see how she was taking it. I wouldn't have missed watching his piercing eyes & hooked nose for anything.

At the end of staff meeting I talked to the artist, Gene Sugioka (?), who is from the Cal. group, knows Rex Brandt & Paul Mays. He worked in the Disney studios & at evacuation was working at Scripps College w. R. Mellaud Sheet. He took the teacher training course this summer, thinking to teach, but decided he much preferred to work with the Bureau painting.

Fudo & Tammi were talking with Ned about their troubles. Fudo was also upset about being connected w. the Bureau & being regarded very suspiciously in Porton II. He has also had a fight w. Crawford who tries to control his activities & use him. Fudo does ~~not~~ like to have to hold his peace & not talk back, he wants to speak his thoughts & convictions without fear of their reflections on the Bureau. Tammi brought up again that she likes a good fight & like the administration to be tough & mean, then she can fight it back. This bunch of benevolent paternalists are too nice to fight, I would make you feel too mean if you did, so you just have to sit & take it.

Went to Blk 31 for lunch with Tammi, Fudo, & Sugioka. Had fried Bala Baloney. Sat by wife of Councilman fr. that block who turned out to be very talkative, aggressive & I thought slightly unpleasant. She kidded mainly about the food. Baloney & hot dogs & much spice to have so often. Understands trouble transporting fresh meat w. insufficient equipment but wishes such trouble could be explained to the people - good for the morale to know why things are as they are. 10/15/42

After lunch went for a walk w. Tammi. Went by campplay

project. Huge buildings - by comparison - going up fast. All work
 every day. Then sat under a magnolia tree. She mentioned
 Jan Kenechi - Japan. He is considered black sheep of family.
 Grandfather was progressive & this brother very ambitious. Tomi
 would visit at her fr. college but didn't like to. Another brother her
 mother was also progressive. If Tomi wore western clothes he would
 walk down the street w. her, but if - Jap. she would have to walk five
 steps behind. Tomi's mother went to study at Aberdeen & there met
 her father & married. Both progressive, but Mother a tomboy.

Tomi has written 6 chaps. for autobiography. Says it should be
 an interesting story of acculturation.

Told of incident: Had to allow centipede to walk up arm held stiff.
 Had to go into cemetery & hammer peg in grave. Scared to death. Did
 but felt something pulling her & fainted. Woke up - morning - on
 bed, had hammered peg into dress. Phosphorescent balls float around
 caskets for decomposition of bodies.

Boys at Berkeley & her read her as a boy. She wonders why.
 I mentioned Miss Tsukao at dinner w. Miss F. She said Miss Tsukao
 can't stand Miss F. & that's the real reason she quit working. Didn't like
 her method & could lift anything w. her. (Miss F. wed. night said food
 she couldn't rely on Jap. welfare workers because they were too unpoet
 themselves & wouldn't tackle any tough problems. Had asked for Cam.
 workers because of that.)

Loves to cook. Had apt. by herself - Berkeley & boys asked to come over
 & eat all the time. Had swell times. Tomi cooked huge 4 course
 meals for herself.

Sister, older, used to say she was Tomi's superior - brains, beauty,
 & . Tomi developed inferiority complex & also learned to fight
 for this. Sister now has charge of teaching & all psychological work

with words. The young people in - movement. The other one is a

you find this in making light & dark now. Tami + a brother full

who take relationship as a lesson. - Japan.

Endo's uncle is kind / Shogun Brackets child - Japanese.

on high picture of pie. The picture - concentrated - camp - movement.

who he was like Endo had & take over the picture, figure - also ?

+ guide village. Went to Japan & his - road. He has been hindered

by the F.B.I. name as Tami has.

Tami writes dangerous full diary. Apparent reaction is the a - duty

of necessary. To get a list / pro - g. of. names + their with, would

to had of anyone get that list.

come home must report about Post - Bureau. What it is very de -

morning. Thrills Bureau. Art. G. Bureau Met today / his first

of all Bureau, but there is a real hypothesis, in case of a statement

just go about because "it's like not because X would be any good.

Wednesday. Started to begin in a long talk is. Tami with I used me &

with diary. Told me also seems problem, like the has in normally:

theaters, he had only 2 colored dreams. Would like someone to write the

He had a dream / he wrote no night, + heard a few deep late

that he had died that night. Dream was that night he saw + a child

for child as he had wife who looked as a child + Tami heard felt he

pressure more the more he, + heard her say, "Study hard, but some

back soon. I am writing to you. " (The I am not quite sure / last ending)

And she was again / her mother, + she found out later that she had been

found that night, Mar. 10, + believed she got it's her presence + felt

for that he had

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More of her mother: Was a cowboy & did he fence all the boys - town came. He had loved the all & taught the all how to swim. Two of the went to Germany - the Olympics & she seemed proud of the the for our family. "My two kids we all were." Says several - her block have contributed radios & write every night to news of Japan.

