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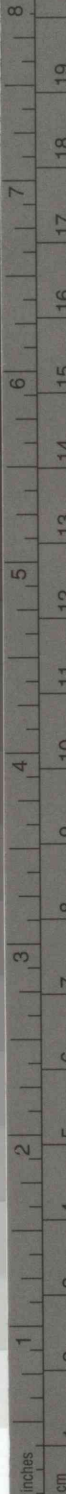
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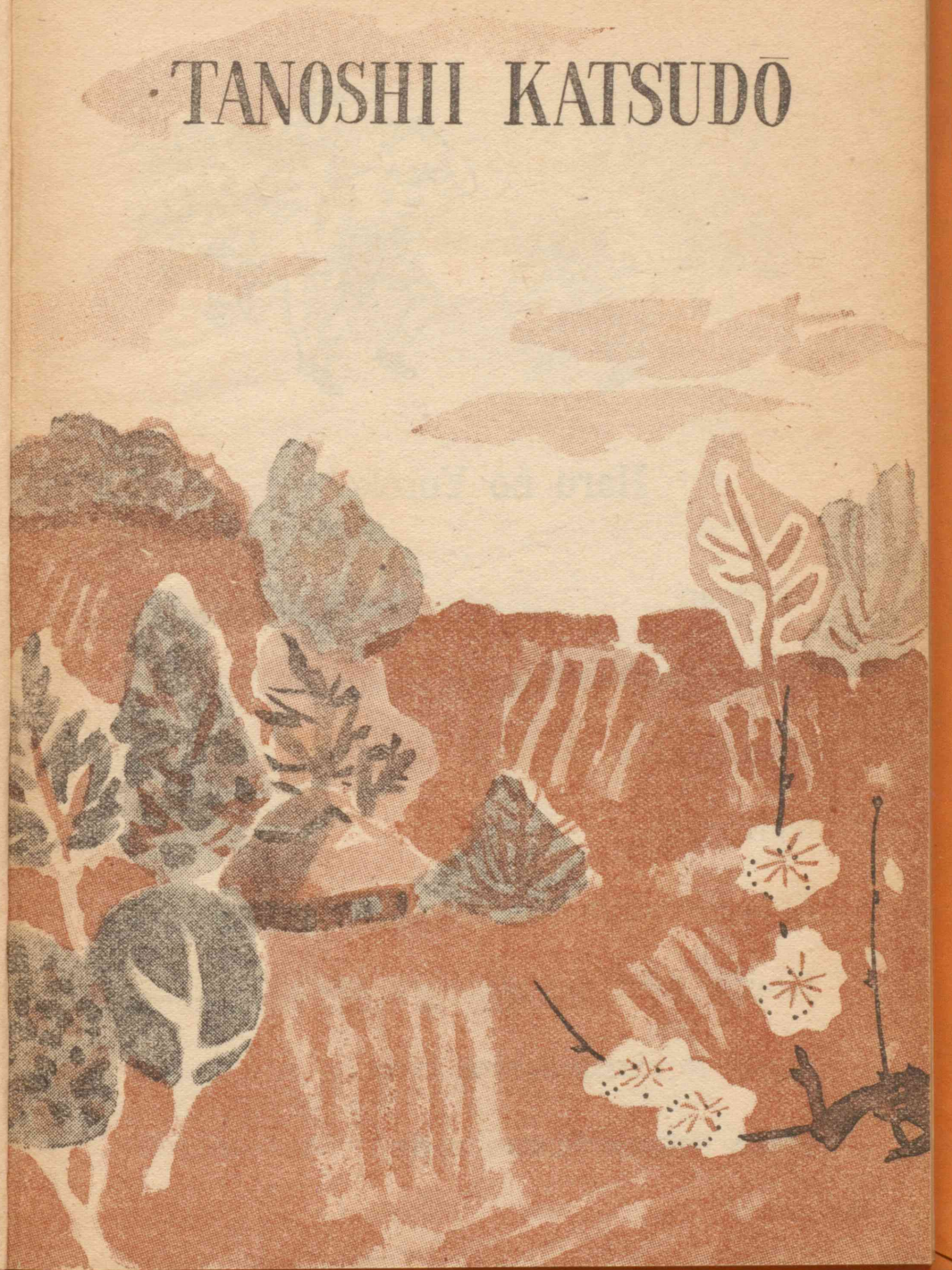
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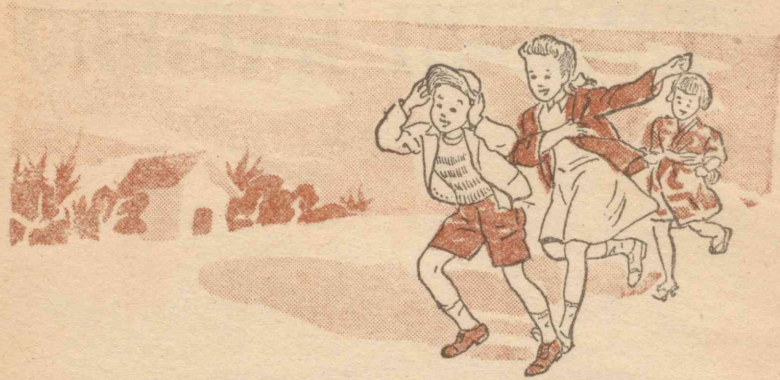
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TANOSHII KATSUDŌ





Haru no Yorokobi

Ameagari

Shittori to shimeri

Mukumuku to koefutori

Moriagari

Nōfu no te kara koboreru tane o matsu daichi.

Jūbunni yoku nete mezameta daichi.

Karari to hareta aozora.

Hibari demo nakisōna hi da.



Ii kisetsu ni natta.

Kokugura no sumikko dewa

Kokumotsu no fukuro no tane mo saezuru darō.

Tobidase

Tobidase

Mushikera mo ningen mo

Minna kono hikari no naka e!

Minna taiyō no shita ni atsumare!

(Yamamura Bochō: 'Kaze wa Kusaki ni Sasayaita' ni yoru.)

Ichiban Chikai Michi

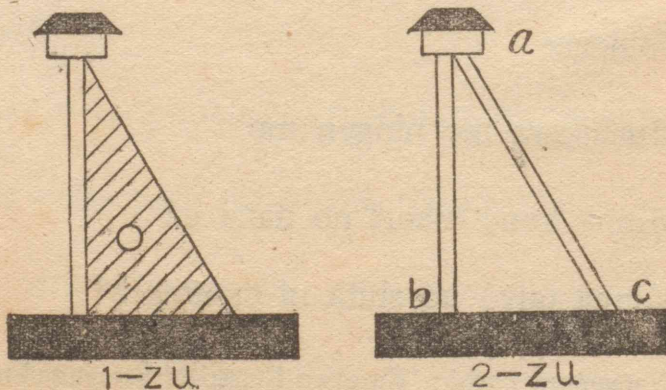
‘Uchi kara dōro made no ichiban chikai michi o tsukure.’

Kono yōna mondai ga shōgakkō no sansū no kyōkasho ni dete i mashita. Sensei wa sore o, ‘Uchi to ōdōri to no aida ni chikamichi o tsukuri nasai,’ to iu mondai ni shite, meimei no nōto ni kaki-torase mashita.

Minna wa, sankakujōgi o tsukatte, 1-zu ni shimesu yōni, uchi kara michi e no suichoku na sen o hiite i mashita. Tashika, kore wa yonensei no toki no koto datta node, hotondo kangaenai de omoi-ataru mono no yōde, kumijū no 90% made wa deki mashita.

Tokoro ga, kangaeru chikara ga surudo i to itte itsu mo homerarete iru Izumi Kun no nōto niwa, 2-zu ni shimesu yōna, futatsu no michi ga kakarete i mashita.

Tabun tōi michi mo awasete kaita mono to omotte,



sensei ga, “Kimi no wa dore ga chikamichi desu ka?” to tazune masu to, Izumi Kun wa, “Kore (ab) to kore (ac) desu,” to kotaete sumashite i masu.

“Dō shite desu ka,” to kiki-kaesu to, “Michi e deru ichiban chikamichi wa kore (ab) desu. Keredomo, (c) no hō kara kaeru toki no koto o kangaeru to, (c) kara (b) o tōtte (a) ni kuru yori, (ca) no michi ga areba sono hō ga chikai kara desu,” to iu setsume i o shi mashita.

Sensei wa kore o kitte, “Omoshiroi kangaekata o suru mono da,” to kanshin mo shi, mata kangaenaoshite orare mashita. Sensei wa kono kangaekata o ichiō watakushi-tachi zembu ni hanashite kudasai mashita. Suru to, minna mo, ‘Naruhodo’ to itte kanshin shi mashita.

(ab) no michi wa dōro e deru no ni ichiban chikamichi de aru koto niwa machigai ga nai. Mata, (c) kara (a) ni chokusen o hiita michi mo (ca) no hō kara kaeru toki niwa chikamichi desu.

Mondai ga, ‘Uchi to ōdōri to no aida ni chikamichi o tsukuru koto’ to shite dasareta toki ni, (ab) no hō o kangaeru koto wa tashikani tadashii kotae desu ga, shikashi Izumi Kun wa betsu no atarashii mondai o kangae-tsuita to iu koto ga deki mashō.

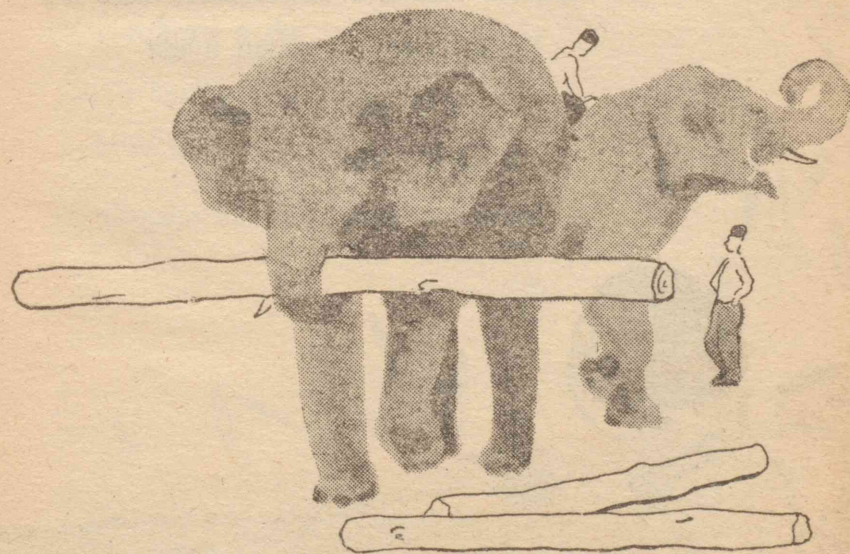
Otona no kangaekata kara sureba, ichi mo ni mo naku, itten to itchokusen to no saitankyori o kangaete,

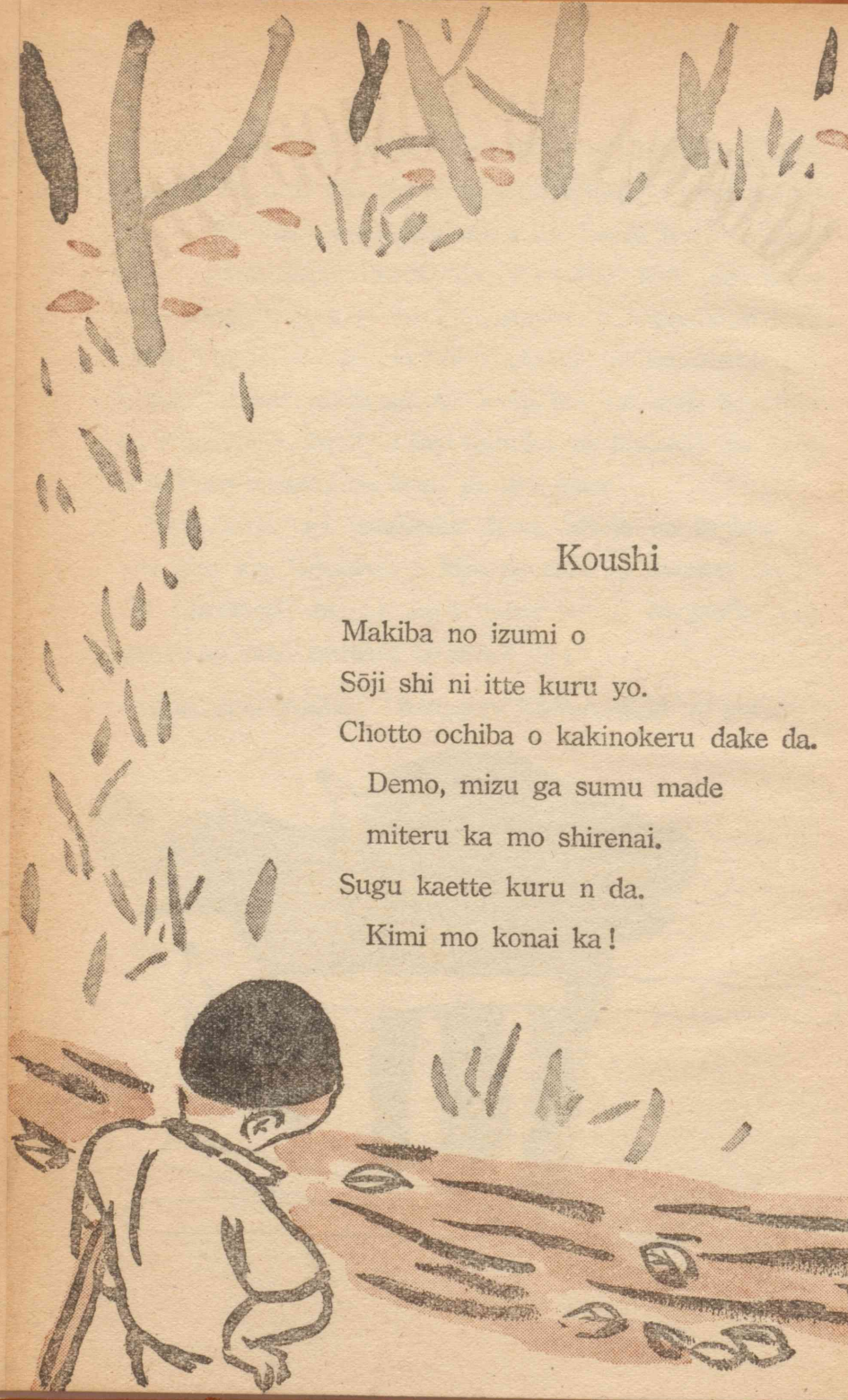
suisen o hiku igai ni kangaenai no ga jōshiki de ari, shōnen no ōku mo, sō shita kangaekata o shite iru no desu. Ga, yoku kangaete miru to, Izumi Kun no kangaeta yōna kangaekata mo naritatsu koto de, kono yōni mono o jiyū ni kangae, sore o misugosazuni tori-agete yuku toki ni, watakushi-tachi no kangaete inakatta, aruiwa atarimae to kangaete ita koto no naka ni, omoi mo yoranai dajjina mondai ga hisonde iru koto o hakken saserareru koto ga ari masu.

