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This morning I worked half day while G. had the baggage inspected and collected - we had about four pieces - 2 duffle bags, a carton, and a suit case. We didn't have them all full, but we wanted to save on hand luggage so felt it better to send more thru' freight and baggage.

We proof read the 9th group sheets today and also cross checked the permanent roster for the 27th, so that we were up to date on that. We had to work till 3:00 p.m. and finally reached home in time for supper, which included my solid jello.

We ran to the station and reached at about 4:30 p.m. Some fellows helped us carry our hand luggage - 4 pieces - to the station. They had been ordered to remain behind in order to work in themess hall, but were rather disgusted to learn that there were no openings for them. Their families had gone ahead and they were left all alone.

When we reached the laundry room (after a very cursory examination of our hand luggage) everyone was seated on benches placed lengthwise throughout the room, reminding one of a station in the true sense. Most of the girls were dressed in slacks and the men in sports clothes. Tho' some of the fathers were dressed in suits. The expression on everyone's face seemed to be one of anticipation, and yet not of hope (many rumors of the unsettled condition and dangers in Utah had been received).

The car captains assigned their car occupants to numbers and seated them in the room accordingly. Then after the director made a few announcements (that we would not be allowed to visit between cars;

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that we must leave the diner as soon as our meal was terminated since we must eat in shifts. They would attempt to give us time off (the train) sometime tomorrow). The occupants of the cars lined up and filed out while their name was called out by Mr. G. He thanked us all for our help, and wished us luck. He was really sincere in that I think.

It was about 5:30 p.m. by the time we were aboard the train. About 50 people waved to us from the gate and 100 were on the barrack tops, waving at us. It was rather pathetic to leave them for 8 days - but in a way I think they were fortunate in being able to remain until the other camp became more adjusted.

We started our journey at 6:30 p.m. - it was wonderful to see cars, stores, houses, streetcars, and all of the other signposts of civilization. We passed thru' S. Mateo, Oakland, Berkeley, (but I saw the Bay side only), Richmond, Sacto, Oroville, high desertlike mts. Truckee, the Sierras, and many other smaller places.

The car we were in was furnished with tapestry chairs - but they couldn't be reclined. However, we had a ventilator throughout the journey which some of the other cars didn't enjoy. (They had red plush reclining chairs). Our car was divided into two parts. Those in our car were mainly girls who had worked in our office (with their families. ~~Some~~^{we} felt at ease. We wanted to sit near Z.P. and her family, but someone else did, so we couldn't. A boy is sitting across from us (all ~~and~~ alone on a seat); two girls sit in front of us; and two others in the seat diagonally in front of us. In back of us is an old couple who look as if they are ill already. At 7:30 p.m. we had

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to pull down the shades, a few people played cards. G. & I listened to the radio (Henry Aldrich). Then, everyone prepared for bed, so we turned off the lights in order to pull up the shades and see the lights. It was about 8:30 when we reached Oakland, and we remained there one hour while the diner was attached. Then, we saw the Bay Bridge lights - didn't it make me homesick! At about 12:30 p.m. we reached the capital of the state - my first and last view - there were many lights, but I don't believe the capitol was visible. At about 2:00 p.m. we were in some very high desert - like mountains and my ears began to pop. About 5:00 a.m. it became very cold. The Sierras. It wasn't very cold all night (until 5:00 a.m.) We were so uncomfortable and wanted to see the sites, so slept in fits - about 1 hour at a time.

I wish I could have passed thru' California before dark because it will be our last view in a long time.

Friday, October 2.

This morning we reached Reno at about breakfast time. (we passed the boundary at 6:30 a.m.) It was rather delightful to eat in the diner - with green tables and walls; carpets on the floor. The negro waiters are so kind - they serve you and bring anything you want. It's a great change from Tanfo. We had pork sausage; scrambled eggs; toast; tomato juice; milk and coffee. The atmosphere was so pleasant, and quiet. Moreover, the train stood still while we ate-which added to the comfort.

This morning I finished knitting my socks. I didn't feel like

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talking much. The scenery was flat! Mostly deserts - sagebrush, rolling plains, and fields of hay. There were many one-horse farms - like Lovelock, Carlsbad, etc. The hills were few and far between. We did go thru' a number of tunnels. Everyone just sat, read, or slept. Not very many lively conversations were carried on. Since such a restless night was spent last night, no one felt like doing anything but sleeping.

At noon we had icecream for dessert. It was rather warm this afternoon, so it made us feel more tired than ever. I chatted with Z.N. for awhile. She likes to do crossword puzzles. Everyone seems rather apathetic about our destination, because the scenery and climate seem so dejecting. I hope we won't be too disappointed with our destination. Many favorable reports of the administration, food, etc. have reached us, but the dust and weather aren't as favorable. A few old people and a couple of girls in our car became ill today, they can't go to meals or anything, just sleep all day.

Tonight about four of us played bridge - I'm certainly out of practice. Wish I could continue once more with my lessons and games. We passed over the Great Salt Lake at 9:00 p.m. so we shut our lights and opened the windows a little. We could see the lines of salt and smell the salt. I wish it could have been earlier so we could see it in daylight! It took us one hour to pass over it. Then, at about 11:30 p.m. we stopped for about one hour at Ogden to pick up a dinner. It was rather a large town, altho' it wasn't the heart of town at which we stopped. I was very impatient that we didn't reach Salt

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Lake City before 12:00 midnight - I spent a very restless night because the ventilator was not on. It began to feel stuffy.

Saturday, October 3.

We reached Salt Lake City at about 3:00 a.m. It was very well-lighted where we were. That's what awakened us. We stayed there until 5:00 a.m. The station was deserted - of course it was rather late (or early in the morning), so we couldn't expect people to have been there. I hope G.N. wasn't waiting very long.

During breakfast we began to move very fast! We had a new diner, it was furnished with brown varnished tables and chairs. The carpet was so soft and fluffy. It made one feel selfconscious to be wearing slacks etc. in such a luxurious diner. We felt good anyway.

Everyone packed up their hand luggage in anticipation of arrival at Delta. We reached that town at 9:30 a.m. and waited for the busses to transport us to Topaz. We waited for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, then we alighted. It was very hot. (This morning it was freezing cold, but from 9:00 a.m. it turned warmer. By the time we started it was 10:00 a.m. We rode for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour in a dusty atmosphere. We actually breathed it in. The fields were filled with sugar beets, hay, corn, chickens. The farms seem rather large with very few houses. I think it would be very lonesome to live around here. We sighted signs "To Evacuation Camp" from about 5 miles out. All we saw were barren desert fields with only sagebrush as vegetation. The fields were flat, and all we saw were banks of clay at intervals. The first buildings we saw were white barracks (wooden) which seemed rather

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like army barracks and too clean to be our barracks. Then we saw the greyish colored barracks which were ours. They were divided into blocks, set apart by roads about 10 yards wide. Within each block was a dining hall and wash room in the center (of 2 rooms of barracks) and one Rec. hall. There are twelve barracks to a block with six rooms in each - the end rooms for couples or 3; the next 2 rooms for larger families - 5-6; and the middle 2 rooms for 4 each. The rooms are not quite adequate for the persons, but after the partitions are set up, will probably be more habitable. At present, in our room no stove, inner walls, or closets are installed. When we reached the induction center the room was filled with tables, and many clerks. Even tho' we were the last group (practically) they didn't seem to have the procedure very systematically arranged. The band (brass - small children) welcomed us; there are about 200 people at the induction center to welcome us, but aside from that there wasn't much of an atmosphere of welcome.

I ate my first meal at noon at the center. We lined up, but since we were about the first, we walked right in. They served us a great deal - but mostly starch - cauliflour, mashed potatoes, rice, stew meat, bread, cabbage salad, milk (for everyone) and an apple for dessert. The room was double the size of our mess halls at Tanforan and there is only one shift in our hall. About 250 eat here I think. This is considered the best, so many people eat here. They don't have meal tickets yet. They provide dishes; the silver and cups are on the table already. I ate with a number of neighbors (also neighbors at Tanfo) We talked about the different routes we had each taken -

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some came thru' the Lake; others around. Some passed Feather River and over the Sierras (north), while others came thru' Reno. The different train co's took different routes. (U.P., S.P. W.P.) Some arrived in the evening, others in the afternoon, and others in the morning. The people who arrived today had to live in roofless houses. I certainly was lucky that the family was here before, to settle and to live in an area inhabited by all of our former friends. Everyone I talked to said they wished they were in Tanforan because the dust storms are supposed to be terrible. The heat is terrific. One perspires even when sitting down. I chatted with J.I. who arrived almost a week ago. She told me how terrible the dust storms were. It's so warm in the afternoons, she doesn't feel like doing anything. Her eyes are still pretty bad, so she stays home. She did visit the employment office once, but she didn't apply because of her eyes. She is rather disgusted with the place, as everyone else is.. Since I haven't seen the dust storm yet, I guess I can't appreciate the worst part of it.

Our freight arrived yesterday and pop wasn't feeling very well, so it's just standing in the ~~off~~ . Everyone seems to have diahherea, heat exhaustion, colds and all sorts of sicknessess. I think the change of altitude and climate, and the salty water is bad. Hope all this will change soon.

I went to claim my baggage and found it after a while. My suitcase was rather banged up but I should have expected it. I was going to go to the employment office, but I thought I should rest up a bit.