Sat by Norris Jones at lunch & had a long talk with him. First about Press Bull., circum. now 150 then some other content. I beg. & ask him about his background, dues & that & his activities: the Kamaaina Club. He is an old A.P. man, spent several years - Hawaii as editor of a paper then, was sent to Japan, China, Australia, & other places - For East as reporter, & other things (It was hard to label all he said.) When war came was to go - navy but said this was better job for him here. Knew Guizle who wrote article in Harper's. Came as public relations man. Has job here on Press & soon, but is also sort of undercover man, finding out what he can about attitudes & so on. He says he has gotten a bit deal - his friends are it. Feels - general the same as Guizle. Thinks it is foolish & unjust to keep majority of people here. Thinks Jap ~~community~~ have more to offer America than any other group we have. Are very fine people. The girl particularly & just wonderful, couldn't beat the anywhere. He is not sure of the boys, don't seem to have as much as the boys. Feels the Kibei are really the most dangerous, not doing actual sabotage, probably, but

Tammy says she's 17.6. 2 little boys read: "Well, we are
getting together but paper, let's go back & answer." This came from
the girl in this instance about a yr ago, probably on last end. "Tammy
is back" who was in the corner in 1915.

on whether they're + are doing a lot & whether the loyalty the young
American exists or not. But I must think we're not near the 100, mark
either a few more. The only theory as to the former a girl who has been
quite American - naturally active & became very gay, & her interests
- "inner" ~~that~~ entirely. The problem is & not only these 100. The rest
should be allowed 1000000.

He is most - many ways. He has been, blue eyes, white hair &
kindle at the name than as being right in. He has a good deal of
but in a long, very + richly, newspaperman, - who is naturally good &
get up - the morning.

On returning to the office Thomas said she had gone to the new Dept
of Education & the new the Daily Herald, we had. The "Sign", "Western
you get this, you aren't supposed to have this." Thomas said the
~~that~~ that has been given to the Bureau + considered the law Sept. 15-31.
"No, you can't have that. They are not allowed to put it." Thomas was
back.

Wendy & Tammy: Miss Frisling on will "young" advice. Scatter,
inventions, intelligent, used informed, & scattered & used. Was taking
each girl a car. Also, Allie, Tammy, Tammy, Tammy, Tammy,
a man for the hospital, & a girl & her to tell her. They
remembered a man, had - done again - & was, at the end of
all but Tammy. They bought many things, but it was hurried &
had to help the car together - their different pieces. I think they

enjoyed themselves, however. Paid & going. Went & II &
take Allie & her + her sister. This will be. Good night & man.
That picture of the girl in. Help, Emile.
After some conversation - with + Miss F. came: & first she was
- very funny, so thought - & me. Talking, Red + Tammy
the morning, with Miss V. had said several times. Several pictures

Vukobrad said 7000 members of Red + - Potomac, more than 1/3
of people wh. is more than any other community. 67

was horribly blunt + ununderstanding + she had done her best to
smooth it over. Said how splendid it was of her to get such an organization
when everyone knew how hard it was, + so on. Tried to get to bottom of
trouble w. nurses.

Told me about Allyce. Allyce is a beautiful girl w. brown wavy
hair + lovely, non-Jap. features, but slightly dark. F. says she has
suffered a minor accident of this. Has full Jap. older sister + 3 younger.
Loved her J. father dearly. Did not realize she was dy. until went to
school + was cast unmercifully. When school math fr informed
math said, "You are just fortunate to be more beautiful + lovely than
the others + you should think no more about it." This for 25 yrs. Never asked
her "father" but sure he would have told. Story is that her math was working
+ white man + man of her come home + Allyce's result. Knows who he
+ is sure she has talked to him, a white man. Math said he wanted
her to meet someone who was interested in her + is sure it was her father.
Also he wanted her taken away fr. Jap. family + brought up, but
"father" would not allow it. Wants to hear story fr. her own mother.
At 1st was in terrific defense w. Miss F. but later came back + told
her all. She insists that father + math a full Jap., makes her very
unhappy when anyone asks her.

Miss F. is going to give Major labels hell - B.F. for this thing.
Told of Hawaii experience of getting home for ^{sailors} address there +
getting family life wh. Navy itself never got. Says those who
married girl had sweetheart had nice contentions home life.
The who marry week end leingers get double crossed + have a
awful time.

F. says only thing to do is get people out of here. We are doing our
best to break + destroy them, beat them down + ruin everything
root in them. But we do it gently + sweetly w. the utmost

cruelty. All of us are busy & mean to be here & be doing this. To provide anything to have gotten 33 students out. All so far are getting along well. People are cold & suffering. And what we are doing to their family life. Get them out of this - keep dangerous ones behind barbed wire, but don't make all of these suffer.

Thursday, Oct. 15, 1942 This morning I finally got an office & ~~decided~~ was in the mood to get organized & get down to work. I got dictation off & soon on. Also spent a good deal of time on this document. In the afternoon Florence called me on the joint situation. She did not tell me what was wrong & I said I liked it very much. The painter looked surprised & Florence finally said that she didn't. I expressed my views that it was a nice color, not too dark, & much easier on the eyes than the cream used before. She ~~was~~ said it was all right, but nevertheless we called a meeting with Ned, Tomi, Marion, Florence, & myself. Both ^{M. + F.} said they didn't like it but could suggest no good substitute. Tomi & Ned said they liked it. Finally, after asking each what to do I was decided to keep it as is. Tomi & I talked afterwards she burst out, "That is just like these Niseis, they never stand to their own opinion but always give in." So we both thought that they are probably grumbling & not liking it. We just hope that no rift will result! We also said that ~~both~~ we were here & once expressed a preference for both M. & F. would at once want that. My reaction is that I had just take authority & said it was all right & to go ahead as is then there would have been no trouble. But I try to be democratic & it raises a furor. Oh, hell. I feel very unsatisfactory in every way. What an awful am I doing here or anywhere else. I can't think of any job which I could do satisfactorily.

After the point discussion I went to see Mickie Keeney. I was expecting interest + cooperation but he was rather cold + staid. Finally, however, there was a little rapport +