Kore kara no yononaka dewa, shidō no tachiba ni aru hito wa, ketsuron o kimete, sore ni awanai mono wa machigai da, to suru yōna semai kangaekata o yamenakereba naranai to omoi masu.

(Takamori Toshio: 'Kangaeru Kodomo-tachi' ni yoru.)

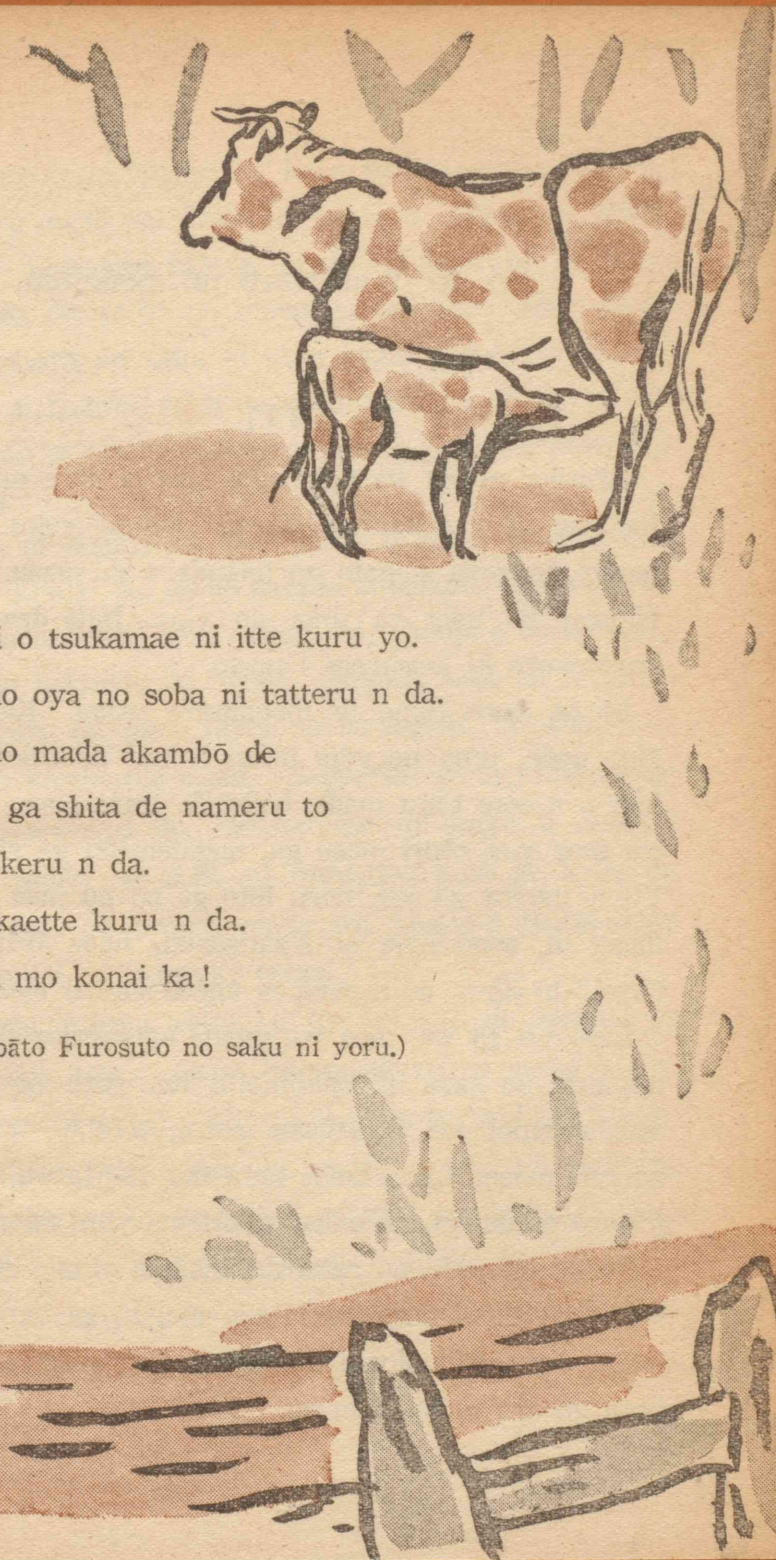
KEGAWA NO TOMODACHI



A simple line drawing of a young boy with a dark cap, seen from behind, looking into a stream. The stream is depicted with horizontal lines and some small circles representing water. The background shows some vertical lines representing trees or reeds.

Koushi

Makiba no izumi o
Sōji shi ni itte kuru yo.
Chotto ochiba o kakinokeru dake da.
Demo, mizu ga sumu made
miteru ka mo shirenai.
Sugu kaette kuru n da.
Kimi mo konai ka!

A simple line drawing of a cow with brown spots, standing and facing left. The cow is drawn with bold outlines and some shading on its body. The background is plain with some faint vertical lines.

Koushi o tsukamae ni itte kuru yo.
Itsu mo oya no soba ni tatteru n da.
Demo mada akambō de
Oya ga shita de nameru to
yorokeru n da.
Sugu kaette kuru n da.
kimi mo konai ka!
(Robāto Furosuto no saku ni yoru.)

Zō to Wareware no Seikatsu.

(1)

Afurika no zō wa nakanaka hito ni nare masen ga, Indo no zō wa, kunren sureba, jitsuni yoku hito ni narete, iroirona shigoto no tetsudai o shi masu. Chōdo Nippon no ushi ya uma no yōni, Indo dewa zō ga itarutokoro ni kawarete i masu.

Mazu, noru tame ni mochiirare masu. Karada ga ōkii node, uma no yōni hitori bakari de naku, ōkuno hito o nosete tōku made hakonde kure masu. Hayasa wa uma yori otori masu ga, nagatsuzuki ga shi masu. Yoku nareta zō wa, noru hito ga zō no mae ni tachi masu to, sono mae ni hizamazuki, hana o tsukatte, 'hyoi' to jibun no senaka ni agete shimai masu.

Indo no zō wa, hiru wa amari katsuyaku shinai de, mitsurin no naka ni tojikomotte ite, yorū no aida ni isshōkemmei esa o sagasu kurai, nitchū no taiyō o konomi masen kara, katte kara mo 10-ji goro kara 15-ji goro made wa, zō o hatarakasenai yōni shite i masu.

Zō no hataraki no naka de, ichiban yūmei nano wa zaimoku-hakobi desu. Minasan mo, zō ga hana o tsukatte, ōkina zaimoku o mochiagete iru shashin o mita koto ga aru to omoi masu.

Biruma dewa, yamaoku kara toreru chiiku, shitan, tetsuboku nado no katai, omoi ki o ikada ni shite, kawa o nagashite hakobi masu. Korera no mokuzai wa futosa 60 *cm* ijō no mono ga daibubun desu kara, kore o kawa no naka ni irete nagashi, mata hikiagete seizaijo ni hakobi, soko de seizai sareta hashira ya ita o ikkasho ni tsumikasaneru tame ni, zō ga tsukawareru no desu.

Kawa ni atsumatte kita ikada o toite, sono ippon-ippō o kusari de, zō no karada ni tsukete yari masu to, zō wa zuruzuru to sore o kishi ni hikiagete, kimerareta basho ni hakonde iki masu. Soshite, soko de kusari o hodokareru to, mata moto no kawagishi ni itte, onaji sagyō o kurikaeshi masu. Sagyōchū wa kesshite mudana koto o shinai de, moku-moku to sagyō o tsuzuke masu. Michi no soba ni oishisōna kusa ga haete ite mo, shigoto ga owaru made wa kesshite tsumamigui nado shinai de hataraki masu.

Tsumiagerareta zaimoku wa seizaijo de hashira ya ita ni nari masu. Sono hitotsu-hitotsu o mata zō ga shimatsu shi masu. Shurui ni yotte yoriwakete, takaku tsumi-agetē yuki masu ga, moshi tochū ni tsukideta ita nado ga aru to, karada o oshitsukete, kichinto hashi o soroeru koto o wasure masen. Jibun wa ima donna shigoto o shite iru no ka, to iu koto o hakkiri shitte ite, dekiru dake jibun no shigoto o rippani yarō to

doryoku suru no desu.

Shikashi, korehodo chikara ga tsuyoi zō demo, yahari tsukareru koto wa ari masu. Tokuni, Indo-zō wa mitsurin ni iru toki kara, yoru no aida ni karada o tsukau yōni shūkanzuckerarete i masu kara, nitchū wa hikitsuzuite 3-jikan ijō hataraku no wa muri da to sarete i masu. Desu kara, yasumu toki wa karada ni tsuite iru mono wa nani mo kani mo, minna torihazushite, jūbun ni yasumasete yaru no desu.

Shigoto niwa osu mo mesu mo tsukaware masu ga, hoka no dōbutsu to onaji yōni, osu no hō ga chikaramechi desu kara, ōkina shigoto ga deki masu. Sore ni, Indo-zō no mesu no kiba wa chiisai node, kiba o tsukau shigoto niwa tokuni osu ga tsukaware masu. Tatoeba, zaimoku o hakobu toki nado wa, ōkina nihon no kiba o zaimoku no mannaka no shita ni sashikonde, hana de osae, jōzuni heikin o tori agara hakonde yuki masu.

Sono hoka ni, zō wa senaka ni kago o nosete, iroiro no mono o hakobu no nimo tsukaware masu. Niguruma ya kamotsu-jidōsha no yōna hataraki desu, ne. Shikamo, zō wa niguruma ya jidōsha no tōrenai yōna yama no naka demo, heiki de mono o hakobi masu.

(2)

Zō to ieba, sugu sākasu o omoidasu hodo, zō wa gei

no umai dōbutsu desu.

Berurin no aru yūmeina kyokubadan niwa, jitsuni geitō no umai zō ga i mashita. Biiru-bin o tatete, sono ue ni maeashi o noseta mama sakadachi o suru no desu.

Amerika nimo geitō no umai zō ga i mashita. Nyūyōku de hirakareta aru sākasu no zō wa, sanrinsha no ue ni ano ōkina oshiri o oroshite, jiyū ni norimawashite, okyaku o a' to iwase mashita.

Nippon demo, mukashi Ōsaka no dōbutsuen ni ita zō wa iroirona kyokugei o shi mashita. Kokki o hana de kakagete, ichiretsu ni narabete aru kui no ue o yochi-yochi to watatte aruku no ga tokui deshita. Soshite, ichido shikujiru to, tochū kara hikikaeshite, mata hajime kara yochi-yochi to watari-hajimeru no deshita.

Kono yōni mite kuru to, zō wa jitsuni kantan ni hito no iu koto o kiku mono no yōni omoware masu ga, kore made ni narasu zō-tsukai no kushin wa taihenna mono desu. Indo dewa zō ni gei o shikomu no wa kamisama no mae de okonawareru koto ni natte i masu. Mata, takusan no zō o ichido ni narasu tame ni zō no gakkō no yōna mono ga dekite i masu.

Zō-tsukai no hito no kushin mo taihen desu ga, zō-jishin ga rikōna dōbutsu desu kara, sono kunren ni tsuite wa, iroiro omoshiroi hanashi ga ari masu. Sono naka de, zō ga donna ni nesshin ni gei o oboeyō to

suru ka, to iu rei o hanashite oki mashō.

Zō-tsukai no ojisan ga, ikudo mo ikudo mo oshiete, totemo kyūni wa deki sō mo nai muzukashii kyokugei deshita node, hi mo kure mashita shi, mata ashita ni shiyō to omotte, ori no naka ni zō o irete kaeri mashita. Tokoro ga, yonaka ni natte kara, itsu ni naku zō ga abarete iru oto ga suru node, sotto itte nozoite mi masu to, dō deshō, zō wa hiruma oshierareta gei o isshin ni renshū shite ita no desu. Ikudo mo ikudo mo shippai shite wa yari, shippai shite wa yari shite i mashita. Zō-tsukai no ojisan wa omowazu namidagunde shimatta to iu koto desu.

(Ono Hirotake: 'Zō no Hanashi' ni yoru.)

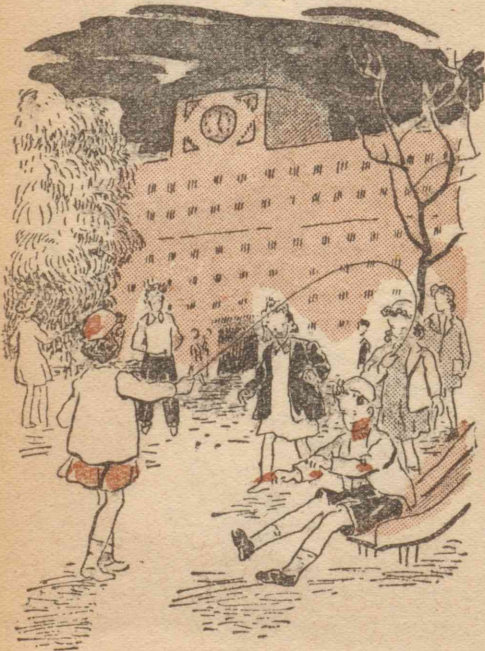
SEKAI NO HITOBITO



Sekai no Otomodachi

Heiwa na sekai o kizukiagete iku tame ni, otagai ni te o tsunagi-atte ikanakereba naranai. Gaikoku no shōnen-tachi wa, ima, donna koto o kangae, donna kurashi o shite iru deshō ka? Nippon ni kite iru gaikoku-shimbun no tokuhain kara ohanashi o kiite mi mashō.