I chatted with my neighbors tonight and everyone sits in front of the barracks after dinner. We all felt things were pretty bad, but as far as our neigh-

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bors went they were pretty good. Practically all of our former neighbors live near us.

I went to see E.N. at her office--she is more or less in charge of the work in the Public Safety Department--charge of safety wardens, etc. It's a tough administrative and clerical job. She seems to want me to work there, but I think I prefer research work. She seems to have lots of trouble with her personnel--many of the clerks are incapable and the men are dissatisfied with the hours, so they resign. I hope they get it all settled soon. She has to write reports. I think the lumber stealing and the flashing of signals by ^{some of} the girls to the M.P.s are the most serious problems to date. She is very disgusted with the dust and she doesn't seem to have too much to say about the camp. She was so busy and I was so tired that I came home early. It is rather difficult to know one's way around here.

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This morning I remained in bed until 8:15 a.m. and ate at home--was it cold! The egg was spoiled or old because the white wasn't firm and it didn't taste exactly right.

I went outside for a few minutes to enjoy the warm sun--it was much warmer than inside. Mom did some washing so hung it on a makeshift line in front of our room. It was a risk to keep a line out where dust might fly, but it dried by noon because it was warm.

I went to church this morning--it was quite well attended in consideration of the fact that many are just becoming settled. There were 200 present. The speaker was the minister of the S. L. Holiness Church so presented the usual conservative sermon about the meeting of any challenge--like Paul, lepers, etc. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to show our ability and determination to adapt ourselves to this situation.

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There was a violin solo, hymns and prayers as usual.

The unusual aspect of this service was that the administrators, their families and the clinical (clerical) workers were present. They seemed to enjoy the sermon very well. It is wonderful to think that we are all together and live with us--I hope I will be able to meet many of these men.

I talked to one girl who is a steno in the Social Welfare Department. She says the work is very unorganized but that there is opportunity for a statistician. Maybe I could obtain a position there. However, I'm mainly interested in research.

Another girl is anticipating a position in the library since she had training in bibliography. Hope she does obtain that position.

Also I talked to a girl who has graduated in education and who had taught grammar school in Tanforan. There is said to be about 70 Caucasian teachers so that there will be only about fifteen of teachers chosen. Hope it will not disqualify many qualified Japanese teachers. I don't think I will go into that field because I believe it will be a strain on me. My main interest lies in research--mainly of administration or social welfare.

I went to see E. after church. She is very disgusted with the camp, mainly in a physical way--as dust, unfinished barracks, laundries, dining halls; the dishonesty of the Japanese in stealing lumber, mattresses, etc. The disruption of the whole camp as the rapid turnover of personnel, incorrect assignments, unqualified assignments, etc.

Everyone wants to leave camp--students, workers, etc. so that in the end there would probably be no more leaders left soon.

She ate dinner with me and felt it was the best meal she has eaten in a week. Everyone likes to eat in our dining hall, it is well operated, of efficient personal, and the whole atmosphere is pleasant. It is a change from the one we had at Tanforan.

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This afternoon I washed my hair, I then attended a meeting honoring D.S. Myer -- the Natl. director of the WRA. He felt that the main task of the WRA is to relocate the Js individually as soon as possible --in the war period. It will be important to inform the various communities of the Js as personalities -- would be very important. The individual relocation will be an important aspect of the whole problem.

There were about 200 people present--mainly Y. people, but also some older people who are interested in the welfare of the camp (as ministers, & other bodies). The JACL sent a number of representatives in --who also attended this meeting.

The induction of the three new councilmen was performed by the dir. of the city. The whole outlook of the administration is much more satisfactory than that of the WCCA--. Hope my confidence may continue throughout my stay here.

I talked to J.U. about a research project which will be begun under B-- It sounds fascinating, altho my knowledge of stat. is rather limited, so I'm not certain of my ability.

J.U. told me that she heard Z.F. telling the interviewers at the employment office to let her know when I applied. I guess I have a job assured--but I wonder what it will be. I don't think I'd like to continue in personnel because it doesn't hold much of a future.

Tues, Oct. 6

This morning it was so cold--I felt my toes, hands & face freezing as I walked to work. I went to breakfast for once & it was so warm in the dining hall as compared to the barracks.

When I reached the office, very few of the employees were present. I glanced thru some more files of Mr. B--. I found a great deal of your material--

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and was happy to learn that he had once been a sec'y. of you-. Thus, I realized why he was so interested in this problem of Niseis. During the course of the morning, I interviewed the man in charge of adult education, to learn his problems--. He feels that we should define the problem & then set up interia for the solution of them. He also believes that there is great danger of overlapping of functions between the various depts., & that there should be definite boundaries of operation for each. A very important fact was brought to my attention--that a constant research bureau & a study atten. research surveys in other communities would be a very important source of information to our city-- there is a great danger of stagnation & in order to avoid it, we must be constantly aware of the experiences & findings of other communities & groups.

Then, I studied the pamphlets. A fellow came into the office & told me that he had been discharged from the community govt. dept. --mainly from conflict of personalities--. He enjoyed working in that dept. because **it** had been his major at college & he felt this would be good training & experience for him. However, he is now unemployed & the employment agency has tried to assign him as playground supervisor--. Also, they gave him work order for hay mowing. However, he dislikes both types of work & feels that recreation work holds no future for him. (This is the belief expressed by the majority of residents)

At about 11:00 AM--I didn't feel so well & I began getting cramps in my stomach so I decided to go home with some pamphlets. I rested after lunch-- then began to study--. Recreational ang's. like the YMCA have undertaken many studies which will aid us in ours.

I talked to B.O--who wants to help me with the research. She said she had visited the doctor--he had given her some medicine to stop her diahrea.-- She likes to talk about people and has ideas which are quite different from the general--.

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Today I returned to work after one afternoon at home--it was so cold. The stove was very warm--but too warm because this afternoon they had to use the extinguisher to put the fire out; finally they took the stove out & replaced it by a new one.

I read a number of journals on conferences of social sciences; YMCA's; Surveys made in various communities: recreation recommendations; Health problems, etc. I also read a list of do's & dont's.

Fri., Oct. 9

This morning I began the planning of my survey. I went to see Z.T. -- she felt that this was a worthwhile problem since the rec. dept's. functions will be so different from that of the rec. dept. at Tanforan. I also spoke to E.N.-- she felt the same way, & also emphasized the fact that the workers must be especially contacted since they must be provided with some sort of recreation after a full days work.

I spoke to a number of girls who gave me ideas on the procedure. I should obtain background material of the individuals contacted. A questionnaire of specific data & questions--including functions must be included--in systematic order. I felt that mentioning of functions by the interviewees --divided into age groups would be very important. We decided that about 18 blocks (about every other block) 1 barrack each should be contacted in our survey in order to obtain a more representative & random sur - without an extremely cumbersome task of interviewing too many residents. A.P. felt that Mr. B wanted only a beginning of the survey by Monday--That relieved me anyway.

I wanted to contact a number of people & obtain background material, but was unable to do so. I heard a number of rumors today that the Tanforan people

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will be required to remain about 2 months longer in order to induct about 8,000 Js but that seems rather illogical because we don't know of any such large no. of J. anywhere--outside of AC & RC--except maybe in Wash. or Ore. Many of the workers there are rather angered about it and plan to refuse to remain.

Also, there was a rumor about a woman who had fallen into one of the pipe-line ditches a couple of weeks ago, and had broken some ribs. It seems the doctor found nothing wrong with her at the initial examination. However, now she's unable to move without great pain--so her daughter went for the doctor--but he said he had found nothing wrong with her, so wouldn't investigate further. Moreover, the doctor on call said he was too busy to be bothered, thus, this was a very bad example of internal inefficiency.

This noon I ate with some of the girls in our office--We had difficulty gaining admittance into a nearby dining hall, but finally did. These girls were very friendly, but I think they are younger, than I am. Anyway, I got to know one of them pretty well--the sec'y. to my boss. She had a Civil Service position in Sacto. as steno typist & knew a number of friends I know--thru Cal. She is very unassuming and doesn't gossip about people--at least I haven't noticed it to date. She wants to undertake the steno typist position under elementary education. Hope she does, because she doesn't feel that her position at present is suited for her.

It seems no one wants to work for Mr. B. because he dictates too fast. Also H.G. is considered very fussy, so girls hesitate to work under him.

I'm still looking for someone to aid me in research.

Tonight I knitted with some of the neighbors--we chatted about our work, etc. I don't have too much in common with them except that we are neighbors & came from Berkeley. Then, J.U. came across the road to chat with me--. She is still bored with her work, altho' she has fun talking to the other girls.

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One other girl has her birthday on the same day with her--so they plan to celebrate together--maybe with a cake--how exciting! She told me about the conflict in the office when the request for a steno for Mr. B. came in--. She told me how the files at S. Anita were so unorganized--because the proof-reading etc. was very unsystematic. (We didn't have that trouble at least.) She said that many of her friends from S. Anita had changed into rowdies.

We talked to E.N.--who has been having trouble with her work--the typists sent by the employment office are unqualified. We workers want to resign because of the bad hours, responsibility, etc.--; there is a rapid turnover of workers there is no system to the work--. She thinks a junior adm. asst. will be assigned (a criminologist) in the near future--hope so because some order should be obtained. I feel rather sorry for her that she has so many problems in her work--her hours are so long.

