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B-4-10

Merced Assembly Center

Merced

California

Frederic.

June 8th.

Dear Yuri -

Thanks a lot for forwarding
my card - Some letters still
persist in going to your place.
We didn't know where you'd
gone - . This happened so fast
for us that it was a job
getting ready to leave.
I was walking in Hartford till
the last day too. We've been
here over 3 weeks now &
have gradually reached the
point where we have become
a bit accustomed to the
many inconveniences here.
They say this water is
supposed to be one of the
best - generally speaking

but we weren't so well pleased
at first. How are you all
weathering out - Is your dad &
everyone well? My dad has
been very well - & has
~~surprisingly~~ adjusted himself
very well to the situation.
The doctor feels sure to
take things well & have a
swell time talking around.
Dad's been been going to
the tennis matches which
they have held nightly.

I've been working in the
office here - but it's rather
on the boring ~~and~~ side
as we sit around so
much waiting for instruct-
ions - There's lots of work
to be done - but that's
how it is.

Have heard from the ladies at
the office & quite a few of
them (formerly clerical)
have been promoted to
social workers - Guess there's
quite a scarcity of them at
this time too.

Heard from Ida the other
day from Dallas, Texas &
they are getting along
quite well - They did not
run into any unpleasant
mess as rumored - The
townspeople have treated
them very kindly.

Mary Ann's have moved to
Unwray. ~~So~~ Utah

just heard from Anne
today & she's working

for the Dean of the college there.
Ray Wane & Tala Cleaves and
in their letter too -

It's interesting how many
people your run into here.
Remember Ted Kitchner?

He & his wife are here &
they're trying to get
permission to transfer to be
with the folks -

Let me hear from you.
Yours - & here's hoping
everyone is well.

As ever

Toni

Frances Annally Cleaves
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August 8th.

Dear Gini -

Wrote to you in care of your Hayward address but I guess the letter never reached you and I understand the Merced Center will be moving out to Colerado at the end of this month - so I thought I'd better drop you a few lines before you depart as this is no time to lose contact. Sammy called for your address ^{too} but we didn't know it as yet.

We haven't had any orders for removal to a Rehabilitation Area but I guess it'll be within today. Everyone is well here - I'm getting quite accustomed to this mode of living - I love about all of you folks - I do hope everyone is well and keeping healthy. This is just a hasty note I'm hoping it'll find its way to you - Regards to everyone.
As ever
Toni.

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Dear Yuri.

Just occurred to me that you
will probably be getting set to
depart for Colorado, already.

I really ^{think} that's the best place of
the remaining 20000 cubs.

We don't know anything
definite about our destination
but they have extended our
stay here until October at least.

We're certainly hoping against
Arkansas as they say that
pretty bad as far as weather
conditions go.

Heard from the Tanager people
last week & they believe they
will be leaving the middle of
next month - most likely to
Utah. Its really fun to
hear all about Tanager as

we know so many of the people there.

We are all working so hard every most of the time. Tagg got the job of Girls Recreational Director & Mo. There are also Recreational leaders. I've been doing recreational work - at the terrific rate of 16-per. It's a lot of fun - we don't have a lot of work like the A.C.C.C. By the way, the A.C.C.C. is quite a changed place. so many have left - new jobs, marriage & babies & new ones replacing them all the time. Imagine - by October we will have been away 6 months & I'm wondering if they'll retain the name of absence.

Mrs. Quate. & Min's family evacuated recently from

Sanger to Arizona - o they say
it's not as bad as rumored -
I think their camp is better
than Boston's Parker Dam.
You know Rose Weather's to
don't you? She is here in
Pleuro - I was certainly
surprised to run into her.
She is teaching English to
adults.

We had our first movies last
week - they are held in the
out door theater once weekly.
Enjoyed seeing Blanche Bennett
in It started with her -
a cartoon picture of a musical
about following Ted Lewis.
It was certainly a small
fest as movies were
practically forgotten here.
So happy to hear of the
arrival of Torcia's baby.

There's a Mrs. Koneishi here who
used to live in Santa Maria &
she was asking about Alice.

I hope you'll find conditions
in Colorado not too bad
& do write after you're
settled a bit & tell us how
things are.

Please say hello to everyone.

Love

Tom.

Have you heard from Sunny?
She was asking Tay about
you in her last letter.

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Dear Yuri:

It was nice to hear from you from Colorado - I guess by now things are a bit more settled and I hope you aren't still having to live in ~~unif~~ unfinished barracks etc as many of them had to. It must be quite cold over there. Guess you've heard that we are finally departing for Jerome, Arkansas. First evacuation starts on Monday and we are due to leave on the 28th. I guess we are taking the longest train ride - four days and nights I understand. According to what we hear from our advance crew, conditions in Arkansas are much more favorable than previously rumored. The place isn't near completion as yet - but the housing is a lot more permanent and comfortable and the townspeople have already shown a friendly spirit toward the Japanese. I imagine Japanese in that section is quite a rarity to say the least. One thing, there is a lot of rain there - but when the bunch arrived this week they reported the weather is a lot like California's. Everyone was so thrilled to hear the favorable news. They are permitting a lot of the people here to go to Arizona in cases where there is a health problem. Arizona camps must be huge the way they are able to accommodate so many. Our doctor Hashiba from here is to go to the Gila, Arizona. Do you remember Mary and Mas Hara? They were with Tanforan and have been transferred here to go with Dr. Hashiba to Gila too. Have you seen anything of Rose Matsumoto yet - I didn't get to see much of her here as she lived on the extreme side of the camp here but please say hello to her for me. Have the Los Angeles bunch arrived there as yet - It's really surprising the number of friends you meet up with in these camps, isn't it.

I wrote to the office concerning our leaves too and Miss Venable wrote right back and said she forwarded the letter to the County Board of Supervisors for a definite decision. She stated that although the ACCC Board had recommended and approved a leave the matter was ~~inf~~ still under advisement with the Supervisors. She promised to notify me as soon as a decision was reached.

Have been hearing that several Japanese have received offers of Federal U S Civil Service jobs in the East. I wonder if I'll be able to secure any certifications along that line. The Relocation Centers are very liberal compared ~~thxxx~~ to these

Assembly Centers aren't they. The Tanforan bunch at Utah all seem to think so and many of them have found jobs outside. I understand the WRA is attempting to find jobs for us so that we may go outside.

Tomorrow is Georgie's birthday - he'll be two years old. Keech got in a huge, beautiful birthday cake so I guess all the kids in the neighborhood will be here. I hope he'll better realize his birthday - last year he was too young to know what it was all about.

How is Kaich and her family - have you heard at all from them? How are the rest of your family - hope you've all gotten over your colds etc.

We'll be here until the 28th at least so write me here in Fresno.

Regards to all.

Love,

Toni