**Tanoshii
gakkō-seikatsu
Amerika**



Amerika no shōnen shōjo wa kodomo no toki kara, Amerika no shimin to shite hazukashiku nai yōni sodaterarete yuku no desu.

Mazu, Amerika no shōnen shōjo no gakkō seikatsu kara ohanashi shi mashō. Amerika no kodomo-tachi wa, daitai ni oite 6-sai kara shōgakkō ni yuki masu. Shōnen to shōjo wa issho ni, onaji kyōkasho de benkyō shi masu. Yakyū o suru no mo, nawa-

tobi o suru no mo, kakurembo o shite asobu no mo, on-gaku o kiku no mo, minna issho ni yaru no desu. Kō shite, otoko no ko mo, onna no ko mo, onaji su no naka de, onaji yōni sodachi, issho ni otona ni natte yuku no desu.

Amerika no gakkō wa, gakkō ga sono mama 1-tsu no shakai de atte, sotsugyō shite kara hataraku tame ni benkyō o suru tokoro dewa nai no desu.

Naratta koto wa, sono hi sono hi ni atama no naka ni shimatte iki masu. Uchi e kaette kara anshō o suru no dewa nakutte, ima naratta koto o, sono jikan no uchi ni shiken sareru node, sensei no ossharu koto o, chūibukaku kiite ite, atama ya kokoro no naka ni sugu shimawanakereba nari masen. Yoshū ya fukushū wa, gakkō no toshoshitsu de sumase, uchi ni kaeru to, genki-yoku asondari chiisai otōto ya imōto no omori o shi masu.

Gakkō dewa, benkyō bakari de naku, yagate shōnen-tachi ga America no yoi shimin to naru tame ni, chiisai toki kara

1. Jibun hitori de mono-goto o kufū shi, hitori de handan dekiru yōni,
2. Tadashii koto to tadashikunai koto, shite yoi koto to shite wa ikenai koto ga hitori de miwakerareru yōni,
3. Ichiban muda naku shigoto o suru yōni, itsu mo minna no chikara o atsumete shigoto o suru yōni, nado no kunren ga okonaware masu.

Kurisumasu ya tanjōbi niwa, tomodachi o yobi, gēmu o shitari, gochisō o itadaki nagara, sono aida ni gyōgi ya tomodachi to no otsukiai o oboe masu. Otanjōbi niwa tokubetsu no okashi o tsukutte, sono kodomo no toshi no kazu dake no rōshoku o tate, mina de otanjōbi omedetō no uta o utai masu.

Nichiyōbi niwa taitei no shōnen shōjo wa sappari shita yōfuku o kite, nichiyōgakkō ni yuki masu. Kyōkai wa shōnen shōjo ni totte tanoshii tokoro desu. Reihai ga owaru to, taitei no kyōkai niwa kodomo-tachi no tame no pimpon-dai ya toshoshitsu ga atte, pimpon o shitari, hon o yondari, ongaku no renshū o shitari, pūru no aru tokoro dewa suiei o shitari shi masu.

Mata, bōisukauto ga atte, 7-sai kara 17-sai made no shōnen shōjo wa, dare demo dan'in ni naru koto ga deki masu.

*Yoi shimin ni
naru benkyō*

Igirisu



Igirisu no shōnen shōjo wa 10-sai ni naru to, otoko no ko wa bōisukauto (shōnendan), onna no ko wa gārugaido (shōjodan) ni hairi masu. Soshite, gakkō o sotsugyō suru made, dan'in to shite, haikingu ni ittari, yoi ōkesutora o kiitari, suiei, tenisu, eiga, dokusho no gurūpu ni haittari, tanoshiku sugoshi masu. Keredomo, tada asobu dake de naku, iroiro no benkyō mo kono aida ni shi masu. Shūkyō ya seiji no koto wa, kōritsu gakkō dewa, oshie masen keredo, katei ya kō iu tokoro de, 'Sekai no heiwa ni tsuite' toka, 'Kokumin no koe ni tsuite' toka, yoi shimin de aru tame ni, kodomo-tachi wa jissai no kenkyū daimoku o iroiro to benkyō shite i masu.

Igirisu no shōnen shōjo-tachi wa hitomae de sawaidari, medatsu koto o suru no wa, ogyōgi ga warui to sarete ori masu. Otona ni majitte, otona to onaji yōni furumau koto wa ikenai koto da to sarete i masu.

Kodomo rashii mujakina reigi, shizukana jōh'na taido o manabu yōni shitsukerare masu.

Nippon dewa shingakki wa 4-gatsu 1-jitsu kara desu ga, Furansu dewa 10-gatsu 1-jitsu ni hajimari masu. Gakunen no owari wa 7-gatsu 14-ka desu. Desu kara, kono nika-getsu han no aida ga natsuyasumi ni nari masu. Tanoshii natsuyasumi ga kuru to, bōisukauto ya gārusukauto ni haitte iru shōnen shōjo-tachi wa, kyampu



Shizen o tomo ni
Furansu

ya ryokō no keikaku ni
isshōkemmei desu. Gak-
kō kara wa mochiron
shukudai mo dasare masu
ga, minna isoide shukudai
o owatte, tanoshii keikaku
o tateru no desu.

Daisuki na no wa jiten-
sha-ryokō desu. Midori
no no ya yama o genki-
ippai, jitensha de hashiru
no wa kono ue mo nai
yorokobi desu. Tsukare-

ta tokoro de kyampu o shitari, motte kita shokuryō o
hirogete, utsukushii shizen no naka de, uta o utatte,
nakayoshi no otomodachi to sugosu no desu.

Nippon dewa yakyū ga sakan desu ga, Furansu dewa,
hotondo daremo yakyū wa shi masen. Undō no naka
dewa sofutofuttobōru ga ichiban sakan desu.

(‘Shōnen Asahi’ ni yoru.)

Yoi Senshu wa Iiwake o Iwanai

1949-nen 8-gatsu, Furuhashi senshu hoka 5-nin
no suiei senshu wa Amerika no Rosuanzerusu
de hirakareru suiei-taikai ni deru koto ni natta.
Kore wa sono toki, Amerika ni wataru mizu
no senshu ni, Suehiro Itsutarō ga okutta koto-
ba de aru.

Amerika e iku mizu no senshu no minasan! Kimi-
tachi niwa, ima made iroiro no hito kara, takusan no
hagemashi no kotoba ga ataerarete iru. Shikashi, kimi-
tachi ni zehi shitte ite morai tai koto ga, mada dare
kara mo hanasarete inai node, hitotsu sono koto o no-
bete, kimi-tachi no hanayakana kadode no hanamuke
ni shi tai.

Watakushi wa ima kara 35-nen hodo mae ni Amerika
ni ita ga, Shikago Daigaku no rikujō-senshu ga Mishi-
gan Daigaku to shiai o suru mae no hi ni, kōchi no
Sutaggu Shi ga, senshu ni mukatte tsugi no yōna koto
o nobeta no o kiita hodo, watakushi no isshō ni totte,
tame ni natta koto wa nakatta.

Sore wa, “Yoi senshu wa iiwake o iwanai,” to iu koto
de aru. Kore wa hitotsu niwa maketa toki no senshu
no taido ni tsuite no chūi, tsumari Amerikajin ga ichi-
ban kiratte iru makeoshimi o iu na to iu imi demo aru

ga, sore yori mo taisetsuna koto wa, ima made Nipponjin ga, "Jinji o tsukushite temmei o mate," to itte ita koto o, motto tsuyoi kotoba de itte iru ten ni aru to omou. "Jinji o tsukushite temmei o mate," to iu kotoba niwa, nan to naku, jinji o tsukushitara, ato wa makete mo shikata ga nai, to iu yōna yowai hibiki ga aru.

Kore towa hantai ni, "Yoi senshu wa iiwake o iwanai," to iu kotoba niwa hijōni tsuyoi hibiki ga aru.

Kono koto o kimi-tachi wa yoku ajiwatte morai tai to omou.

Kimi-tachi wa yoku, "Aite no senshu dake ga teki da," to omou koto ga aru. Shikashi, nagai aida supōtsu-seikatsu o shita mono ni totte wa, teki wa aite no senshu dewa nakute, jibun no kokoro no naka ni iru. Sono kokoro no naka no teki to wa nani ka? Kantan



ni iu to, maketa toki ni, iiwake o iō to suru kokoro no yurumi de aru.

Kyōgi ni maketa toki, senshu wa iiwake o subeki de nai. Naka niwa, maketa toki no koto o kangaete, shiai no mae kara shikiri ni iiwake o iu senshu sae aru. Shikashi, make wa nan to shite mo make de, makete kara iiwake o itte mo nan nimo naranai. Senshu to shite wa, shiai no mae ni, makete iiwake o iu hitsuyō ga nai dake no chikara-ippai no doryoku o shinakereba naranai. Sono doryoku to wa nani ka?

Sore wa jibun no kokoro to tatakaū koto de aru.

Sono ichiban kantanna rei wa, shiai no mae ni, nebie o shitari, tabesugitari shite onaka o kowasu na to iu koto de aru. Shiai no toki ni, onaka o kowashite ita to iu yōna koto wa, sukoshimo maketa iiwake niwa naranai koto o kangaete morai tai to omou.

Amerika no senshu wa kōchi no Kippasu Shi ni tsurerarete, ima made ni nido Nippon ni kita ga, sono toki watakushi ga ichiban kanshin shita koto wa, tabemono ni taisuru kantoku no kibishii koto de atta. Kippasu Shi wa, senshu ni suika mo tabesasenakereba, aisukuriimu mo tabesasenakatta.

Kono kibishii kantoku ni shitagatte, dono senshu mo minna kokoro no yūwaku ni makezu ni kurashita no niwa hijōni kanshin shita.

Kimi-tachi ga kono koto o yoku kangaete, iiwake wa

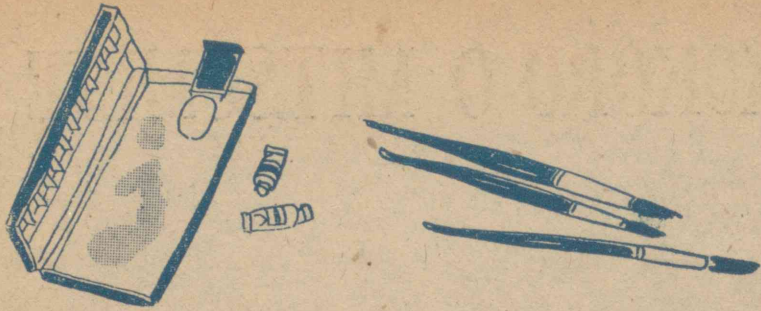
hitotsu mo nai, makete iiwake o iwanai dake no yōi o jūbun ni shite hoshii to iu koto o, tokuni hanamuke no kotoba to shite mōshiage tai.

Watakushi ga ima made ni atta suiei-senshu no naka de, ichiban erai to omotta no wa, Amerika no Medika de aru. Sono Medika o Berurin Orimpikku Taikai no 1500 m jiyūgata de, Terada ga yōyaku makashita node aru ga, sono shiai no owatta sugu ato de, watakushi wa Medika ni nagusame no kotoba o kakete, "Sasuga no kimi demo, konna ni nankai mo dasarete wa," to iika-keru to, Medika wa te o futte, "Sore wa itte kureru na!" to itta. Sono toki, Medika no me niwa namida ga hikatte ita. Medika wa iroiro no shumoku de tsukare-kitte ita noni, arate no Terada ni mukatta no de aru. Makeru koto wa hajime kara wakatte ita no de aru. Da kara, iiwake o ittemo sukoshimo okashiku nai tokoro de atta ga, Medika wa tōtō hitokoto mo iiwake o iwanakatta no de aru.

(Mainichi Shimbun 1949, 8, 10 Suehiro Itsutarō
'Mizu no Senshu ni Okuru' ni yoru.)

KOKORO O MITSUMETE





Hitofusa no Budō

Boku wa, chiisai toki ni, e o kaku koto ga suki deshita. Boku no kayotte ita gakkō wa, Yokohama no Yamanote to iu tokoro ni ari mashita ga, sokoira wa seiyōjin bakari sunde iru machi de, boku no gakkō mo, sensei wa seiyōjin bakari deshita. Soshite, sono gakkō no yuki-kaeri niwa, itsu demo, hoteru ya seiyōjin no kaisha nado ga narande iru kaigan no tōri o tōru no deshita. Tōri no umizoi ni tatte miru to, massaona umi no ue ni shōsen ga ippai narande ite, entotsu kara kemuri no dete iru no ya, hobashira kara hobashira e bankokki o kake-watashita no ya ga atte, me ga itai yōni kirei deshita. Boku wa yoku kishi ni tatte, sono keshiki o miwatashite, uchi ni kaeru to, oboete iru dake o dekiru dake utsukushiku e ni kaite miyō to shi mashita. Keredomo, ano sukitoru yōna umi no ai-iro to shiroi homaesens nado no mizugiwa chikaku ni nutte aru yōkōshoku to wa, boku no motte iru enogu dewa,

dō kaite mo, hontō no keshiki de miru yōna iro niwa kake masen deshita.

Fuṭo, boku wa gakkō no tomodachi no motte iru seiyōenogu o omoi-dashi mashita. Sono tomodachi wa yappari seiyōjin de, shikamo boku yori futatsu gurai toshi ga ue deshita kara, sei wa miageru yōni ōkii ko deshita. Jimu to iu sono ko no motte iru enogu wa, hakurai no jōtō no mono de, karui ki no hako no naka ni, 12-iro no enogu ga, chiisana sumi no yōni shikaku na katachi ni katamerarete, niretsu ni narande i mashita. Dono iro mo utsukushikatta ga, toriwakete ai to yōkō to wa bikkuri suru hodo utsukushii mono deshita. Jimu wa boku yori sei ga takai kuse ni e wa zutto heta deshita. Sore demo, sono enogu o nuru to, hetana e sae nan da ka mi-chigaeru yōni utsukushiku naru no desu. Boku wa itsu demo sore o urayamashii to omotte i mashita. Anna enogu sae areba, boku datte umi no keshiki o, hontō ni umi ni mieru yōni kaite miseru no ni nā, to, jibun no warui enogu ni tokidoki gakkari shi mashita.