Then B.O. came in. She rambled on about the bad points of evacuee people. Then she told me about her sister & the grand times she is having on the outside. She wants to leave also, because she feels her life is so irregular & without purpose- inside. She feels that she is becoming more contented with home life-- altho' mainly for society's sake (gossip). She is trying to cultivate the friendship of the newspaper staff because they go out twice a week--and she hopes to be able to do that also. Her life has been rather constrained in the past, so that she is probably trying to make the most of her opportunities now. (She is 20 yrs. old.)

Mom & dad went to the block meeting--which was an election of rep. to the educ. advis. coun. to meet with the head of the educ. dept. Mom was also nominated but she declined. Mainly Issei were present. Some complained about the confiscation of J. literature. The meeting lasted $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours & was conducted mainly in J.

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This morning I was at work. I received a copy of the "Topaz Times"-- it contained a few announcements of movies next week, warnings against using the electrical power between 5:00 PM & 6:00 AM. Also the announcement that Tanforan workers would not arrive tomorrow, was made. However, the cause was not made known. Another rumor I heard today about this question was that the Tulelake people will be sent there--because the latter camp will be closed. Part will go to Arkansas, & the rest will be sent to Tanforan until further arrangements can be made. Maybe they will come here. I was trying to write up the historical background for my survey.-- I haven't adequate material but I believe it will have to suffice.

B.L. finally came in! She was undecided as to the advisability of taking this position or of going into case work. She plans to study social welfare if she does continue college, and is not certain if she will specialize in case work, research, govt. work, or what--. Hope she does come in with me. She has done quite an intensive amount of research work in relation to the recreation dept. at S. Anita. She told me she misses her friends at S. Anita. They were mainly from L.A. but she made friends with a number of them, and found that they weren't very different from other people--only a small minority is very rowdy in her estimation. She felt that they were much more broad-minded than the S.F. people. Moreover she was accustomed to a rather settled community & physical surroundings--in comparison to the wild, unsettled condition of life here--. There is no green grass or trees. It was rather hot there tho' in comparison to this camp. At her administration building, there were tiled floors. The food was tastier & of more variety there--she thought. The most interesting part of her narration was that, her supervisor (in recreation) had taken many of his employees (including herself)--outside to Arcadia, to do

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private shopping, to eating places, etc. --on the pretext that they were on business (social work, etc.) This amazed me, for if they had been allowed to leave so easily, there is no excuse why we shouldn't have been treated likewise. Oh well, I guess there are always exceptions. She said the mess halls were rather crowded (6 for the whole center of 19,000) so that 3 shifts were necessary. Also, the camouflage net workers really were rather disgusted at first, but now they feel that they have a great deal in common & enjoy working together.

She wants to leave for college so badly--she had one offer to go to Smith, but her parents objected. She said she is planning to pursue her ambition, irregardless.

Everyone around here wants to leave for college. If not, they want to work outside. Soon there will be only old people & children left. However, I believe that the young people should be allowed to leave in order to develop their talents to the utmost --because they won't have the right atmosphere if they must remain inside for about five yrs. or more. The place seems so permanent & forbidding that everyone seems to want out. Of course, some workers must remain--but the majority will leave. I hope most will remain until the camp becomes adjusted to some extent.

I went to see the director of recreation to find out their fugtions-- he didn't seem to have a very clear picture, so told me to do as I liked with the understanding that this study is being made for the rec. dept. I saw E.I.--who has just received a scholarship to Springfield college. This was very unexpected, but he is very happy & plans to use it. He would like to remain to study the initial stages of the camp, but this is too important an opportunity to let slip by--I agree with him. He is to undertake social welfare, but he is uncertain of which field.

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This afternoon I chatted with S.U.--who has specialized in special education. She wants to teach this subject to the blind & deaf, but since that field is rather limited in this camp, she may have to limit her field to mental deficiency. Hope she succeeds.

I also chatted with E.E. --who wants to undertake historical research, or library work. She is willing to help me meanwhile. She is rather conservative in that she feels she would rather remain with her family rather than go out (of course she is the only child so may have reason to feel so. We discussed the proper attitude we should have taken toward the evacuation--prior to it. She felt that some objection should have been raised--altho' she realized the advantages of being inside--a living & a feeling of security from molestation from the public. I agreed to some extent, but yet, I feel that we should have made a more open statement of protest--against the JACL. Many liberal (C) groups realized that many thinking Niseis objected to the JACL tactics--but I don't think the majority of people did--this should have been emphasized. We gossiped about the neighbors--and also talked about the students now in college. Also, we talked about the job opportunities outside which seem so limited at present. Perhaps in the near future, more of the "white collar" positions will be open to us--certainly hope so.

Wrote a couple of letters tonight after I finished my outline & questionnaire. Dad had me type some ballots for barrack captain because he didn't want a certain person to elect himself.

It rained today--was it windy. Muddy & cold just at dinner time--we got mud all over our shoes.

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Today I went to church at 10:00 AM. Before that I went to buy the paper, but they were all gone. It's really muddy out but I went to church regardless. The speaker spoke on the actual attitude of the WRA toward the evacuees--of letting us leave & that that will be a very valuable experience for us & for our nation. He feels that ~~there~~ will be many obstacles, problems,-- but we should be able to meet them--both here & outside. It makes me feel that I want to go out and do my best.

Before the service, the workers leaving for the turkey farm (to pull quills) were embarking. About 40 girls & 30 men were sent. I was surprised at the large number of girls--mainly about 18 yrs. old. I hope they will be able to do the work. It's considered rather difficult. Also, the expenses for room & board will be so high that there will be a net income of about \$1. per day--. At least they will have a taste of freedom--and won't feel as restricted as we do.

After church, a number of us went to ~~chat~~ with E.N. She enjoys her public Safety work immensely. Thus, even if she works seven days a week, she doesn't mind. She hears so many people yearning to leave, it makes her rather down-hearted also. She herself wasn't very disgusted with camp life, but when she heard all the complaints she felt badly also. One girl was very optimistic about the camp--so E.N. feels that she antagonizes people. She has an opportunity to leave for the East, because her sister is there, but she still wants to remain because she feels there is so much to be done here. If all of the leaders leave, there will be none left to aid the children & older ones. Thus, I think they should remain until the city is more or less established. Of course, there is always the question that they may not be allowed to leave later--either because they will be bound by the work camps pledge, or from change of attitude outside

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or policy of the WRA. However, I think that education or occupation outside are valid enough reasons for leaving.

This noon we ate with a girl who is working outside--she gets weekends off and the work is relatively easy. The family is a teacher's family of six. She lives there -- except for weekends. She gets \$1.20 per day. Her transportation to & from the city is provided by the family. Thus, she earns quite a lot. I hope all of the workers have as satisfactory positions.

This afternoon I stayed at home to study & to work on my research project--it's really difficult to handle alone. Tonight E.N. came over and we went to her office--everything seems to be running smoothly now. The workers seem to know their job and the work is rather systematized. (It's about time.)

Monday, October 12

Today Miss M. came into the office. She will supervise the research project as well as the recreational program. She has had experience in the latter in Oakland. Mr. B. seems to think she is very capable. I'm to speak to her tomorrow afternoon.

Today I spent the whole day studying the various research projects--some of it is very revealing, especially community surveys. I finally obtained a table & chair of my own. It feels good--. But it's near the door so whenever anyone walks in, I'm disturbed

This noon, I ate with S. again--she told me she went to the S. Anita rally last night--it was very entertaining because the administrators performed--sang amusing songs --even "Pop" E. did. I'll bet everyone enjoyed it. She said the checks from Tanforan have arrived but they haven't decided the method of disposal as yet. Also, she said the administration received a telegram that the

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Tanfo. group will be arriving on the 15th or thereabouts. However, A.G. told me that his brother in Tanfo. told him that was to be a permanent assembly center. I guess in that case, it will be pretty indefinite when they will arrive. It's a shame. There are so many rumors flying around--as to what will be sent there-- Hawaiians, Tuleans, Fresnans--. Wonder which it will be.

This afternoon, it began to rain--were we disgusted! Most of us weren't prepared for it at all. A group left for carrot-bunching in Idaho. Just when they left, it began to rain. I heard about six men are needed to help in the metal drive in Delta-- pretty encouraging that we will be used in defense in some way. I read a report of a Utah survey of public opinion on an employment outside. About 65% felt we should (these were urban people); while only 52% of the rural people feel we should. There were many warnings against our saboteurs, fifth-column, etc. I think they just have heard so much about us (especially farmers) that they don't want to take a chance. They request armed guards, etc. even if we are in agricultural work outside.

Oh yes, I heard that the carpenters ~~won't~~ be able to finish the walls & ceilings in time so that the residents are asked to volunteer to do wo.

The school children were to register today, but since the housing situation is still undecided, it has been postponed altho' it will start on the 19th.

I read a very interesting article taken from Hayne's which stated that there should be segregation of the Isseis & Kibeis from the Nisei. The latter are considered 75% loyal. The Issei are passively loyal & the Kibeis--not to be trusted. Thus, the first may leave for employment after they are OK'd by the gov. the second--if they don't belong to any J. org. etc: & the last--only if it can be proven that they are innocent (which the author considers impossible)

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I think he was a little hasty in his generalizations, but the Niseis should be given an opportunity because ~~many~~ are "on the fence" & should be given proof that they have something to have faith in.

