

Will be: Minidoka, W.R.A., Eden, Idaho.
 Til next time, then! Love
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Dear Oji-san,

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Three days of camp life here in the desert sands of Idaho have seemed years dreary. We can hardly imagine it's Sept. 5th last year, at this time; remember, Oji-san, the J. A. C. L. convention was held in Seattle. I can just see you rushing around trying to make everyone comfortable. To-day, one year later, we are separated each in a place we'd never dreamed of you, in the unmerciful heat of New Mexico and we, here in the dusty "Garden of Eden". As you've probably heard, this is a huge place set right in the middle of an endless expanse of sage brush. We couldn't even see the camp from where the train stopped. But, getting back to the beginning. The last we saw of Puycallup and majestic Mt. Rainier was early the morning of Sept. 1st exactly 4 months since we arrived there. Early that morning, while the moon and stars were still out, we sent our last baggage to the trains and had breakfast. As dawn broke, we felt so sad to think of leaving the beautiful green N.W. Despite the soot and rumbling of the antique, gas-

2 lighted trains we had an interesting trip.

The mighty Columbia ^{swept by} swept on the left of us and the scenery gradually changed from one of wooded land. Perhaps you've seen all this, too, ne, Oji-Sau. Didn't you think America as being a huge, huge place so often I felt. "What prosperous land the barren wastes would be, after the water ^{was} brought to them.

We evacuee, dropped in this wind-swept flatland, will be contributing toward the future of America by making something worthwhile out of all this land. But then, what a life, it'll be! No outside contacts, no Caucasians except the worker, no stores, except the canteen these three miles away!

The place is about 5 sq miles consisting of 44 blocks, some yet to be built. Each block contains 12 barracks with 6 apts. each. We're in a room about 20x20: for 4 & 5 persons. At least the place is comfortable, even tho' a little cramped and still unfinished. Neesan uses our porch and lives right ^{across} across from us. 37寸

The view here, from the 36th block is lovely. This is about the only place from

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which green grass and trees are visible. We have plenty of rattlesnakes and rabbits, too. ²⁷¹⁴ By the way, catching those rabbits must have been fun, neh.

How happy, the mother rabbit must have been when you let it go. But be careful, Oji-san, because some of the rabbits may have "Tick" disease.

Will write again

Lovingly, FUMIKO