Sō shitara sono hi kara Jimu no enogu ga hoshikutte, hoshikutte tamaranaku nari mashita keredomo, boku wa nan da ka okubyō ni natte, papa ni mo mama ni mo katte kudasai to negau ki ni narenai node, mainichi mainichi sono enogu no koto o kokoro no naka de omoi tsuzukeru bakari de, ikunichi ka hi ga tachi mashita.

Ima dewa, itsu no koro datta ka oboete i masen ga, aki datta no deshō, budō no mi ga jikushite ita no desu

kara.

Tenki wa fuyu ga kuru mae no aki ni yokū aru yōni, sora no oku no oku made mi-sukasaresōni hare watatta hi deshita. Boku-tachi wa sensei to issho ni bentō o tabe mashita ga, sono tanoshimi na bentō no saichū demo, boku no kokoro wa nan da ka ochitsukanai de, sono hi no sora to wa urahara ni kurakatta no desu. Boku wa jibun hitori de kangae-konde i mashita. Dare ka ga ki ga tsuite mitara, kao mo kitto aokatta kamo shire masen. Jimu wa boku no mune no naka de kangaete iru koto o shitte iru ni chigai nai to omotte, sotto sono kao o miru to, Jimu wa nannimo shiranai yōni, omoshirosōni warattari shite, waki ni suwatte iru seito to hanashi o shite iru no desu. Demo, sono waratte iru no ga, boku no koto o shitte ite waratte iru yōni mo omoeru shi, nani ka hanashi o shite iru no ga, "Ima ni miro, ano Nipponjin ga boku no enogu o toru ni chigai nai kara," to itte iru yōni mo omoeru no desu. Boku wa iyana kimochi ni nari mashita. Keredomo, Jimu ga boku o utagatte iru yōni miereba mieru hodo, boku wa sono enogu ga hoshikute naranaku naru no desu.

Boku wa, kawaii kao wa shite ita kamo shirenai ga, karada mo kokoro mo yowai ko deshita. Sono ue, oku-byōmono de, ii tai koto mo, iwazu ni sumasu yōna tachi deshita. Da kara, ammari hito kara wa, kawaigararenakatta shi, tomodachi mo nai hō deshita. Hiru-gohan ga sumu to, hoka no kodomo-tachi wa kappatsu ni

undōba ni dete, hashiri mawatte asobi hajime mashita ga, boku wa naosara sono hi wa henni kokoro ga shizunde, hitori dake kyōjō ni haitte i mashita. Soto ga akarui dake ni, kyōjō no naka wa kuraku natte, boku no kokoro no naka no yō deshita. Jibun no seki ni suwatte i nagara, boku no me wa tokidoki Jimu no tēburu no hō ni hashiri mashita. Naifu de iroirona itazuragaki ga hori-tsukete atte, teaka de makkuro ni natte iru ano futa o akeru to sono naka ni hon ya zak-kichō ya sekiban to issho ni natte, ame no yōna ki no iro no enogubako ga aru n da. Soshite, sono hako no naka niwa chiisai sumi no yōna katachi o shita ai ya yōkō no enogu ga, boku wa kao ga akaku natta yōna ki ga shite, omowazu soppo o muite shimau no desu. Keredomo, sugu mata yokome de Jimu no tēburu no hō o minai dewa irare masen deshita. Jitto suwatte i nagara, yume de oni ni demo oikakerareta toki no yōni, ki bakari seka-seka shite i mashita.

Kyōjō ni hairu kane ga kankān to nari mashita. Boku wa omowazu gyo' to shite tachiagari mashita. Seito-tachi ga ōkina koe de warattari donattari shi nagara, semmenjo no hō ni te o arai ni dekakete yuku no ga mado kara mie mashita. Boku wa kyūni atama no naka ga kōri no yōni tsumetaku naru no o kimiwaruku omoi nagara, fura-fura to Jimu no tēburu no tokoro ni itte, hambun yume no yōni, soko no futa o akete mi mashita. Soko niwa, boku ga kangaete ita tōri zakki-chō ya empitsubako to majitte, mi-oboe no aru enoguba-

ko ga shimatte ari mashita. Nan no tame daka shiranai ga, boku wa atchi-kotchi o muyami ni mimawashite kara, tebayaku sono hako no futa o akete, ai to yōkō to no futairo o toriageru ga hayai ka, poketto no naka ni oshikomi mashita. Soshite, isoide itsumo seiretsu shite, sensei o matte iru tokoro ni hashitte yuki mashita.

Boku-tachi wa, wakai onna no sensei ni tsurerarete kyōjō ni hairi, meimei no seki ni suwari mashita. Boku wa, Jimu ga donna kao o shite iru ka, mi takutte tamaranakatta keredomo, dō shite mo sotchi no hō o furimuku koto ga deki masen deshita. Demo, boku no shita koto o dare mo ki no tsuita yōsu ga nai node, kimi ga warui yōna, anshin shita yōna kokoromochi de i mashita. Boku no daisuki na wakai onna no sensei no ossharu koto nanka wa, mimi ni hairi wa haitte mo, nan no koto datta ka, chitto mo wakari masen deshita. Sensei mo tokidoki fushigisōni boku no hō o mite iru yō deshita.

Boku wa, shikashi, sensei no me o miru no ga, sono hi ni kagitte nan da ka iya deshita. Sonna fū de ichijikan ga tachi mashita. Nan da ka, minna mimikosuri demo shite iru yō da to omoi nagara, ichijikan ga tachi mashita.

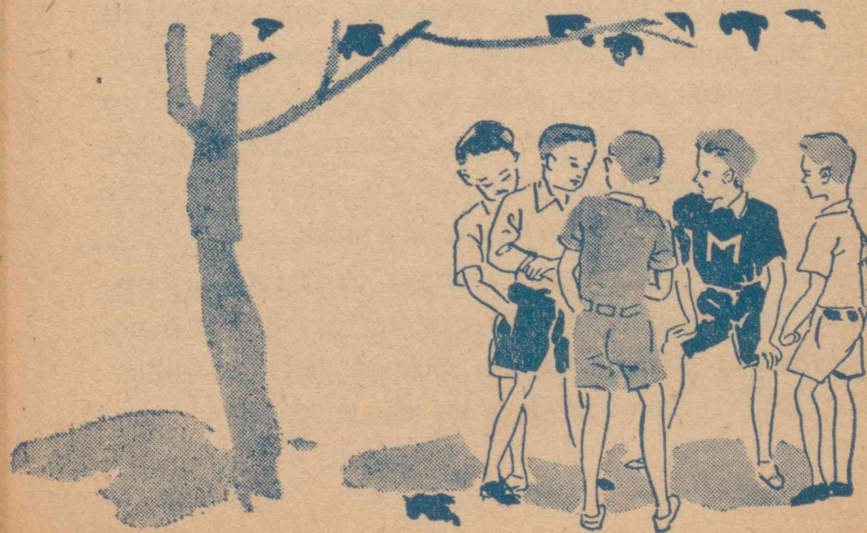
Kyōshitsu o deru kane ga natta node, boku wa ho'to anshin shite, tameiki o tsuki mashita. Keredomo, sensei ga itte shimau to, boku wa boku no kyū de ichiban ōkina, soshite yoku dekiru seito ni "Chotto kotchi ni oide," to hiji no tokoro o tsukamarete i mashita. Boku

no mune wa, shukudai o namaketa noni, sensei ni na o sasareta toki no yōni, omowazu dokin to furue hajime mashita. Keredomo, boku wa dekiru dake shiranu furi o shite inakereba naranai to omotte, wazato heiki na kao o shita tsumori de, shikatanashi ni undōba no sumi ni tsurete ikare mashita. "Kimi wa Jimu no enogu o motte iru darō! Koko e dashi tamae!"

Sō itte, sono seito wa boku no mae ni ōkiku hirogeta te o tsukidashi mashita. Sō iwareru to, boku wa kaette kokoro ga ochitsuite, "Sonna mono, boku motte ya shinai," to, tsui detarame o itte shimai mashita.

Sō suru to, 3,4-nin no tomodachi to issho ni boku no soba ni kite ita Jimu ga, "Boku wa, hiruyasumi no mae ni chanto enogubako o shirabete oita no da, yo. Hitotsu mo nakunatte wa inakatta n da, yo. Soshite, yasumi no jikan ni kyōjō ni ita no wa kimi dake ja nai ka!" to sukoshi kotoba o furuwashi nagara ii-kaeshi mashita.

Boku wa, mō dame da to omou tō, kyūni atama no



naka ni chi ga nagarekonde kite, kao ga makka ni natta yō deshita. Suru to, dare datta ka, soko ni tatte ita hitori ga ikinari boku no poketto ni te o sashikomō to shi mashita. Boku wa issōkemmei ni sō wa sasemai to shi mashita keredomo, mawari ni amari takusan no kodomo ga i mashita node, totemo kanai masen.

Boku no poketto no naka kara wa, mirumiru biida-ma ya namari no menko nado to issho ni, futatsu no enogu no katamari ga tsukami-dasarete shimai mashita. 'Sore miro,' to iwambakari no kao o shite, kodomo-tachi wa nikurashisōni boku no kao o niramitsu-tuke mashita.

Boku no karada wa hitoride ni buruburu furuete, me no mae ga makkura ni naru yō deshita. Ii otenki na no ni, minna yasumi-jikan o omoshirosōni asobi-mawatte iru no ni, boku dake wa hontō ni kokoro kara shiorete shimai mashita. Anna koto o naze shite shimatta n darō. Torikaeshi no tsukanai koto ni natte shimatta. Mō boku wa dame da. Sonna ni omou to, yowamushi datta boku wa, sabishiku, kanashiku natte kite, shikushiku to nakidashite shimai mashita.

"Naite odokashitatte dame da, yo!" to yoku dekiru ōkina ko ga, bakani suru yōna, nikumi-kitta yōna koe de itte, ugokumai to suru boku o, minna de yotte takatte nikai ni hippatte ikō to shi mashita.

Boku wa dekiru dake yukumai to shita keredomo, tōtō chikara makase ni, hikizurarete, hashigodan o noboraserarete shimai mashita. Soko ni boku no sukina ukemochi no sensei no heya ga aru no desu.

Yagate, sono heya no to o Jimu ga nokku shi mashita. 'Nokku suru' to wa, haittemo ii ka to to o tatakoto na no desu. Naka kara yasashiku, "Ohairi!" to iu sensei no koe ga kikoe mashita. Boku wa sono heya ni hairu no ga totemo iya deshita.

Nani ka kakimono o shite ita sensei wa, doya-doya to haitte kita boku-tachi o miru to, sukoshi odorita yō deshita. Ga, onna no kuse ni otoko no yōni kubi no tokoro de butsurei to kitta kami no ke o migi no te de nade-age nagara, itsumo no tōri no yasashii kao o kochira ni mukete, chotto kubi o kashigeta dake de, 'Nan no goyō?' to iu fū o nasai mashita. Sō suru to, yoku dekiru, ōkina ko ga mae ni dete, boku ga Jimu no enogu o totta koto o kuwashiku sensei ni iitsuke mashita. Sensei wa sukoshi kumotta kaotsuki o shite, majime ni minna no kao ya, hambun naki-kakatte iru boku no kao o mikurabete irasshai mashita ga, boku ni "Sore wa hontō desu ka?" to kikare mashita. Hontō na n da keredo mo, boku ga, sonna iyanayatsu da to iu koto o, dō shite mo boku no sukina sensei ni shirareru no ga tsurakatta no desu. Da kara, boku wa kotaeru kawarini hontō ni naki-dashite shimai mashita.

Sensei wa shibaraku boku o mitsumete i mashita ga, yagate seito-tachi ni mukatte shizukani, "Mō itte mo yō gozai masu", to itte, minna o kaeshite shimaware mashita. Seito-tachi wa sukoshi monotarinasōni, doya-doya to shita ni orite itte shimai mashita.

Sensei wa sukoshi no aida nan to mo iwazuni, boku

no hō mo mukazu ni jibun no te no tsume o mitsumete i mashita ga, yagate shizukani tachiagatte kite, boku no kata no tokoro o daki-sukumeru yōni shite, "Enogu wa mō kaeshi mashita ka?" to chiisana koe de osshai mashita. Boku wa kaeshita koto o shikkari sensei ni shitte morai tai node, fuka-fuka to unazuite mise mashita.

"Anata wa jibun no shita koto o iyana koto datta to omotte i masu ka?"

Mō ichido sō sensei ga shizukani osshatta toki niwa, boku wa mō tamari masen deshita. Buruburu to furuete shikata ga nai kuchibiru o, kamishimete mo kamishimete mo nakigoe ga dete, me kara wa namide ga muyami ni nagarete kuru no desu.

"Anata wa mō naku n ja nai. Yoku wakattara, sore de ii kara, naku no o yame mashō, ne. Tsugi no jikan niwa kyōjō ni denai demo yoroshii kara, watakushi no, kono oheya ni irasshai. Shizuka ni shite koko ni irasshai. Watakushi ga kyōjō kara kaeru made koko ni irasshai, yo, ii?" to osshari nagara, boku o nagaisu ni suwarasete, sono toki mata benkyō no kane ga natta node, tsukue no ue no shomotsu o toriagete, boku no hō o mite irare mashita ga, nikai no mado made takaku haiagatta budōzuru kara, hitofusa no seiyōbudō o mogitotte, shiku-shiku to naki-tsuzukete ita boku no hiza no ue ni sore o oite, shizukani heya o dete yuki nasai mashita.