Tonight G. & I went to visit G.E.-- E's sister knows of an organization which will help evacuees obtain work or education outside. It is very anxious to aid in all ways possible--& is composed mainly of church organizations. Social work especially, is so valuable at present, that anyone desiring to enter that field is certain to be added to the fullest--I hope so-- I wrote a letter stating my qualifications in full. We chatted about the Institute which is a meeting of the educators here & the Nisei staff of teachers. We tried to prove to them that ours is a unique and delicate problem which needs special care & consideration. They (majority) try to prove that the mormons & other minority groups suffered under the same restrictions. However, there's was not a racial problem so was solved much more easily than ours. A few of them understand the problem--but the majority of them don't. They can be strong emissaries to the **outside** world-- to tell them of our plight & to explain our true selves to them. Hope many of them will.

We also discussed the world situation & the prospects of the post-war world (union or chaos). It was very stimulating--but a very controversial topic.

Tonight we received the cake we ordered thru one of the administrators-- so celebrated H's birthday--he was very surprised (tho it was 7 days ago). We received our basic clothing--not as food quality as some received, but passable. I received undies, Pj's, a dress & blouse.

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Today I studied the book on statistical measuring of group work. It is rather like school--reading and taking rates. I typed part of it out--I think my rate has improved to some extent.

This afternoon a fellow who is to attend Springfield U. in Mass. came to talk to me about his scholarship. He had all expense paid--even transportation. The school is not a member of the American Assoc. of Social Work, but it is the oldest school in that field. He wants to remain until next semester, but he is not certain if he will be able to.

Yesterday a girl told me about her brother who left for New York--for high school completion and attendance at a small college--Cheizhorn or some such name. He is a mother's boy so was rather sad about leaving but I think he will manage all right.

Today I was to have had a conference with my supervisor in research but it seems she had to see her boy friend off at the station--so she was away all afternoon. I hope I will be able to see her tomorrow.

The members of the newspaper staff were trying to tease each other with a dead snake--it was rather disgusting. It was so cold this afternoon that we had to close all the windows & burn a fire in the stove.

Tonight I wrote some letters to various universities. Hope I can enter Western reserve. I'm still uncertain as to the advisability of entering the group work field in the case work field. I would like to get a govt. position, but I think case work is the one that is used for that. E.N. said she intends to leave for Chicago before Thanksgiving so that she can obtain a position before they are all gone. Wish we could leave together--I don't believe I will leave before January.

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Today I met Miss M. who is to supervise the research. She knows the "Y" people, & seems to have quite a great deal of experience in group work. I asked her what she thought about the future of groups work & she said it has a great future. As for my case, she felt it would be better for me to study the various aspects in my work & then decide. She thinks Western Reserve is the best college also. Pennsylvania is supposed to have a very noted curriculum in psychiatric cases & sin supervision.

I was rather disappointed that I couldn't have had my conference with her today because I am just studying without a definite goal in mind. Hope we can become organized soon. I want so much to leave for college--and yet, as L.N. pointed out it does seem rather selfish for a graduate to desire further education when the undergraduates are so eager to finish. If we work now, we can save some money for the postwar period. Domestic jobs seem to be most desirable since they supply food & shelter along with the pay. I really want to continue my education tho' because I feel that with my degree, I will be unable to obtain a very satisfactory position.

A.J. came in to talk to Mr. B. about the research. He told me about some of the fellows who are doing research elsewhere & obtaining over \$60 per month, along with a camp job--I wish I could be earning that too--altho' I think I would want to be outside, regardless.

L.N. told me that she had gone out with _____ to the station. He is to enter Utah U. He really wants to enter Wisconsin for his PhD in Chem., but since that university wont accept an evacuee (Navy) --he plans to continue at Utah for about a year then enter W. --since many closed colleges seem to accept Nisei who are outside at the time of application. Thus there seems to be a stigma attached to residence in one of these camps-- everyone I have spoken to

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seems so discouraged with this camp (especially the girls) & they want to leave, to work outside--almost any kind of work merely to be outside. Their mental and spiritual selves seem too confined & restrained. They seem to be suffocating. No matter how satisfactory their physical aspects may become, the whole idea of the evacuation seems obnoxious. Moreover, a number of us have come into contact with officials who are anything but efficient. Or if they are, they don't have the proper attitude toward the evacuees. A number have loose morals. Still others use graft. Still others look down on the J. A case in point is the education dept. --which can not obtain as many caucasian teachers as was anticipated--many turn away when they see the place. Those who remain often have the wrong attitude toward us--as hardy humans or are inefficient. Anyway, a number of Nisei (75%) will be Nisei. Since a number with AB degrees are leaving for colleges or obtaining positions in other departments, college students with only 2--3 yrs., & not in education are being asked to teach in high school. I don't know how efficient the system will be and I hate to see how the students will be taught--but I certainly hope that not too many of the teachers will leave. The whole problem is that most college students are (rightfully) desirous of completion of their studies, so that there will be many leaving. Moreover, education is a very temporary field for most of us, so most do not contemplate it as desirable.

We received our pay checks today. I received my full \$16--want to save some in anticipation of leaving.

Two girls visited us tonight & we talked about the "wonderful" clothes we received. It seems everyone received about a good article & the rest were terrible. One of the girls who has a strong Caucasian background, wants to leave to work, but her family doesn't want her to. Wish we could all leave to work outside--wonder if it will be possible.

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Today I continued to study & people continued to ask me what I was doing. Finally, I saw Miss M. --she felt that after we discussed the matter of possible lines of endeavor, she would discuss our function with the staff, & then we would start out with our work.

The newspaper staff received their multigraph machine--so there was quite a great deal of excitement about that. Then, the public safety dept. came en masse to demand their clothing for the watches. After a little argument, the supervisor agreed that these men should obtain what they requested. The time keeper was the instigator & administrator of the whole procedure. They are to receive these clothes tonight--and he saw to it that they received the best quality--mackinaws, woolen leggings, etc. I think they should obtain the best because their job is very disagreeable--they must stand in the cold for 8 hrs.--day & night.

The Tanforan groups finally arrived--at about 1:00 PM. They were glad to see their friends--altho' the camp itself was certainly a let-down. I talked to R.J. who said the food at Tanforan was the best--fried chicken, steak, etc. for the last week. Also on the train. They came thru' Feather River & around the Lake. They arrived in Delta at 11:30 P.M. so they took the long ride. She said the administration was very angry that the evacuees refused to stay--but after much quibbling & argument, the workers had their way. It seems it was Hawaiians who were supposed to have come to Tanfo-- & the workers were to show them how to administer the camp--that would have meant a number of months--which they didn't like.

Tonight S.I. was to have visited me but she had to help get some bulletins ready for distribution (pertaining to education) so she couldn't come.

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G.N. who is attending Utah U. said she will come Sunday, I can hardly wait to see her because I want to know about her curriculum. Today 2 people left for college - 1 for Smith College in Mass. (English) and the other for Texas U. (Commerce) - wish I could go soon.

Friday, Oct. 16, 1942

Today I was sick in bed from diarrhea - I threw up all night and this morning I didn't eat any breakfast or lunch. Tonight I tried to drink some soup, but it came up.

I slept most of the day. Otherwise I was reading "For Whom The Bells Tolls" by Hemmingway. It's a very good book, very vividly portrayed. It is both gruesome and romantic.

Tonight S.I. visited me. We chatted about the various people here and their work. We became a little "catty" at times but I guess I wasn't feeling very well - that's why. She is working in the educational dept. (high school) as a secy. (under). She said for she had no shorthand but she expects to shortly. Their work has just begun. As soon as school begins, they will probably be loaded with work. They just finished mimeographing and distributing the school bulletins to the families here. They found they needed 800 and more to supply each family. Such a large number for high school families alone. That's why I feel sorry for the students, because they won't be obtaining the best training and teachers. Even college students of 3 years can teach - which isn't a very high standard. Moreover, there will not be time for a training course.

I received a letter from Lt. Col. H. whom I had as a public admin.

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prof. at Cal. he is teaching military govt. and feels his time is very much occupied. However he did take time out to thank me for my last letter. Also he said he read some interesting articles about us in the Atlantic Monthly. I must read it.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Today I got up because the noise dad was making with the hammer was no joke. I ate a little at each meal, mostly liquids. I read some more this morning - it's getting exciting, but is interrupted by narratives of the past. I also received an airmail letter from P.N. he wants to know what procedures are necessary to come here also he wants me to decide about the future. Still am undecided.

This afternoon I continued knitting the socks, and had to rip it out again. I'm getting very disgusted, hope I finish it sometime before Xmas. I almost reached the heel.

I chatted with the neighbors. It's really becoming chummy around here. All of the neighbors sit outside and chat. The men work together.

R.G. who just arrived Thursday, said it was rather lonely toward the end at Tanforan. She says its not so bad here so far, because her family was already settled. However, she doesn't know her neighbors too well. In the neighboring blocks many of her friends reside, so that she needn't go too far to see them. She hasn't decided on what work she will undertake, probably secretarial or typing. She is quite capable, types about 80 and does 120 in shorthand. She did have some diarrhea in the last few days, hope she doesn't have to stay in bed.

