

**Letter from Tsuruno Meguro to Yoneko Takano, May [30, 1942]**

Yoneko,

Are you getting used to the life in the camp? Are you and Fumio doing well? All is well with us, and don't worry about us.

Some people complain about the food in the camp, but I am thankful that I am getting food without cooking although I hate to stand in line in the mess hall. I heard that the mess hall at Santa Anita accommodates about 1,000 people and you don't have to get in line. That is good for you.

Since I got a vaccination last Tuesday, I had been in pain and stayed in bed yesterday all day. Masako also got vaccinated this time, but she was fine, not getting sick with it. Mrs. Ota brought me onigiri and eggs. Mrs. Ota works at the mess hall.

It is Yoneko's birthday, but I can't send anything to you for your birthday. In the camp, I have been doing the same things every day and wonder how many years this life will continue. While staying in the camp, you should go to church and polish your spirit. There is a church close to my place, and I go to church and read the bible every day.

Give my best regards to Fumio's parents. Please give me their address. I will write to you again.

From Mama

To Yoneko, Happy Birthday!

[Written at Pomona Assembly Center]