Ichiji gaya-gaya to yakamashikatta seito-tachi wa minna kyōjō ni haitte, kyūni shir to suru hodo, atari ga shizuka ni nari mashita. Boku wa sabishikutte, sa-

bishikutte shiyō ga nai hodo kanashiku nari mashita. Ano kurai sukina sensei o kurushimeta ka to omou to, boku wa hentō ni warui koto o shite shimatta to omoi mashita. Budō nado wa totemo taberu ki ni narenai de, itsu made mo naite i mashita.

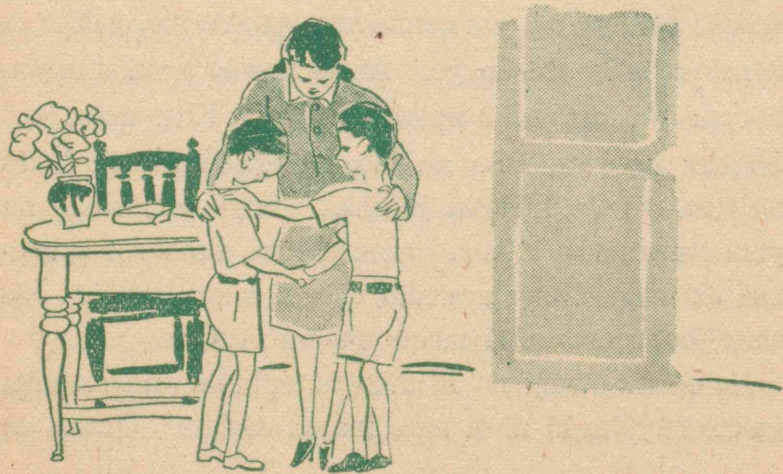
Futo, boku wa kata o karuku yusuburarete, me o samashi mashita. Boku wa sensei no heya de itsu no ma ni ka nakineiri o shite ita to mie masu. Sukoshi yasete, sei no takai sensei wa, egao o misete, boku o miroshite irare mashita. Boku wa, nemutta tame ni kibun ga yoku natte, ima made atta koto wa wasurete shimatte, sukoshi hazukashisōni warai-kaeshi nagara, awatete hiza no ue kara suberi-ochisōni natte ita budō no fusa o tsumami-age mashita ga, sugu kanashii koto o omoi dashite, warai mo nani mo hikkonde shimai mashita.

"Sonna ni kanashii kao o shinai demo yoroshii. Mō minna wa kaette shimai mashita kara. Anata mo okaeri nasai. Soshite, asu wa donna koto ga atte mo, gakkō ni konakereba ike masen, yo. Anata no kao o minai to watakushi wa kanashiku omoi masu, yo. Kitto desu, yo." Sō itte, sensei wa boku no kaban no naka ni sotto budō no fusa o irete kudasai mashita. Boku wa itsumo no yōni kaigan-dōri o, umi o nagametari, fune o nagametari shi nagara tsumaranaku uchi ni kaeri mashita. Soshite, budō o oishiku tabete shimai mashita.

Keredomo, tsugi no hi ga kuru to, boku wa nakanaka gakkō ni yuku ki niwa nare masen deshita. Onaka ga

itaku nareba ii to omottari, zutsū ga sureba ii to omottari shita keredomo, sono hi ni kagitte mushiba ippon itami mo shinai no desu. Shikata nashi ni iyaiya nagara uchi wa de mashite ga, burabura to kangae nagara, aruki mashita. Dō shite mo, gakkō no mon o hairu koto wa dekinai yōni omowareta no desu. Keredomo, sensei no wakare no toki no kotoba o omoidasu to, boku wa sensei no kao dake wa, nan to shite mo mitakute shikata ga ari masen deshita. Boku ga ikanakattara, sensei wa kitto kanashiku omowareru ni chigai nai. Mō ichido sensei no yasashii me de mirare tai. Tada, sono hito-koto ga aru bakari de, boku wa gakkō no mon o kuguri mashita.

Sō shitara, dō deshō! Mazu daiichi ni machikitte ita yōni, Jimu ga tonde kite, boku no te o nigitte kure mashita. Soshite, kinō no koto nanka wasurete shimatta



yōni, shinsetsu ni boku no te o hiite, dogimagi shite iru boku o sensei no heya ni tsurete yuku no desu. Boku wa nan da ka wake ga wakari masen deshita. Gakkō ni ittara, minna ga tōku no hō kara boku o mite, “Miro, dorobō no usotsuki no Nipponjin ga kita!” to demo warukuchi o iu darō to omotte ita no ni, konna fū ni sareru to, kimi ga warui hodo deshita.

Futari no ashioto o kiki-tsukete ka, sensei wa Jimu ga nokku shinai mae ni to o akete kudasai mashita. Futari wa heya no naka ni hairi mashita.

“Jimu, anata wa ii ko, yoku watakushi no itta koto ga wakatte kure mashita, ne. Jimu wa, mō anata kara ayamatte morawanakutemo ii, to itte i masu. Futari wa ima kara ii otomodachi ni nareba, sore de ii n desu. Futari tomo jōzu ni akushu o nasai!” to sensei wa nikoniko shi nagara, boku-tachi o mukai awase mashita. Boku wa, demo ammari katte sugiru yōde, moji-moji shite i masu to, Jimu wa burasagete iru boku no te o isoiso to hippari-dashite, kataku nigitte kure mashita. Boku wa mō nan to itte kono ureshisa o arawaseba ii no ka wakaranai de, tada hazukashiku warau hoka ari masen deshita. Jimu mo kimocho yosōni egao o shite i mashita. Sensei wa nikoniko shi nagara, boku ni, “Kinō no budō wa oishikatta no?” to toware mashita. Boku wa kao o makka ni shite, “Ē”, to hakujo suru yori shikata ga ari masen deshita.

“Sonnara, mata age mashō, ne.”

Sō itte, sensei wa masshiro na rinneru no kimono ni

tsutsumareta karada o mado kara nobi-dasasete, budō no hitofusa o mogi-totte, masshiroï hidari no to no ue ni ko no fuita murasaki-iro no fusa o nosete, hosonagai gin'iro no hasami de mannaka kara putsuri to futatsu ni kitte, Jimu to boku to ni kudasai mashita. Masshiroï tenohira ni murasakiïro no budō no tsubu ga kasanatte notte ita, sono utsukushisa o boku wa ima demo hakki-ri to omoidasu koto ga deki masu.

Boku wa, sono toki kara, mae yori sukoshi ii ko ni nari, sukoshi hanikamiya de naku natta yō desu. Sore ni shite mo, boku no daisukina, ano ii sensei wa doko ni ikareta deshō. Mō nido to wa aenai to shiri nagara, boku wa ima demo ano sensei ga itara nā, to omoi masu. Aki ni naru to, itsu demo budō no fusa wa murasaki-iro ni irozuite utsukushiku kona o fuki masu keredomo, sore o uketa, dairiseki no yōna shiroi, utsukushii te wa doko ni mo mitsukari masen.

(Arishima Takeo: Dōwashū 'Hitofusa no Budō' ni yōru.)

Koperu Kun no Tegami

Ozisan,

Kondo ozisan ni atta toki, hanasō to omotte ita koto na n desu ga, tegami ni kaita hō ga ii to kangaeta node, kono tegami o kaki masu.

Boku wa hitotu no hakken o si masita. Sore wa, tāsika ni, ozisan kara kiita Nyūton no hanasi no okage desu. Demo, boku ga zibun de aru hakken o sita nante iu to, minna wa hiyakasu ni kimatte masu. Da kara, boku wa, kore o ozisan ni dake ohanasi suru koto ni si masu. Okāsan ni mo, tōbun no uti wa iwanaide kudasai.

Boku wa, kondo no hakken ni, "Ningenbunsi no kan-kei, Amime no hōsoku" to iu na o tuke masita. Hazime "Kona-miruku no himitu" to iu no o kangaeta n desu ga, nan da ka syōnen-zassi no tanteisyōsetu mitai na node, yame ni si masita. Ozisan ga, motto ii na o kangaete kudasattara, uresiku omoi masu.



Sono hakken o dô setumei sitara ii ka, boku ni wa, mada ienai n desu keredo, kangaete zyunzyo o ohanasi sureba, ozisan wa wakatte kureru darô to omoi masu.

Saisyô, atama ni ukanda no wa konamiruku desita. Da kara boku wa kono hanasi o sitara, kitto minna ga hiyakasu darô to omou n desu. Boku datte, motto, rippa-na mono o kangaeta takatta n desu ga, sizen ni kona-miruku ga dete kite simatta n da kara, sikata ga ari masen.

Getuyôbi no ban ni, boku wa yonaka ni me ga same masita. Nani ka yume o mite me ga sameta no desu keredo, nan no yume datta ka wasure masita. Me ga sametara, dô sita n da ka, boku wa kona-miruku no kan no koto o kangaete i masita. Uti de, osenbe ya bisuket-to o irete oku, ano rakutôgen no ôkina kan desu. Sô sitara, okâsan no itta koto o omoidasi masita. Boku ga akanbo no toki, okâsan no titi ga tarinakatta node, boku wa mainiti rakutôgen o nonde, sodatta no da to, itu ka okâsan wa ii masita. Ima no rakutôgen no kan wa sono toki no kinen da sô desu. Boku wa sono hanasi o kiita toki, zyâ, Ôsutorariya no usi mo boku no okâsan ka na, to ii masita. Datte, rakutôgen wa Ôsutorariya de dekite, kan ni mo Ôsutorariya no tizu ga kaite aru kara desu. Boku wa sono koto o toko no naka de omoidasi masita. Makiba ya, usi ya, dozin ya, kona-miruku no ôkii kôzyô ya, minato ya, kisen ya, sono hoka, ato kara ato kara, ironna mono o kangaeta masita.

Sono toki, boku wa Nyûton no hanasi o omoidasi masita 3-mêtoru ka 4-mêtoru no takasa kara otita ringo o, motto

takai tokoro ni atta to kangaete mite, doko made mo kangaetumete iku uti ni, Nyûton wa subarasii kangae o omoituita no da, to ozisan ga itta desyô? Sore de boku mo, kona-miruku ni kankei no aru koto o, doko made mo kangaete ittara, dô naru ka na, to omoi masita.

Boku wa, nedoko no naka de, Ôsutorariya no usi kara, boku no kuti ni kona-miruku ga hairu made no koto o, zyunzyun ni omotte mi masita. Sô sitara, marude kiri ga nai node akirete simai masita. Totemo totemo takusan no ningen ga dete kuru n desu. Tamesi ni kaite mi masu.

(1) Kona-miruku ga Nippon ni kuru made. Usi, sore kara usi no sewa o suru hito, titi o siboru hito, sore o kôzyô ni hakobu hito, kôzyô de kona-miruku ni suru hito, kan ni tumeru hito, kan o nizukuri suru hito, sore o torakku ka nan ka de tetudô ni hakobu hito, kisyâ ni tumikomû hito, kisyâ o ugokasu hito, kisyâ kara minato e hakobu hito, kisen ni tumikomû hito, kisen o ugokasu hito.

(2) Kona-miruku ga Nippon ni kite kara.

Kisen kara nimotu o orosu hito, sore o sôko ni hakobu hito, sôko no bannin, urisabaki no syônin, kôkoku o suru hito, kouri no kusuriya, kusuriya made kan o hakobu hito, kusuriya no syuzin, kozô, kono kozô ga uti no daidokoro made motte ki masu. (Kono ato wa, asita no ban, mata kaki masu.)

(Tuzuki) Boku wa, kona-miruku ga, Ôsutorariya kara, akanbo no boku no tokoro made, totemo totemo nagai rirê o yatte kita no da to omoi masita. Kôzyô ya kisyâ ya kisen o tukutta hito made ireru to nanzennin da ka,

nanmannin da ka sirenai takusan no hito ga, boku ni tunagatte iru n da to omoi masita. Demo, sono uti boku no sitte iru no wa, mae no uti no soba ni atta kusuriya no syuzin dake de, ato wa minna boku no siranai hito desu. Mukô datte, boku no koto nanka, siranai ni kimatte masu. Boku wa zituni hen da to omoi masita.

Sore kara boku wa, toko no naka de, kuraku site aru dentô ya, tukue ya, tatami ya, sono hoka, heya no naka ni aru mono o tugi kara tugi e to kangaete mi masita. Sô sitara, dore mo minna, rakutôgen to onazi desita. Totemo, kazoekirenai hodo ôzei no ningen ga, usiro ni zorozoro to tunagatte iru no desu. Demo, minna mizu-sirazu no hito bakari de, donna kao o siteru n da ka, kentô mo tuki masen.

Sono ban wa, mada hoka ni, nan da ka iroiro kangaeta no desu ga, sono uti nemuku natte nete simatta node, wa-surete simai masita.

Sikasi, ima itta koto dake wa, asita ni natte mo oboete i masita. Boku wa, kore wa hitotu no hakken da to omoi masu. Datte, ima made, tittomo kangaenakatta noni, sô omotte miru to, nani kara nani made, minna sô da to wakatta kara desu. Boku wa, gakkô ni iku totyû ya, gakkô ni itte kara mo, nan demo teatari sidai, me ni tuku mono ni tuite kangaete mi masita keredo, dore mo kore mo onazi desita. Sosite, kazoekirenai hodo ôzei no hito to tunagatte iru no wa, boku dake zya nai to iu koto o siri masita. Boku wa, kyôsitu de sensei no yôhuku ya kutu no koto o, teinei ni komakaku kangaete mi



masita ga, yappari onazi da to iu koto o hakken si masita.

Sensei no yôhuku wa, Ôsutorariya no hituzi kara hazimatte i masita.