It was rather warm today so I wanted a popsicle, but they ran out

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by the time I went. I visited L.I. for awhile, she also had diarrhea a few days ago. Her work is very boring and she wants to transfer to another dept. but she hasn't decided which. She feels she would never want to leave camp (because she has the family and group tradition strongly behind her).

One of G's friends came over tonight and they played "honeymoon bridge" but I merely knitted.

Sunday, October 18, 1942

This morning after buying the morning paper I went to church. It was a very short service, like a communion service but not completely. There were about 200 or so people present - about resisting temptations. I didn't feel very well. G.N. came to visit us from S.L. City. She said the people there are very friendly; that her course at U.U. is very fascinating - tho' unorganized as yet because the semester is only 3 weeks past yet. She is taking a general course, which lasts one year and leads to a certificate. An extra year is required for a Master's degree. She had a position taking care of a child (part time) but since her course requires library work, she resigned. She was looking for someone to take her place but was unable to do so. There are a number of students attending U.U. and also a number of J. in S.L.C. All in all, she seems to enjoy her freedom. She was kind enough to bring a box of candy to a number of us (chews and hard candy for me). I wanted to speak to her at length in the afternoon, but was unable to do so since I couldn't see her again. She gave us a ride home at noon. It was wonderful riding in a sedan again.

E.M. was at the church this morning and chatted with her. She was

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very friendly but had difficulty remembering our names. I hope I will be able to see her tomorrow.

This afternoon, E.N. came over. She is still feeling pretty ill. She gets stomach pains, hope she recovers soon. We went to the hobby show and art exhibit. It was very artistic. ~~It~~ The furniture made of wood and cork (from mess tables) was very pretty. It could almost pass for retail furniture. There were chairs, tables, desks, chests of drawers, dressers, etc. Also there were natural wood flower stands and vases, also figures and figurines, carved from natural wood. Then there were rocks found at Drum and Topaz Mts. They were very pretty. Of course, there were handiwork pieces, knitting, crocheting and embroidered pieces, very fine and delicate. Also there were paintings of flowers, etc. Also a series of scenes depicting the various phases of transfer from Tanforan to Topaz.

Then since E. didn't feel very well, and since we couldn't find G.N. again, we came home. I knitted more on my socks, they're getting to be very aggravating because they still seem so large. Hope I won't have to rip it all out because I finished the heel already. Chatted with the neighbors. The mothers around were crocheting together and chatted. The fathers prepared saws, etc. for the winterizing (of rooms) for tomorrow. Tonight I knitted some more and then went to the Fellowship. It was almost entirely composed of high school students (about 3/4 of the 50 present). At first there was a short devotional dealing with the general feeling of looking forward to the post-war period and of the need for planning and thought and the utilization of all of our resources and talents.

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Also we had a discussion of the differences between Topaz and Tanforan and of the hope to prepare the high school students for vocations thru' practical courses, as the demonstrations of sewage disposal, canteen operation, etc. The reporting and criticizing of each, etc. By watching all of the processes involved in these various activities. The students (on graduation) should be prepared for a vocation. The adults thru' employment and study should learn a trade for the future. A rather black picture of life outside was painted so that many of the high school students present did not desire to leave. However, the older people did.

Monday, Oct. 19

Today I continued to read. I'm getting rather bored with it. I saw E.M. this morning. She told me to read a book about the community and also one about group work. I started the latter this afternoon. It's so fascinating! It deals with about 20 different groups and the method of manipulation by the group leader. In many cases, there is a close relationship between the group worker and the case worker. That is as it should be.

This morning I read the administrative rules. It was very revealing. The procedure for leaving the camp is very complicated. The person applying must not have been in J. or studied there. (However, I think that is relaxed a little, especially for Issei, altho' "a rigorous" examination by the F.B.I. is made. Then clearance by the F.B.I., U.S.E.S., the community and the regional office is necessary. Application for extension of leave is possible. For visitors only blood relations may remain overnight. Visitors should notify the director of

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their desire to visit. Soldiers will be allowed to visit but must send their furlough papers and travel permit ahead. (At least they are allowed to enter.)

There are many complicated rulings about construction, pay and employment, boundaries, admin. dining halls, etc. The idea of a barbed wire fence being constructed here is the most aggravating situation. It seems that this center is more strict than others because its in the Western Defense Command. I know in Colo. they are allowed to shop outside, but not here. Moreover, the soldiers here are very opposed to J. so are unusually strict. If a person walks over the boundary (even a few feet) the M.P. will bring him in to the asst. director (as was witnessed by the secy. of above)

I chatted with G.V. who arrived with the last contingent. She said that our boss got a position with the Bethlehem Steel Co. - poor people, they don't know what they're in for. Oh well, glad he's not here. Also she said that three of the girls were allowed to go home to get some belongings. They weren't allowed to shop tho' because Whitcomb has "spotters," at downtown stores, so if any guard allows his charges to shop in them he will lose his job. Thus, since this guard was so nice, she didn't want him to lose his position. They contented themselves with small purchases in "J" town, which is entirely inhabited by negroes now, and ate a chop suey dinner. They wanted hamburgers and a soda but didn't want to mention it. They were surprised by the buard buying them hamburgers before they returned. They were gone one day and were so happy to be free for one day. The traffic is very slow even in S.F. nowadays.

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This afternoon I went to the recreation headquarters. Its a mess! Tables and painting (poster equipment are strewn all over. There are books piled up on a desk (table) without much order or classification. Boys sit around talking (one wonders if its business. The leaders showed up one hour late. After lunch I wondered how the typists could concentrate. Tonight I just knitted, after chatting with R.G. who also came on the last contingent. She received a work order for the agricultural employment office, but the atmosphere is so unsatisfactory to her that she decided not to accept. The girls knit $\frac{1}{2}$ the time, but when they are rushed, they are rushed, even working on weekends, since agricultural workers leave every day. She is a good stenographer (types 80; takes dictation at 120 (or did). Hope she gets a good job soon.

I heard the girls who went to turkey-feather pulling outside were very unhappy. The "hotel" has been abandoned for 40 years; there is no water, so that they haven't taken more than 1 bath since their departure 2 weeks ago. They must walk thru' blood and water to get to work; while picking the feathers the blood spurts out; and the lice swarm out of the skins of the turkeys. Its too bad such conditions should prevail where girls are working. I'm glad I didn't think of going. Even the community rather resents their presence, as when they go to soft drink places in groups.

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Today I continued to read. I'm really bored. I hope I can begin in earnest in the near future.

I heard 11 students were to have left today, wonder who the lucky people are.

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One boy who is to leave has a sister in S.L.C. (J.A.C.L.) he is to attend U.U. They want the mother to leave also, but since she is an alien, they must receive word from Washington. Hope she can go.

Two boys left yesterday for mining (I think in Utah) and they are looking for about 13 more - guess it shouldn't be too difficult to find since so many fellows want "out."

There will be a \$20 charge per mo. for anyone commuting while working. Also if he is the head of the family (legally) he must pay \$16 per mo. per ea. dependent even if he lives outside. In that case, it is almost useless for the head to work outside if he has a large family.

G. went to the dental clinic today to get her wisdom tooth examined. She must go out to Delta to have an X-ray taken - lucky girl, just to be outside.

G.J. ate lunch with S. and myself. She really wants to leave also. I gave her the address of that group in Chicago which is so anxious to help us. Hope she can leave. She has a federal civil service rating but she had it transferred to S.F. so she will be unable to obtain a position thru' it.

The director of "I" House in Berkeley came to the office today. He is consultant for the WRA in S.F. to study the possibilities of developing vocational and liberal arts courses or the J.C. and college level, but he believes firmly that students who can, should continue their college education outside. He spoke to me about a professor I know at Cal. and asked me how I was getting along. I told him I was doing research for the admin. here and that should prove a rather

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valuable aid to me in studying the conditions here.

I received a letter from my friend in Berkeley, she said she will come to see us. I'm so glad because it will be wonderful to see people from Berkeley again.

Tonight I attended the Cal. rally and talk by said director. He was very humorous and made remarks about the lack of light in Berkeley (implications). Also he told us that the "old Cal." spirit is lacking with a student body cut down to 10,000 (35% drop). Football seems a minor interest now. Also students are having difficulty obtaining rooms and food, in view of the present problems. (Many of our favorite eating places are shut down) Practically all of the fellows are now drafted. All in all, the picture is very glum.

However, he feels that we have carried over the Cal. tradition and beliefs with us, as was evidenced in our enthusiasm in singing "Cal." songs. Also, Monroe Deutsch wrote a letter of congratulation and consolation to us, saying that he believed that we were doing the greatest job of showing our ability to meet adversity. He felt that we gained a great deal by showing our own talents and abilities in this great crisis.

Pres. S. also felt that we were doing a wonderful job. Also, he felt that the U.C. students, as a whole, are very intelligent and cognizant of the true facts - that no matter how much the war may mean to them; they won't go at it blindly and unthinkingly, forgetting all of their former friends whom they await "with open arms". He was very sincere at least in his attempts and I felt he was much more tactful this time in comparison with former addresses to the nisei.

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There were about 300 people present mostly Cal. students and grads, but with about 50 adult (older issei). This was a very good showing of course, the band (brass) toured the camp, on a truck, with signs of the rally, but anyway I think these "Cal" people felt a sense of unity in being together. A gift of a painting of "Topaz at Sunset" was presented to him.

Also, the announcement was made that a Big Game Rally and dance would probably be held next month. It seems rather ironical, but seems a wonderful way to carry out a "swell" Cal. tradition.

I chatted with J.N. a very conservative and family-type of girl. She wants to leave for college too, because she hasn't received her degree yet. Also, most of her friends are leaving too. She is rather disgusted with this camp also, altho' she has a ~~family~~ fairly satisfactory position as receptionist at the dispensary.

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Today I continued with my reading, also I glanced at the book on "Your Community" which deals with community problems as education, health, safety, and welfare, govt., recreation, social welfare agencies, etc. It includes a no. of questions that can be asked of research workers in the various fields. It is rather inclusive. Miss N. said she will ask the planning committee what we should do. I'm getting rather tired of waiting, but since I want to leave for college, I think this is just as good a temporary job as I can find.

J.J. who has been working in his own grocery store before evacuation, obtained a position at Delta for the same. The job pays \$20 per week with room and board, until the end of the rush, so that he

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should be able to make quite a lot of profit. His brother will be leaving for an eastern college on Sunday, and his other brother will leave for college in the spring. I certainly want to leave as soon as possible.

The consultant for the WRA left today. He seemed to have enjoyed his stay here a great deal, especially since there are so many U.C. students and alumni here. We presented him with a painting of Topaz so he will have something to remember us by.

This noon, we chatted with some of the former co-workers at the employment office in Tanforan. They didn't have much to say about their present job in the placement office. They are merely performing clerical work which is rather a shock to their former function of supervision. Hope they do obtain more responsibilities because they are very capable. They chatted about wanting to receive the govt. issue clothing for workers, hats and jackets, altho' they are designed for fellows. Also they talked about a cat they had brought from Tanforan.

Then, we bought popsicles and had difficulty finishing them on our return to work (they were frozen). Thus, we were late to work. Also we met a fellow who is working with the contractors as acctnt. He receives 75¢ per hr. which seems he earns in one month what we earn in a year. He feels that the job of itself has little value, but I disagree, because he will be able to save something no matter how temporary the work.

Tonight I ate dinner with L.N. who is waiting to get out to S.L.C. because her b.f. is there at U.U. She is rather funny in that

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she keeps insisting she is not serious, and yet one wonders. Her present position as translator-typist is not very suitable for her, and she has had an offer to teach grammar school, but she feels it would be unfair to her present job. However, her boss is writing letters of recommendation for her to a reverend in S.L.C. (I wonder why). Oh well, I shouldn't surmise such thoughts, but really she isn't suited for her job, since she hasn't specialized in J. She only attended J. school while in h. school and grammar school, so that she isn't as well qualified as some oriental language majors from U.C. Moreover, she can't type - so -

Tonight I wrote some letters and knitted a little. What a relief for me. (I answered one very important one.)

Thursday, October 22.

Today Miss M. told me about the occupational survey with which she wants me to be associated so that I may learn procedures, possible problems and find personnel. I didn't relish the idea, but I consented. I'm to be a master clerk, whatever that is. I really want to leave for college, so badly that I don't care very much what my job is.

I chatted with the cartoonist of the "Topaz Times", he's very modest and says he will soon run out of ideas. Maybe he will advertise for ideas from the residents. He has very good ideas, tho', and he is very talented. (This week he had a cartoon of clothing distribution - in which everyone received the same kind of clothing - making it very embarrassing.)

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I also chatted with Z.L. who is working at the hospital - as clerk I believe. She is very contented with this place, as compared to Tanforan, maybe because she came with the 1st group. Anyway she used to have a state civil service position as typist clerk, which was very good experience for her. And she could probably obtain a clerical position outside. (She has always associated with many J. so is accustomed to them). She admits she would like a good job outside but not domestic work because that would have no future. However, I feel that's a beginning at least. (She admits she is the only person who likes this place).

Then I chatted with F.T. who also came in the 1st contingent, 3 weeks after his arrival he received a position as accountant for the D. construction Co. which is responsible for all construction here. He received 75¢ per hour, which is much more than we would receive here per year (per mo.) He feels he will "loaf" for a few weeks before applying for another job. He had to pay \$20 for room and board - which isn't very much for him. He isn't in a hurry to leave for the outside because living costs are so high that he wouldn't be able to save much, especially in view of the fact that he isn't qualified to be a cost accountant. I want to get out as soon as possible before the policy becomes reversed, from outside, pressure, etc.

I saw G.U. who is the jr. admin. asst. for high school. He is having difficulty obtaining a social science instructor for jr. high school. It seems all the teachers are in other fields (depts.) He admits that he had much more qualified teachers in Tanforan than here.

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He admits that he had much more qualified teachers in Tanforan than here. He told me that the priority rating for building material for the high school just arrived. Thus, he believes the H.S. building will be ready by Jan. 1 because the outer construction should be ready in a month. The labor will be local with outside wages prevailing, so that it shouldn't be too difficult to obtain labor. Hope not.

Tonight I visited E.N. who didn't mail my letter to Chicago (for a job) so I mailed it myself. She is certainly ambitious in that she has already embroidered a no. of towels, napkins and other linen. She and her sister had done a great deal of this work. When she (sister) got married, she took more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of it and G. gave some of them away so that she doesn't have much left. However it's a wonderful beginning and it's about time I began. I would like to make some Xmas gifts but in view of the conditions, I think I shall have to be satisfied with home-made cards. However, I will make some things for the family.
Friday, October 23.

Today I continued to read some questions for a survey and to make up some of my own. The Jr. Admin. in our dept. will be placed in co-chairmanship of the occupational survey to be taken, so that the steno. will take over his duties.

I chatted with the woman in charge of it. She was very pleasant and told me the organizational set-up. It will be divided into the dept. of interviewing (1 head and 4 subheads in charge of 12 interviewers), 1 typing staff, file clerks and .. too; 1 coding and classifying staff. The survey will take about 2 weeks and the other tabulation will probably come later. The headquarters haven't been

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decided on as yet, but it will probably be an empty dining hall. She recognized the book I was reading as a former text so wondered what I was reading it for. I explained my position and that I would be helping on her staff. She said that the master censers would be located in Tule Lake because of proximity to the regional office in S.F. She realizes the talent here but since it would be difficult to come in contact with S.F.

There was a terrible dust storm today, but since the ground has hardened to some extent, it wasn't as fierce as they say the storms have been.

I learned some of the organizational set-up of a number of our departments and ~~am~~ ^{am} planning to make a chart. Hope I finish soon. The art dept. made our office staff name plates (wooden) which we put on our desks. Our Jr. Admin. had his nickname on the back of his so we turned it around for fun.

Mr. B. sent out invitations to the members of his dept. to attend a conference about the survey. I didn't know the purpose, so I attended. It was just to inform these men (and they were mainly issei men) about the purpose and the methods to be used. The purpose is for the obtaining of occupational, vocational, recreational skills, abilities and experience as well as personal data of age, birth place, father's occupation, educational background, health, etc. The men were rather dubious, especially since one of the chrmm. is an alleged member of the FBI, and they feel that he isn't to be trusted so they suggested (a U.C. prof. was the spokesman) that an election be held in the blocks to choose isseis who would know the issei mind. As it turned

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out, the questions were not as bad as they had thought, so said that the block mgrs. should distribute the sheets and leave them to be signed, but Mr. G. said that from his experience there are so many interpretations that that would be useless. (He was willing to compromise at 1st, that the block elect 3 men from whom the block mgr. or election comm. choose, so that there would be no politics and the employment office could do the placement).

Then someone said that questions of the army status make isseis shy away from answering. Mr. E. said that by now the FBI knew who was in the army, etc., so it needn't be shied away from.

Then someone asked if this survey would result in fairer placement, Mr. E. explained that it would have a great influence and that in relation to the jobs here (available) they would be placed as well as possible (from their background, etc.) I think these meetings are very monotonous but I guess it gives the issei a wonderful opportunity to voice their opinions, which they couldn't do at home. Thus, I feel that niseis shy away from these meetings, not that they aren't interested but that they feel the isseis are more vitally concerned and should be able to voice their opinions - for once - I certainly hope some other channels for nisei administration and self govt. will be opened.

I talked to L.N. about the possibilities of leaving. Her b.f. is in S.L.C. so she thinks that with the aid of some of the officials here she will be able to get a position there. We both feel that a domestic job for room and board and then a clerical job for the daytime would be the best set-up if at all possible. Maybe we will go together.

Tonight I chatted with E.N. again, she is rather dubious about leav-

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ing at present since she has not fully recovered from her illness and feels that it was a sort of breakdown of her health since she has been working overtime too many hours. She plans to work about 2 hours a day for a few days.

We want to have a get-together of all our "Y" group and maybe it will be Sunday afternoon. Most of us want to leave and we want to see how ~~fx~~ our ideas have changed from Tanforan.

She wants to get to know people different from ourselves (not intellectuals, but I think that it's community of interest which keeps us all together.

Saturday, October 24.

Today I worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. I was supposed to have attended a meeting of the supervisors of the survey, but since they didn't notify me I remained at my desk to read more about recreational groups.

A.G. who was to have been co-chrm. of the survey changed his mind because he was afraid of being branded as an FBI agent. It's too bad people have to be so suspicious of these questions - but I suppose this is another manifestation of the issei-nisei problem.