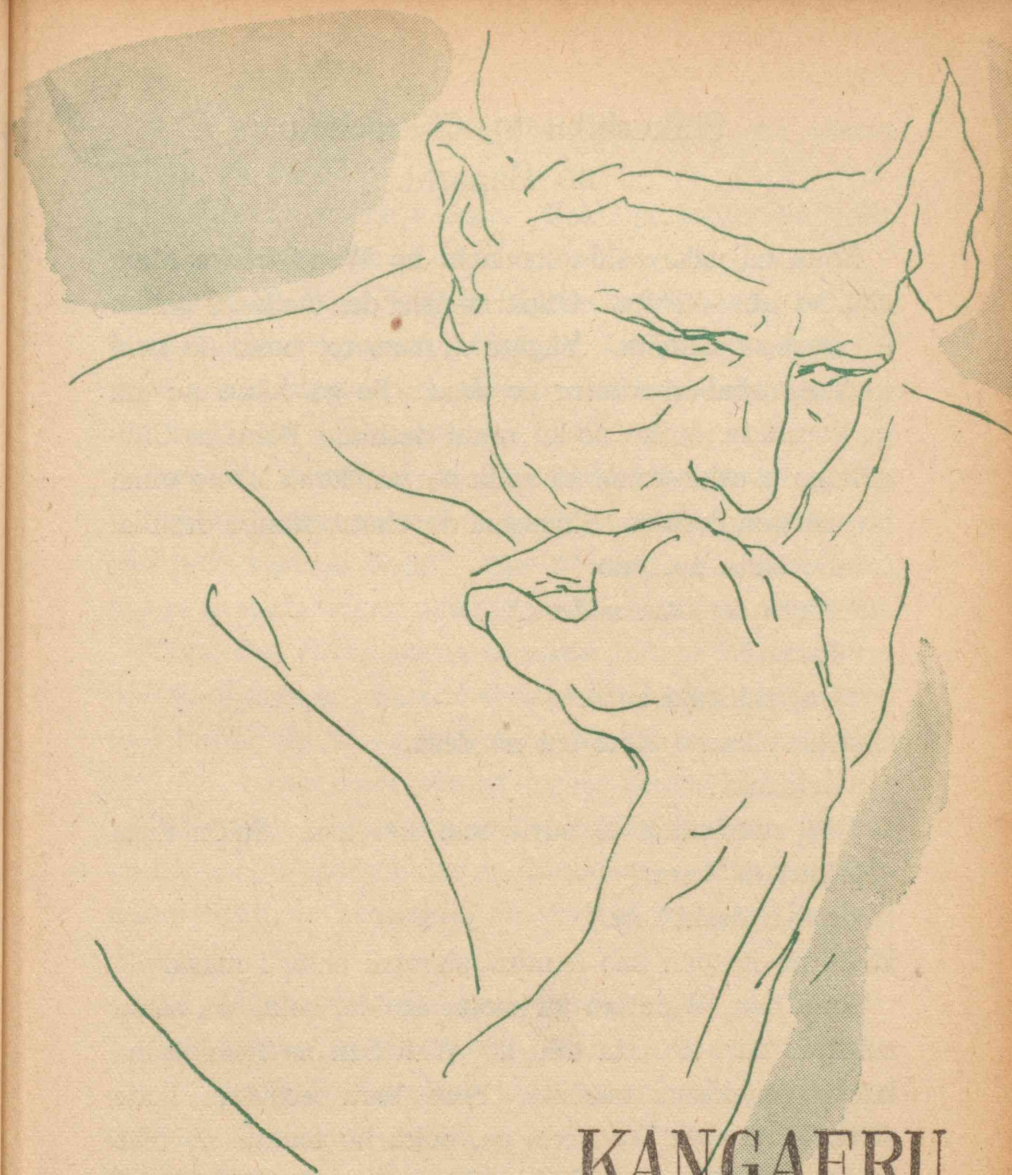
Da kara, boku no kangae de wa, ningen-bunsi wa, minna mita koto mo atta koto mo nai ôzei no hito to, siranai uti ni, ami no me no yôni tunagatte iru no da to omoi masu. Sore de, boku wa, kore o "Ningen-bunsi no kankei, Amime no hôsoku" to iu koto ni si masita.

Boku wa, ima, kono hakken o iroiro na mono ni ôyô site, matigatte inai koto o zitti ni tamesite i masu. Kyô wa, asufaruto no miti ga yappari so da to iu koto ni ki ga tuki masita. Mata, sûgaku no zikan ni sensei no atama ya hige mo tokoya ni tunagatte iru to kangaete ita mon de, hisasiburi de sensei kara tyûi sare masita.

Sikasi, hakken no tame ni wa, sensei kara sikarareru koto mo, gaman sinakereba ikenai to, boku wa omotte i masu.

*Mada, kaki tai no desu ga, okâsan ga mô oyasumi
nasai to ii masu. Da kara, hôkoku wa kore de yame ni
si masu. Ozisan wa, boku ga kono hakken o utiaketa
saisyo no hito desu.*

*(Yosino Genzaburô: 'Kimi-tati wa dô ikiru ka?' ni yoru.)
Kono yôna tuzurikata o Kunrei siki to ii masu.*



**KANGAERU
CHIKARA**

Shikushiku to Chikuchiku
no Hanashi

Boku no nakayoshi-tomodachi no Wan San wa Man-shū no hito deshita. Onna no isha de, mainichi gakkō e kayotte i mashita. Yūgata ni naru to, boku no uchi ni kite, oshaberi o suru no desu. Se ga hikukute iro ga kurokute, otoko no ko mitai deshita. Boku ni Chūgokugo o oshie-komō to shita no wa, kono 23 no onna no oishasan deshita. Shinsetsu de, chotto rambō deshita.

“Do shita no, yubi!”

“Naifu de kitta n desu.”

“Itamu?”

“Un, zukizuki suru.”

Okashina kao o shite iru no desu.

“Zukizuki?”

“Sō, zukinzukin to suru toki mo aru. Sakki kitta bakari da kara.”

“Itai n deshō, ne.”

Boku no itasōna kao o mite, shimpai shite i masu.

Sono ban, Wan San ga kaetta ato de, boku wa sakki zukizuki suru to itta toki no Wan San no fushigisōna kao o omoidashi mashita. Sore kara issūkan hodo shite, kondo wa Wan San ga, boku no tsukue no mae ni suwaru to sugu, “Shikushiku itai no to, Chikuchiku itai no to, dō chigau no ka, oshiete kudasai,” to majimekusatte ii mashita.

“Shikushiku to chikuchiku?”

Boku wa waratte i mashita. Wan San wa chotto okotte iru no desu.

“Kanja mo warau n desu. Boku ga wakaranai yōna kao o shite iru kara.”

Naruhodo, Wan San wa Nippon e kite mada futatsuki ni shika nari masen. Nihongo mo koko ni kaita yō dewa naku, katakoto de eigo o mazetari, onna no kuse ni ‘boku’ to iu no desu.

Sore de, shikushiku to ka, chikuchiku to ka, byōki no toki ni tsukau kotoba no imi ga wakaranakereba, yoi isha niwa narenai deshō. Mae ni boku no zukizuki suru no ga sappari wakaranakatta no mo muri ga ari masen.

‘Nan dai, ōkina otona no kuse ni’, to sō omou ka mo shire masen. Keredo shikushiku to ka, chikuchiku to ka zukizuki to ka iu kotoba wa nihongo ni tokubetsu ni hattatsu shita kotoba na no desu.

Tokoro de, shikushiku to chikuchiku to, kono futatsu no kotoba no tadashii imi to tsukaikata o setsumeishi goran nasai, to iwaretara, anata-tachi wa kitto komaru deshō.

(1) Onaka ga shikushiku itai.

(2) Onaka ga chikuchiku itai.

(1) to (2) to kurabete, dochira ga yokei ni itai no deshō ka? Dō mo, yokei ni to iu kurabekata wa dekinai yō desu, ne. (2) no hō ga itai yō ni mo omowareru keredo, nanishiro, itamikata ga chigau no dewa nai deshō ka?

Anata-tachi wa, hontō ni onaka ga itai toki, “Shiku-

shiku ka chikuchiku ka? to kikaretara, shikushiku to ka chikuchiku to ka tadashiku kotaerareru ni chigai ari masen.

Zukinzukin itai no tomo, chikuri itai no tomo, tsun-tsun tomo, chika' tomo, kirikiri tomo, gi' to tomo, doku-doku tomo chigau deshō. Pimpin to ka, bombon to ka, pishari to ka dondon to ka sonna kotoba o motte kureba, anata-tachi wa sore koso onaka o kakaete warau deshō.

(3) Onaka ga dondon itai, nado to wa, kesshite iwanai deshō.

Suru to, kono yōni takusan aru iikata no naka kara, anata no, onaka no itai, sono itamikata wa, hachi ni sasarete chikuri to shita no ka, kōrimizu o nomisugite shikushiku itamu no ka, nebie o shite kirikiri itai no ka, anata-tachi wa tadashiku erande iarawasu ni chigai ari masen.

Da kara, anata ga, "Onaka ga itai," to iu toki, isha wa, 'Shikushiku suru no ka?' 'Kirikiri suru no ka?' to tazuneru deshō. Sono toki, anata wa machigaezu ni anata no shōjō o iu koto ga dekiru hazu desu.

Setsume shiyō to suru to, setsume wa shi nikuku temo, iu toki niwa machigaenai mono, soshite, sono iarawashi ni yotte, kiku hito ga tadashii imi o tsukamaeru mono ga, kotoba no naka ni aru no desu.

Setsume shinai de, anata-tachi ga tsukamaete iru mono, sore ga kōtoba no hataraki no naka demo, ichiban taisetsuna mono na no desu.

Ima, boku wa, 'Kiku hito' to ii mashita ga, kore o bunshō ni shite mite mo onaji koto desu.

(1) (2) (3) no mittsu no bunshō o yonde, hito wa, (1) to (2) no tadashii imi, to iu yori wa sono nioi ya aya o tsukamu koto ga dekiru deshō. (3) o yonde, 'Okashii nā,' to omowanai hito wa nai hazu desu.

Sore to wa hantai ni, hitotsu no kotoba no motte iru imi, nioi, aya o iarawasu tame ni, shi o tsukuru hito, bunshō o kaku hito-tachi ga, dono yōni kurushinde iru ka o shiranakereba nari masen.

Tsukuru mono no kushin to iu no wa, mainichi me ni fure, mimi ni kiku subete no koto o, tadashiku tashikani shitte, sore o mitsubachi ga mitsu o takuwaeru yōni, kokoro no naka ni takuwaete oku koto ni aru no desu.

Tadashiku, tashikani shiru tame niwa, monō no hontō no imi, aya o jibun no me o tōshite tashikamete oku no ga, ichiban taisetsu na no desu. Kotoba mo sono tōri desu.

"Jibun no kotoba, jibun no iarawashikata o mitsukeru koto" ga, bunshō nari, shi nari, dōyō nari o tsukuru tame no ichiban taisetsuna koto na no desu.

(Zasshi 'Akatombo': Nogami Akira no saku ni yoru.)

Kushin

1

Watakushi ga chūgakkō no 1-nensei no toki datta. Kono toshi, 10 no chūgakkō ga rengō-undōkai o hiraita. Sore ga dai 1-kai de atta. Kaijō wa aru chūgakkō no kōtei datta. Sono hi wa asa kara hidoi ame datta. Watakushi wa 1-nensei no senshu to shite, 200m kyōsō ni deta. Ato-saki no koto wa wasurete shimatta ga, watakushi no hashiru ban ni natte, doshaburi no ame no naka de shuppatsuten ni tatta toki no koto wa, yoku oboete iru. Ushiro ni tatte ita shuppatsu-gakari no seito ga, kyūshiki no Murata-jū o kata ni massugu ni tatete, 'don' to ōkiku jūsei o tateta koto mo oboete iru. Marude, kaigan no namiuchigiwa o hashiru yōna kanji de, nukarumi no naka o hashitta koto mo oboete iru. Watakushi ga kesshōten e haitta toki wa, mō watakushi ni kamatte kureru kakari wa inakatta. Ato kara kangaeru to, sukkari nobosete ita yō de, jibun no karada no yōna ki ga shinakatta.

Are dewa, kateru hazu ga nai. Shugyō ga tarinakatta.



2

2-nensei no toshi no 11-gatsu ni, dai 2-kai no rengō-undōkai ga hirakareru koto ni natta. Kondo wa wata-shi-tachi no bokō no kōtei datta. Kyonen anna ni mijimeni maketa watakushi ga, yappari senshu datta.

Kondo wa mō kyonen to wa ikigomi ga chigatte ita. Sensei-gata mo isshōkemmei datta. Semmon no shidōsha ga neshin ni shidō shite kudasatta. Wareware senshu dake wa, taisō no jikan nimo renshū o yurusereta. Hōkago mo renshū shita. Gakkō kara itadaita namatamago no aji o ima demo oboete iru. Wareware 2-gakunen no sūnin no senshu-tachi wa minna kokoro o awasete, 'Kondo wa katō!' to iu kimochi de ippai datta.

Wareware wa hashiru renshū bakari wa shinakatta. Sore wa motoyori daiji da ga, sono hoka ni mo, katsu koto ni yaku ni tatsu koto wa minna yaku ni tateyō to kangaeta. Watakushi wa sore o shikirini kangaeta.

3

Wareware no undōkai dewa, tabi-hadashi de hashiru no de aru. Futsū no tabi wa kurubushi no ue made atte, kohaze de shikkari to tomeru yōni natte iru. Kono tabi no mama dewa, ashikubi no undō ga fujiyū de ikenai darō, to watakushi wa kangaeta.

Chōdo kono koro, Nippon-jū ni yūmei datta Kanaguri Yonzō Shi to Akashi Kazue Shi to futari de, 'Ran-ningu' to iu hon o shuppan sareta. Sore o watakushi

wa te ni ireta. Iu made mo naku, katsu tame no 'ken-kyū' o suru tame datta.

Kono hon niwa, tame ni naru koto ga takusan kaite atta. Mite iru to, sono shashin ni Kanaguri senshu-tachi ga, tabi to kutsu no ainoko no yōna mono o haite iru no ni me ga tsuita. Kore o mita watakushi wa, sassoku tabi no ue no hō o kiritotte, kurubushi ga deru yōni shita. Kohaze o hitotsu nokoru kurai ni shita. Aru tabi wa sono tokoro o himo de musubu yōni shita. Tabi niwa ura ga tsuite iru ga, kore mo totte shimatta. Karui hō ga ii to omotta kara de aru. Harishigoto nado yatta koto ga nakatta no da ga, watakushi wa kore o jibun de yatta. Sō suru koto ga tanoshimi datta.

Wareware no gakunen no senshu wa minna kore ni naratte, sō iu tabi o tsukutta. Guai wa yokatta.