Mr. B. gave us a ride part way home. It was kind of him. We had left early too.

I read the Topaz times, the housing dept. has provided adequate electric power for us so that lights won't blow out, nor radios become extra dim. Of course our radio is out of order now so it does very little good to us.

I went to see J.J. whom I was supposed to have visitied last night, but since she was out to lunch I left word with her father that I had

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called.

I knitted practically all afternoon, tho' since our room will be winterized tomorrow we had to put our clothes, etc. away. It's going to be a mess because we have so many packages, it will probably require much time to get them outside.

I chatted with E.U. who said that in her office there is a threatened split between the issei wardens and the nisei clerks. The former believe the latter are inefficient in their reports, etc. while the director of the dept. is very pleased with the same. This is another manifestation of inter-generation problems and threatens to become a generalized problem.

Sometimes it all disgusts me - hope there will be an adjustment of these differences soon. I can't blame the nisei for not attending the block meetings because the issei dominate the meetings. Of course this is their only opportunity to speak, but still I think it deprives the nisei of a great deal of leadership. I suppose the forums, etc. will be the only means for self expression of the nisei. Hope some channels will be provided.

Tonight E.E. came over to chat. She is so bored with life here that she wishes a bomb would explode (figuratively), just so there would be some excitement. She is not certain of attending college, but she thinks it would be a good idea to leave camp. Everyone feels that way (about leaving) now.

We visited L.T. who is expecting to leave for Japan soon. Thus, she wants to leave for college (because everyone else is) but not too far because she would have to rejoin her family as soon as arrangements

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for repatriation have been completed. She feels that there is no future for us here. Altho' she may suffer some inconvenience since she is an American citizen she will still (she believes) be able to overcome these obstacles - as language, customs, etc. (This is mainly due to her family background, which is strongly Japanese). She said that there are many nisei who feel that they must sue the government for all of the losses they are suffering (along with the injustice) They cannot be blamed for their feeling, but it certainly was a shame that we didn't contest it strongly at the beginning. She wants to go out to work, then attend college.

Sunday, October 25

This morning, dad got up at 3:00 a.m. and made so much noise getting things outside. We finally got up at 4:30 a.m. and were we sleepy. It was so awfully cold too. We finally got all of our "junk" outside by 6:30 a.m. (with some help from our neighbors). We had so little for breakfast, 2 pieces of cornbread, dry cereal, some apricots and milk. Since we were still hungry we ran to another mess hall for breakfast. They had 2 biscuits, dry cereal and prunes. It was awfully cold coming home, for once I saw the sunrise which was very beautiful. (The sunset and sunrise are the only beautiful sights around here.)

We shivered around for an hour outside and then went to visit a friend - it was so warm around the stove (our neighbor had a smoking stove, so the soot fell on our things outside, which aggravated us greatly). We knitted and read the funnies, then at 10:00 a.m. we girls made some sandwiches for the men. There were 50 of them (30 regular and 20 volunteers). We made apple butter and cheese sandwiches

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and served with tea. They certainly appreciated it. They are certainly thoughtful to help on their day off (from regular work). They finished six rooms in one day. What aggravated me was that our room was the last, it wasn't finished till 6:30 p.m. while the rest were finished by 5:00p.m. Dad is so particular, he makes me mad sometimes. The results weren't too good either.

This afternoon, I gossiped a while with a neighbor who goes out to work and comes home on weekends (domestic work). She receives about \$1 per day (\$7 per week) and gets Sat. and Sun. off, with transportation which is quite good, since most girls only get about \$6 per week. She enjoys her work, since she can go to movies with the children, gets the afternoon off to go shopping etc. Even if the town is small, its freedom. Her picture was in the Millard Cnty paper as one of the evacuees working outside. She wants to save enough to attend college by spring. She has written to all of the colleges of the mid-west and East to find possible choices. They all sent her catalogues and applications (except one which is a negro college and 1 which is too crowded, and another which advised her waiting until fall) Thus she has a very large collection of catalogues Hope she can find a suitable one. I'm still waiting for replies to my inquiries and hope they will come soon. I'm getting rather impatient.

I attended church this morning, it was about sacrifices in order to obtain the best of life. The minister told of the changes in many y. people since evacuation. Some became very bitter since entering Topaz while others have become very enlightened and happy about the

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possibilities both here and in the post-war era. He feels that we must all ~~the~~ ^{be missionaries of} / the christian life in order to insure a just peace and post-war period. It was rather impressive, but I think it was rather drawn out at the end. He made so many anti-climatical statements.

This afternoon we former "Y" members had a get-together. We all talked about college and the possible choices. It seems most of them are religious colleges, which require attendance at many religious services and classes. When they are compulsory we don't really enjoy it. The only colleges available seem to be small ones; religious ones; and not very many state universities. Thus, the cost of the majority of them is very high. However, we all want to finish college or continue with graduate work. One of our gang is at a small college in a Methodist community. They gave her a welcome barbecue and treat her very well. Moreover, she eats at the dormitory so she experiences that group feeling which so many who live alone miss. She enjoys it very much. Another girl of our group is attending the U. of Denver - it is smaller than "Cal." but still there is the air of a large university. There are a number of J. in Denver so that she doesn't feel all alone, but the strange part of it is that the latter try to avoid her. Maybe for their own protection since Denver is supposed to be a military area, so that they fear they will be removed at any time. It's a shame that such must be the case. However, she has many letters of recommendation which have helped her a great deal - especially with the Caucasians. The nisei soldiers come to Denver on furlough, so she sees many of her former friends. There are also a few nisei at D.U. but mostly from

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Washington, so she doesn't know many. Moreover she is in the school of librarianship which gives her very little time for visiting with undergrads. anyway she enjoys her freedom. Hope I can do the same in the near future.

We gossiped about what the former "Cal-ites" are doing - their romances, etc. included. E.E. is making a doilie for one of them (wedding present) so some of the girls teased her. We started to tease each other, saying we ~~wa~~ (indiv's) would be getting married. We would certainly like to get together again in five years, but only heaven knows where we will be by then. It would be fun tho' to see how many children we have by then.

We were all afraid of our behavior when we reach the outside world, because we have certainly lowered our standards of manners and of satisfaction since coming into camp. Especially two of the girls have worked among rural children and y. people for five months (at Tanforan) so that they seem to have acquired a few peculiarities from them. We would probably scrape our plates and maintain some of our mess hall ways, which will prove very embarrassing to say the least. A soldier came home on furlough to visit his folks, he said they have certainly changed. He feels sorry for them, and wants to treat all the residents if possible because he realizes that tho' he doesn't receive much compensation, he at least has more than we do. It seems all the soldiers are comforting us instead of vice versa.

We all told of our plans - one girl plans to go out to work in preparation for college. Still another thinks she might attend the

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U. of Utah, and receive her nursing training here. Another, might go to Chicago to join her married sister but feels that her sister in high school should go there and receive her education instead. Two others weren't very definite (since they are only daughters). Still another hopes to go to college next spring by scholarship if possible.

I ate dinner with E.N. who had a long discussion with some very pessimistic ideas about this war and this country. They all felt that there is no future here, and that they should go back to Japan because there at least they wouldn't be persecuted as here (at least their children wouldn't). Their argument seems quite strong in view of our evacuation but still I believe there are so many factors to be considered, especially our backgrounds since ~~there~~ ^{I have} always had favorable relations with the Caucasians and could never contemplate going to J. Anyway, she was very downhearted.

Tonight we had to put all the things back into the house and what a mess!

Monday, October 26

Today I continued to read about recreation. They still haven't called me to the meeting of the survey. I helped find the admin. instruction and circular letter relevant to the comm. welfare dept. and must inquire of them if they have them on hand, if not we are to have copies sent to them.

G. is to work with the survey as a clerk. I think she can do it well.

H. went to school today, I guess he likes it, he would prefer to play.

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I chatted with F.I. who is one of the supervisors of the interviewers. He feels that a great deal of fact, etc. is necessary in handling the survey, a number of isseis will be on the staff. I'm getting rather tired of waiting for them. I'd like to get my organization chart finished soon, maybe tomorrow. Some more J.A.C.L. people came to camp today.

It seems there is less leniency in the matter of leaving camp nowadays. However, S.J. who works for the director of employment says that he is very optimistic and that he receives many calls for workers. Moreover he feels that it will be possible to have practically everyone relocated soon. Hope so.

I heard today that non-citizens will no longer be allowed to enter camp for visits, isn't that a shame!

D.U. who is planning to leave for S.L.C. to work has begun her negotiations. The FBI clearance will probably take a long time but she hopes to be able to leave by Nov. 8 with her friends who will come for her.

Another girl who has been trying to get her mother out on the longest time, finally received approval.

Tonight I wrote letters and tried to get the room settled, altho' it wasn't very successful. I get so disgusted with our messy house, I want to leave just to get away from it sometimes.

Tuesday, October 27

Today I was supposed to go to inquire if the welfare dept. has all the admin. instructions and circular letters referring to them. I went thru in the cold, but they weren't opened yet (because of lack

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of stoves), so I waited for about fifteen minutes. Then, Mr. B. came in the car and I went back to the office with him. (He commented about my emblem too).

Then in about an hour I went back with A.G. and some other girls. It was swell riding around on the road in a sedan. X.V. who is a grammar school teacher told us that the administrators and teachers have a very patronizing and intolerant attitude toward us. They feel that even the J. girls with certificates aren't capable enough to act as superintendents, even if they have more ability than the former. Also the Caucasian teachers feel very superior to the nisei teachers. The nurses and doctor (Caucasian) are not very efficient or pleasant to the residents or to their co-workers, it's really disgusting.

I went to inquire about my position in the survey but they just said my work will begin later, which doesn't mean much.

The welfare dept. was having a meeting about the survey so I had to leave a note and gave the ... the originals to have it copied.

The hospital is intended primarily for the outsiders so the front faces the outside, it's really aggravating.

Today they installed mirrors in the washrooms, it was swell! (Mom says its for the soldiers who will come in).

This noon I ate with the "gang," but I didn't care to, so I ate with C.B. We chatted about this and that. She seems to be very quiet. at the canteen they had marmalade and peanut butter but the former was gone before I could buy it.

This afternoon I studied the organization of the dept. and began

a chart, but its going to be very complicated. I'll need a very large sheet. Also outlined references for the various sections of the study.

I chatted with S.U. who came in the last group from T. She said the 6 girls in our office (employment) went on strike one day because they had to work on Sunday in order that three girls could go to S.F. Mr. G. went to visit them 3 times to see how they felt, and finally asked them if they would like to go to S.F. too but of course it was too late for they came in a few days. Anyway, it was pretty bad for the morale.

Tonight LN. came over to tell me that she had a number of offers of jobs. There was one at the employment office for 2 maids in S.L.C. which she thought we might both apply for. Then her b.f. told her she might apply to the WRA in Washington (for the Baptist group). Also a girl told her of a job in Wisconsin. Then her former empl. received a post card asking for her (in S.L.C.) so she has many opportunities. I wrote a letter for us to the 1st. Hope I can get one too because I want to leave. Wrote again to the three colleges, I hadn't received replies from; also I wrote to two more colleges. Hope I can get into one; I heard that the student comm. had released the names of available colleges, but a number had written to all of them (tho' they weren't seriously considering entering) so the colleges became rather angry. Thus, the committee decided to release names to only those students whom they interview to determine illegibility etc. Too bad, isn't it?

Wednesday, October 28

Today I nearly froze going to work because it snowed. However, it melted as soon as it touched the ground. But it was very cold all day.

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I didn't accomplish much work this morning. I finished compiling the bibliographies for the various divisions of our field, then I filed the various booklets and pamphlets and folders under the three main headings of welfare, recreation and education. I finished in the middle of the afternoon and then read a few articles in the Survey Graphic (especially about us) and in the School Life (about research projects.)

At noon I ate lunch at a messhall in which the plates were all set on the table. It eliminates standing in line inside, but it's not very satisfactory. to latecomers because it's cold by then. The workers don't have to work as hard. Also one can obtain second helpings without embarrassment.

We went to the canteen after lunch and got caught in the snow on the way back. Was it cold! We bought an apple at the canteen for 5¢ each. One of the girls bought a cup of ice cream - um.

After this I think we will bring our knitting to do after lunch, since we would prefer to get back inside right after lunch.

I sent the letter for the job by mistake (without signatures) today. I should have sent two letters to schools but didn't. Hope I receive an answer to my request in the near future, because I'm getting very impatient.

Tonight I knitted . H. was in bed so his friend came over, he wanted to crochet so G. taught him. His brother is outside working with sugar beets and seems to enjoy his freedom greatly. He buys things for his brother. The father complains that not enough pay is given to residents, which is very true.

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Dad finished putting the sheetrock around the doorway. Hope we get the house arranged in the very near future.

I want to leave as soon as possible, both for financial and personal reasons. Everything around here is very demoralizing and they say the workers may be "frozen" outside so I think I should get out as soon as possible. What I fear is that they may limit the number leaving because of the shortage of workers here.

Thursday, October 29

Today I typed a letter to G.N. in S.L.C. to ask her to find me a part-time domestic job plus a clerical or sales position. Hope she can find one. Then I had a ride to the placement office but found they had moved so couldn't make my application for work. It seems that the scholarship idea won't go thru' so I may have to work until next fall.

G. went to Delta today to have her tooth x-rayed. She had a little time to shop. She bought me some sunglasses, some snails, candy and lipstick. Mostly at the five and dime store.

I received the yarn order today, it was C.O.D. so I had to wait until 10:30 a.m. to get it (since the main postoffice doesn't open until almost 9:00 a.m.) I wanted to do a lot of knitting today and tonight but I went to the show tonight. Saw "Lucky Partners" with Ronald Colman and Ginger Rogers, it was very fantastic but very good to see a movie again, it's the first one I've seen.

I found out that it will require about four to six weeks to obtain clearance to leave for work, certainly hope I will be able to leave soon. I'm getting very bored with life here.

The welfare dept. came to inquire if some housing could be provided

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for P.N. who is coming to visit us around Thanksgiving. I hope I can find someone near here, but I'm not certain.

Friday, October 30

This morning I went to apply for the outside job in S.L.C. The placement office has moved and is in an uproar. There is no systematized procedure for applicants to speak to the interviewers. The latter have no seats and the supply office is still there. There are counters which look very incongruous in an employment office. Everyone stands around blocking everyone else's way. All in all its a mess.

Finally I found that I had to fill out the form in the ad. bldg. (where I am located) so I was losing much time. It (questionnaire) was very detailed and asked all sorts of questions about my education, hobbies, interests, and skills, etc. and also about past employment; another form which deals mostly with relations with Japan, etc. asked questions as dual citizenship, status, membership in J. groups, clubs, associations, father's affiliations; visits outside U.S., denial of allegiance to J. etc. It took about one hour to finish it all. Then we went to get our mackinaws at the warehouse, was it cold waiting in line. They were very big but warm so I obtained mine.

I asked Z.Z. if he could let P.N. stay with him overnight, he said O.K. he has an extra bed and mattress but no blankets or sheets. I don't know what to do about the last, maybe I'll have to furnish it. I phoned housing to report the housing arrangements, think I'll have to report to Housing & Employment and probably to welfare. Such red tape! I did a little typing today and almost finished the welfare division for the questionnaires.

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I did finish the community activities part and part of the education section.

Miss M. came back today and said it was dark in S.F. but that she enjoyed her trip. (She was gone a week).

Mr. B. obtained another draft questionnaire. There is a possibility that he will be reclassified. He's very worried, poor fellow. Hope he doesn't have to leave because he's really understanding of our situation. I read a letter he wrote to a friend deploring our plight - especially the physical aspect. He implies that the mental side is very bad too. Also he cites the article in Harper's - which states the problem very clearly. He says that "99% are loyal, courageous and ambitious." - which shows a very liberal attitude. It would be pretty bad if he must leave.

Tonight I finished my red socks, knitted a little on my gift socks and also practised my shorthand.

Saturday, October 31

This morning I continued to copy questions for the survey. Last night we received questionnaires from the Rec. dept. about interests, etc. It seems like overlapping of functions.

Mr. B. showed us pictures of his family, wife, son and daughter. They are all quite attractive. He's worried because he has been reclassified from 3A.

He wants to get a list of all the male residents. I think they're going to draft sugar beet workers, won't that be terrible!

Mr. Ernsts' secy. went out with the project atty. to Provo - was she excited. Also A. G. (our j.a.a.) will go to S.L.C. with the head

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of the ed. today. Those lucky people, I would like to go for a visit.

This afternoon I washed clothes, my hair, and ironed. Then I started to read, "King's Row" it's fascinating, very fast, moving, tracing a boy's life (and the community's) from boyhood up. It's rather crude in parts, but very realistic.

I wanted to get my check cashed but couldn't, my hours never match.

I'll have to fill out the visitor's permit application for P.N. B.L. who works in the social welfare dept. told G. to have me put fiance for relationship, hope he didn't put that in the letter.

I received a letter (finally) from Western Reserve after it had travelled to Berkeley and back. The catalogue hasn't come to date, I hope it will arrive soon. They want me to correspond with them further. I wonder if it is a very promising field for me (group work) or if I should take up case work. Anyway, I'll have to investigate the matter more fully.

I talked to G.I. who has received a scholarship to a Mass. college in group work. He feels that he is willing to gamble on the possibility of an opening for him later. He is working for an outside concern as suptd. of fire plug installors, and receives 85¢ per hour. He feels he must earn some money to help him with his room and board or transportation tho' he did receive \$1000 in all, which should cover everything for a year. He wants to enter in spring but hasn't received an answer to his request for extension. Hope he can because he really wants to remain here a while.

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We all obtained kindling wood in our block today, they were gone in fifteen minutes.

I looked at the catalogues of Utah U and Denver U - the cost per yr. would be about \$300 for fees alone. Bd. and room would be extra. However, that isn't as bad as some schools which cost almost \$1000 for fees alone. I'll see how my plans develop.

I heard from one of the girls who is to leave for S.L.C. (has an offer of a domestic position) that there is a quota for all workers, which has been filled by all of the agricultural workers. Its rather unjust to consider girls in the same quota with men.

Some people went out to Delta to get coal yesterday, but were unable to get it there, so had to travel about 100 miles. They haven't returned yet and their families are worried in fear of lack of food, bedding, etc. It is rumored that they had bedding, food, and even a cook provided. Hope so.