4

Mō hitotsu no kush'in wa, shuppatsu no hashiridashikata de atta. Futsū wa, mata o ōkiku hiraite kamaeru no da ga, kore da to, aizu no jūsei ga natta toki ni, sugu ni karada ga mae ni denai bakari ka, ushiro no ashi ga ushiro e zū' to suberu node, zuibun son o suru. Shuppatsuten ni ana o horu koto mo yurusarenai kara, kyōsōgutsu o haita toki no yōni, shagande tobidasu yarikata wa, tabi de wa futekitō de aru. Kore wa nan toka kufū shinakereba naranai to omotta.

Suru to reino, 'Ranningu' no naka ni, kō iu koto ga kaite atta. Ryōashi no hiraki o narubeku chiisaku shite ite, karada wa wazukani mae ni katamukeru. Soshite, aizu ga atta toki ni ato no ashi de naku, mae no ashi o honno sukoshi fumidashite, ichido chi ni tsuke, kore de ato no ashi ni hazumi o tsukete, ato no ashi o tsuyoku mae e fumidasu to iu no de aru.

Wareware no aida de, tagai ni jissai ni kurabete mita ga, kurabemono ni naranai hodo shinshiki no hō ga yoi.

Kono shuppatsuhō wa, watakushi-tachi no totte oki no da'jina mono to natta. Reino kairyō shita tabi o haite, kono shuppatsuhō o tokui ni natte renshū shita.

Kotoshi koso, nan da ka jishin rashii mono ga minna no kokoro ni dekite kita.

5

Undōkai ga mō sugu to iu koro ni, watakushi wa, mō

hitotsu kangaeta. Sore wa shatsu no mune ni tsukeru 'Shirushi' no koto datta. Nani ka jibun-tachi no kimochi o hakkiri arawasu mono de, sore ni yotte jibun-tachi o hikitatete kureru mono ga hoshikatta. Sore mo kitto katsu koto no yaku ni tatsu ni chigainai to omotta.

Watakushi wa chōten o shita ni mukete, seisankakukei no naka e, tate ni 2-hon sen o kirinuita. 2-hon no sen wa 2-nensei o arawashita tsumori de aru. Dōjini gakkō no kashiramoji no T ga sankakukei ni osamatta katachi nimo naru.

Kore o ebicha-iro no rasha de kirinuite, wareware no gakunen no senshu no meimei no shatsu no mune ni tsuketa. Jōkyū no gakunen no hito-tachi mo kore ni naratte, sorezore kufū shita yō datta.

6

Iyoiyo undōkai no tōjitsu ni natta. 11-gatsu 19-nichi no koto de aru.

Kondo wa asa kara tenki ga yokute, atataka datta. Bokō no undōjō da kara, kimochi ga chigau. Mō, kyonen no yōni nobosete wa inai. Reisei da. Jishin mo atta. Shatsu no mune no mannaka niwa reino sankakukei o tsukete iru. Wareware wa ashi o mōfu ni



kurunde, tsukue no katazakerareta kyōshitsu de neko-rondari, ashi o nobashite, suwattari shite, jumban o matta.

Kyōsō wa 1-nensei kara hajimaru no da ga, wareware no 1-nensei no seiseki wa amari yoku wa nakatta.

Iyoiyo 2-nensei no ban ni natta. 200m o hashiru watakushi ga ichiban hajime de aru. Watakushi wa hoka no gakkō no senshu to tomoni, shuppatsuten ni tatta. Iyoiyo 'Yōi' da. Miru to hoka no renchū wa mata o reino yōni ōkiku hiraite kamaete iru. Watakushi wa hitori dake, reino tokuino shuppatsuhō da. 'Don!' Watakushi wa tobidashita. Sentō de aru. Saigo no chokusenro de chotto fuan datta ga, "ushiro o miru no wa hikyō da," to oshierarete ita kara, yokome de keikai shi nagara, kesshōten ni tobikonda.

1-chaku da. Watakushi no hashiri-dashi no yōsu o mite ita tomodachi wa, watakushi ga aizu yori mo saki ni tobidashita to omotta, to itte ita. Watakushi bakari dewa nai. Shuppatsu no hashiridashi wa wareware minna subarashiku yokatta, 2-nensei no senshu wa ōku 1-chaku ni natta. Kekkyoku watakushi no chūgakkō wa attōtekini yūshō shita.

7

Watakushi wa kono shōri o, jibun no hokorashii omoide to shite, shokun ni hanasu no dewa nai. Tada, wareware ga katsu tame ni, sunawachi bokō ga yūshō suru tame ni, iroiro to kushin shita koto no, kimochi

no yoi manzokusa o tsutae tai no de aru. Watakushi wa kesshite motomoto sugureta hashirite dewa nai. Watakushi wa tsugi no gakunen kara tenkō shita kara, sono nochi no rengō-undōkai niwa denakatta ga, sono nochi kōtōgakkō no koro made senshu ni sarete, shikamo 1-do mo katta koto ga nai. 2-nensei no toki ni kateta no wa, hoka no gakkō no senshu ga shiranakatta, ano shuppatsuhō no okage datta ni chigainai. Watakushi wa, kono kushin ni yotte, chikara no tarinai jibun o, oyaku ni tateru koto ga dekita no da to omou to, ima demo hijōni ureshii no de aru.

8

Sono nochi, watakushi wa kagakusha ni natta. Soshite, mainichi, mainichi, 'Ā demo nai!' 'Kō demo nai!' to kangae, kufū shi, soshite kushin shite iru. Kangaete miru to, 30-nen mae no rengō-undōkai no koro no kimochi to onaji de aru.

(Ogata Tomio: 'Minna mo Kagaku o' ni yoru.)

ATARASHII SHUPPATSU



Chichi to Ko no Tegami

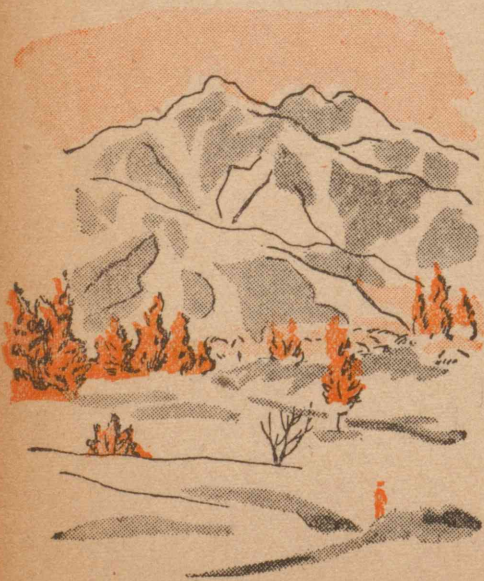
Otōsan,

Izumo wa sakuya niwaka ni samuku nari mashita ga, rajio de kiku to Nagasaki no hō mo samuku natta sō desu, ne. Garasu-bari no chiisai uchi desu kara, otōsan no karada ni hibiki wa shinakatta ka shira to ki ni shite i masu.

Yuki ga futte i masu, yo. Otōsan no furusato wa konnani utsukushii kuni datta no desu, ne. Hitoban no uchi ni 50cm mo tsumotta no desu. 50cm! Sugoi deshō? Kesa obasan ga, "Yuki yo, yuki yo! Nagasaki no okyakusan, sukii o shi ni kita okyakusan! Ōyuki ga futte, iru yo," to okoshite kudasatta node,

itsumo nebō no boku mo patto tobiokite, engawa e dete mi mashita.

Masshiro deshita. Shiro-chōku de kaite mo, konna ni shiroku wa kakenai hodo masshiro deshita. Shiroyi mura ni natte i mashita. Otōsan no furusato wa, yawarakaku,



shiroku, nandaka amai aji demo motte i sōna yuki no mura deshita.

Asa-gohan mo sokosoko ni, sukii-gutsu o haite, sukii o tsukete, mon kara suberi-dashi mashita. Iya, deyō to shita no desu—ga, de masen deshita. 'Tsui' to subetta totan ni, ashi dake mae ni dete, atama ga omoku ushiro enokotte, A' to sakebu no to shirimochi o tsuku no to, sore kara, miokutte ita obasan-tachi ga dotto warau no to isshe deshita.

Yatto no koto de tachi-agatte, furikaette miru to, boku no subetta ato ga yuki no ue ni nihon tatta 1m hodo tsuzuite ite, soko ni ōkina shirimochi no katachi ga ari mashita. Sore wa yuki ga ōkina kuchi o akete, boku o waratte iru yō deshita. Kore kurai no koto de hikan nanka shinai zo, to kondo wa kao o mae ni tsuki-dashite, 'tsui' to suberi-dashi mashita. Suru to, umaku yuki mashita.

Mon no tokoro made kita node, obasan ni "Donna mondai!" to iō to shitara, mata 'suten' to koronde, dotto warawarete shimai mashita. Zubon ni tsuita yuki o haraiotoshite iru to, me no mae no michi o, shōgakusei ga take-sukii o tsukete, 'sū' 'sū' to tōri-sugi mashita. Izumo no shōnen wa minna jōzu desu, ne. Otōsan mo 30-nen mae

niwa, kono shōnen-tachi no yōni, koko de sukii o shite ita koto deshō.

Boku wa tachiagatte wa korobi, suberō to shite wa taore, mon kara dete 50m mo konai uchi ni, sokorajū o shirimochi no ana darake ni shite shimai mashita. 'Sukii nante, yasashii mono da,' to omotte ita no ni, dōshite dōshite, nakanaka muzukashii mono deshita. Nandemo, soba de mite iru no to, jibun de yatte miru no towa ōchigai da to shiri mashita. Sukii wa yatte minakereba sono muzukashii koto mo wakari masen ga, mata sono tanoshimi mo wakari masen.

Ichido wa "hiya" to shi mashita. Subette itara, suppori yuki no naka e koshi made hairikonda no desu. Yuki ga tairani tsumotte ita node wakaranakatta keredomo, soko wa chiisana mizo datta no desu. Mizo datta kara, kega mo shi masen deshita ga, abunai mono da nā to omoi mashita. Otōsan no itumo no 'Ki o tsukero, yo,' to iu kuchiguse ga, sono toki omoidasare mashita. Boku ga nani ka shikujiru no wa, ki no tsukekata ga tarinai kara desu.

Sonna fū deshita ga, sore demo gozenchū niwa 5m gurai wa subereru yōni nari mashita. Sukii jō made yuku tsumori deshita ga, tochū de koronde bakari ite, onaka mo soku shi,

ohiru ni natta node uchi ni kaeri mashita. Kaeri mo, subette iru jikan yori koronde iru jikan no hō ga nagakatta yō desu.

Ima ohiru ni omochi o itadaki mashita. Kono tegami o dashi ni, yūbinkyoku made sukii de yuku kesshin o shi mashita.

1-gatsu 5-ka

Seiichi

Seiichi San,

Sukii dai ippo no tegami o ukete, kono tegami o kaki masu. 'Yatte minakereba wakaranai,' to iukoto o shitta dake de, sukii ni itta no ga issō no yaku ni tachi mashita.

Tsukue no ue no gakumon, hon o yonda dake no chishiki, eiga de mita keiken, sore wa, sore dake dewa jissai niwa yaku ni tatanai. Otōsan wa daigaku de gakusei San ni, "Karada ni mono o oboesase nasai!" to itsumo ii mashita. Chishiki wa nō ni dake motasete oite wa dame desu. Karada ni mo oboekonda no o, taiken to iu. Taiken koso wa nannen tatte mo wasurenai chishiki to nari masu.

Hon o yonde suru benkyō wa yariyasuku, sono ue, shippai ga sukunai kara, mi ni tsukanai no deshō. Sukoshi wa kega o suru kurai de nai to, hontō no chishiki wa erare masen.

Chichi

(Zasshi 'Shōnen Shōjo' Nagai Takashi, Nagai Seiichi
no bun ni yoru.)



Kono geki ga hajimaru made :

'Toshi' no heya ni 'Atarashii Toshi' ga yatte ki mashita. 'Atarashii Toshi' wa, jibun ga ukemotsu ichinen no aida o, kodomo-tachi ni totte ima made yori mo zutto tanoshii toshi ni shi tai to kangae masu. Soshite, sukii no sukina kodomo wa ichinen-jū sukii ga dekiru yōni, mata oyogi no sukina kodomo wa ichinen-jū oyogi ga dekiru yōni, 'Ichigatsu' kara 'Jūnigatsu' made no 'Tsuki'-tachi ni ichinen-jū yasumazu ni hataraitte morau koto ni kime mashita.

Kodomo-tachi wa bikkuri shite shimai mashita. Sukii ya yuki-asobi o shiyō to shite iru to, sono soba o 'Hachigatsu' ga tōtte, yuki o tokashite shimai masu. Oyogi ni dekakeru to, samui 'Tsuki'-tachi ga soba o tōru node, furue-agatte shimai masu. Tōtō kodomo-tachi wa nani hitotsu dekinaku natte, mado kara soto o nagamete iru yori hoka wa naku nari mashita.

Basho : 'Toshi' no heya

Maku ga agaru to, 'Toshi' no heya, shōmen ni ōkina jimu-zukue to isu ga aru. Tukue no sumi ni takujōdenwa ga oite aru. Shimote ni toguchi ga ari, shōmen oku no kabe ni mado ga ari, tokei to ōkina koyomi ga kakatte iru. Kamite ni danro ga aru. 'Atarashii toshi' ga tsukarete iraira shi nagara, heya-jū o aruki-mawatte iru. Denwa no beru ga naru.

Atarashii toshi : Moshi moshi!

(Ā, moshi moshi! Kochira wa '3-gatsu' desu.)

Ā, '3-gatsu' Kun desu ka. Dō desu? Guai wa?

(Ē, umaku itte i masu.)

Kodomo-tachi wa yorokonde i masu ka?

(Ē, ima made ni konna yōki wa mita koto ga nai. Fuyu mitai de natsu mitai da, to itte, yorokonde i masu.)

Yorokonde iru! Soryā kekkō desu. Sore de koso, ima made ni nai yarikata o shita kai ga atta to, iu mono desu. De, goyō wa?

(Iie, tada sono gohōkoku o shitakatta no de, betsu ni yō dewa ari masen.)

Ā sō desu ka. Sore wa wazawaza arigatō. Dōka shikkari yatte kudasai.

(Ē, goanshin kudasai. Dewa mata.)

Ja, onegai shi masu, yo. Sayōnara!

(Gomen kudasai.)

Denwa kireru. 'Atarashii toshi' manzokusōni aruki-mawaru.

Atarashii toshi: Kodomo-tachi wa fuyu mitai de natsu mitai da to itte, yorokonde iru to itte ita, na. Sore wa sono hazu da. 12-nin no 'tsuki' ga ippen ni tobiaruite iru n da mono, na. Kore de ii n da. Kore de koso, ima made ni nakatta, hontō ni atarashii toshi ni natta.

To o tatau oto.

Atarashii toshi: Oya? Dare ka kita, na. Ohairi!

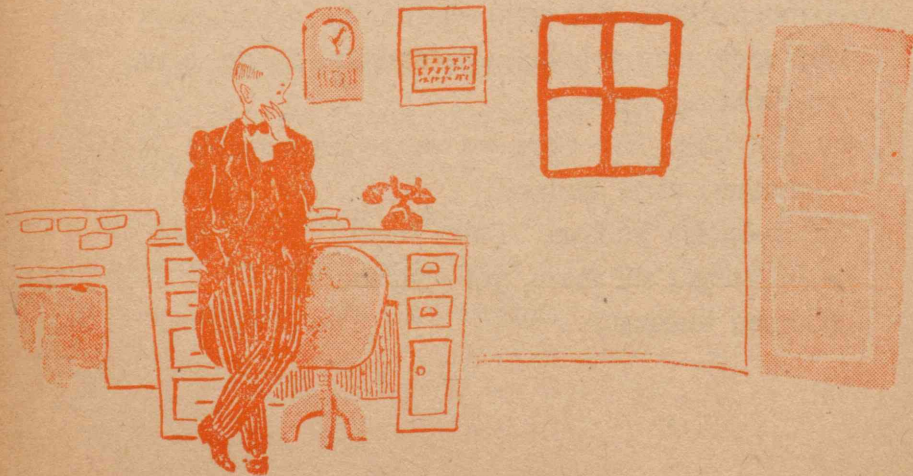
'1-gatsu' ga haitte kuru.

Atarashii toshi: Yā, 1-gatsu Kun ka, sāsā kotchi e ohairi nasai. Iroiro to gokurōsama desu. Sazo oisogashii deshō.

1-gatsu: Isogashikarō — to ossharu n desu ka?

Atarashii toshi: Ē, dō shite desu? Isogashiku nai n desu ka?

1-gatsu: Isogashii nimo, isogashiku nai nimo, dō nimo kō nimo ohanashi ni nari masen. Nani mo ka mo



o mechakucha desu.

Atarashii toshi: Mechakucha? Sore wa mata dō shite desu. Imashigata mo 3-gatsu Kun kara, umaku itte iru to denwa o kakete kita bakari desu.

1-gatsu: 3-gatsu desu'te? Aitsu wa ate ni naranai yatsu desu. Iikagenna, ki no kawari-yasui otoko desu. Desu kara, ningen-tachi mo 3-gatsu no otenki wa ate ni naranai to itte iru kurai desu.

Atarashii toshi: De, nan no goyō deshō?

1-gatsu: Jitsu wa minna de oriitte onegai ni agatta no desu ga.

Atarashii toshi: Onegai? Minna de? Nan desu ka?

1-gatsu: Komatte shimai mashita node, minna de atsumatte sōdan shita kekka, watakushi ga daihyō de mairi mashita no desu ga.

Atarashii toshi: Daihyō de? De, minasan wa?

1-gatsu: Soto de matte ori masu.

Atarashii toshi: Sore wa ikenai. Minasan mo naka ni haitte moratte kudasai.

1-gatsu to o akete yobu, 2-gatsu ika 12-gatsu made, 3-gatsu o nozoite 10-nin ga haitte kuru.

Atarashii toshi: Oya, oya, minasan goissho desu, ne. Dō shita to iu n desu ka?

1-gatsu: Watakushi-domo wa osshatta tōri minna de issho ni hataraki mashita. Soshite, dekiru dake no koto o shita tsumori desu. Keredomo kekkyoku nan nimo naranai koto ga wakatta no desu.

Atarashii toshi: Nan nimo naranai? To iu to?

1-gatsu : Nani mo dekinai no desu. Kodomo-tachi o asobasete yaritaku tomo, dō nimo naranai no desu.

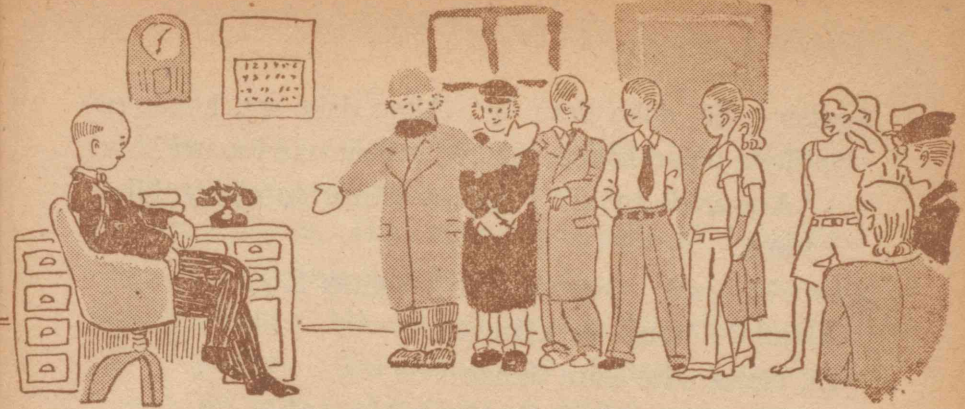
Atarashii toshi : Dō shite desu?

1-gatsu : Watakushi ya 2-gatsu Kun ya 12-gatsu Kun wa yuki to kōri de kodomo-tachi o asobaseru koto shika shiri masen. Keredomo, watakushi-tachi ga ikura yuki ya kōri o motte itte mo, 7-gatsu Kun ya 8-gatsu Kun ga soba o tōru to, minna tokete shimau node, kodomo-tachi wa kotoshi ni natte kara, mada ippen mo sukii ya sukēto ya sori de asobe masen.

4-gatsu : Watakushi-tachi mo sō desu. Watakushi to 5-gatsu San wa ki ya kusa no me o yobisamashite asobaseru tsumori na no desu ga, ikura issōkemmei ni yatte mo, watakushi-tachi no ato kara, 12-gatsu San ya 1-gatsu San ya, 2-gatsu San ga tōru to, me ga minna kogoete shinde shimau no desu.

8-gatsu : Boku-tachi mo sō desu. Boku-tachi natsu no 'tsuki' wa, mizuasobi ya yamanobori, tombotsuri ya semitori de, kodomo o asobaseru tsumori na no desu ga, kodomo-tachi ga mizuasobi o shiyō to shite hadaka ni naru to, kyūni samuku naru node, kaze o hiite shimai masu. Tombo ya semi wa minna tsuchi no naka kara dete mo ki masen.

10-gatsu : 4-gatsu San ya 5-gatsu San-tachi haru no 'tsuki' ga me o yobisamashite mo, mina karete shimau node, watakushi-tachi wa nani mo suru shigoto ga nai no desu. Aka ya ki ni iro o somekaete yaru kinoha ga ari masen. Hana ga sakanai no desu kara,



kinomi ya kudamono datte minoraseyō ga ari masen. Daiichi ni, kodomo-tachi wa amari yōki ga kawaru n de, kaze o hiite seki o shitari, kushami o shitari shite i masu.

Atarashii toshi : Sore wa ikenai. Dō shitara ii deshō?

1-gatsu : Dō shitara ii no ka, wareware niwa wakari masen. Watashi-tachi wa tada anata no ossharu tōri ni hataraku hoka wa ari masen. Anata no okangae de kō natta no desu kara, dō shitara yoi ka mo anata ga okangae ni naru hoka ari masen.

Atarashii toshi : Da kara, minasama mo, boku to issō ni kangaete kudasai, to onegai shite iru n desu.

1-gatsu : Demo, watakushi wa kotoshi hajimete konna koto o shita no desu kara, dō shitara yoi ka, nado to iu koto wa totemo kangaerare masen.

'Tsuki'-tachi ichidō, gayagaya to meimei ni nani ka ii hajimeru.

Atarashii toshi : Yoroshii, dewa boku wa 3-gatsu Kun ni sōdan shite mi masu. 3-gatsu Kun wa doko ni i masu?

1-gatsu : Sā, doko desu ka. Aitsu dake wa, kondo no yarikata o yorokonde, sokora-jū tobiaruite i masu kara.
'Atarashii toshi' toguchi e itte, soto e yobika-keru.

Atarashii toshi : 3-gatsu Kun! 3-gatsu Kun!

(Tōku de henji ga kikoeru.)

Oi, chotto kite kure tamae!

Yagate '3-gatsu' isoide haitte kuru.

3-gatsu : Oya, oya. Minna atsumatte i masu, ne. Nan no goyō deshō. Watashi wa, ima totemo isogashii n desu ga.

Atarashii toshi : Iroiro komatta koto ga okotte shimai mashita. Mā, kochira e kite kiite kudasai.

3-gatsu : Nani o sonnani okomari nan desu.

Atarashii toshi : Umaku ikanai n da. Minna ni ippen ni hataraitte moratta no da keredō, kekkyoku nan nimo naranai n da sō desu.

3-gatsu : Sonna koto wa ari masen. Sakki mo denwa shita yōni, kodomo-tachi wa mezurashigatte, yorokonde i masu.

Atarashii toshi : Demo, kodomo-tachi wa nani mo shite asobenai sō jā ari masen ka.

3-gatsu : E, demo mado kara soto o mite tanoshinde i masu.

Kore o kiite ichidō gayagaya to sawagi-hajimeru. Kuchi-guchi ni '3-gatsu' no warukuchi o iu.

Atarashii toshi : Minasan, matte kudasai. Sō ichido ni minna ga shabette mo wakari masen.

3-gatsu : Hitori zutsu ii tamae. Hitori zutsu iwanaku-chā hakkiri wakaranai.

12-gatsu : Sō sa. Dare mo omae to issho ni shaberikko o suru mono wa inai kara, na.

Atarashii toshi : Mā, mā, sō kenka o shinaide shizukani shite kudasai. Tonikaku, ima ukagatta yōna koto dewa, dō ni mo shikata ga ari masen. Nan toka minasan ga sorezore no tokui no oshigoto de kodomo-tachi o yorokobasete kudasaranaku tewa nanni mo nari masen. Dewa, '11-gatsu' San, anata wa dō sureba kodomo-tachi o tanoshimaseru koto ga deki masu ka?

11-gatsu : Watakushi wa '8-gatsu' Kun-tachi, natsukemochi no shokun ga, kudamono o jūbun ōkiku shite oite kure sae sureba, sore o akaku jikushita oishii kudamono ni shite yareru no desu.

10-gatsu : Watakushi mo natsu no aida ni ki no ha ga aoku, ōkiku natte sae ireba, akaku somekaerare masu.

9-gatsu : Watakushi mo sō sureba, ki no ha o kiiroku some masu shi, suzushii kaze o fukashite, natsu no atsusa o wasuresasete, gakkō no benkyō o hajime sase masu.

Atarashii toshi : Dewa, '8-gatsu' Kun wa?

8-gatsu : Watakushi wa '7-gatsu' Kun sae jumbi o shite oite kurereba, atsui-atsui manatsu no taiyō o motte itte, mizuabi o shite iru kodomo-tachi no karada o makkuro ni shite, fuyu ni natte mo, kaze o hikanai yōni shite yari masu.

7-gatsu : Watakushi wa 6-gatsu Kun ga tsuyu no ame

o dondon furashite, iroirona mono ga seichō suru jumbi o shite kurereba, sore o 8-gatsu Kun ni hikiwatashite yare masu.

6-gatsu : Watakushi wa 5-gatsu San ga haru kara natsu ni naru yōi o shite kurete, ii otenki o tsuzukete, ame o tamete oite kure sae sureba, tsuyu no ame o takusan furasete yare masu.

Atarashi toshi : Jā, 5-gatsu Kun wa dō desu.

5-gatsu : Watakushi wa 4-gatsu San ga ki ya kusa no tane o maite, me o samashite oite kudasareba, yukkuri to yasashii komoriuta o utatte, sono me o sodate, hana o sakase, ha o shigerasete yare masu, wa.

4-gatsu : Watakushi wa 3-gatsu San ga fuyu no samusa o yawaragete oite sae kudasareba, tane o maki masu, wa.

3-gatsu : Hora, jā kekkyoku boku ga minna no ichiban no moto jā nai ka!

1-gatsu : Sō wa ikanai, yo. Wareware fuyu no samusa ga aru kara, hajimete haru no atatakasa ga wakaru n jā nai ka?

Atarashii toshi : Wakari mashita. Ima no minasan no ohanashi o ukagatte, yoku wakari mashita. Subete kisoku-dōri ni dekite iru no desu, ne. Kisoku-dōri ni jumban o kimete, jumban ni hataraite morau no ga ichiban yosasō desu. 1-gatsu Kun wa dō omoi masu? Nani ka ii kangae ga ari masu ka?

1-gatsu : Kore made dōri ni suru no ga ichiban ii to omoi masu.

Atarashii toshi : Kore made dōri to iu to?

1-gatsu : Hitotsuki ni hitori zutsu, tsumari 12-nin ga hitotsuki zutsu jumban ni hataraku no desu. Hajime no tsuki wa watashi ga yari, tsugi no tsuki o 2-gatsu Kun ga yaru to iu wake desu. Tsumari koyomi-dōri to iu koto desu.

Atarashii toshi : Naruhodo, ima made dōri tō iu koto desu, ne. 1-gatsu Kun no tsugi ga 2-gatsu Kun, sono ato ga 3-gatsu Kun.

3-gatsu : Sō desu. Watakushi no ato ga 4-gatsu San to 5-gatsu San de.

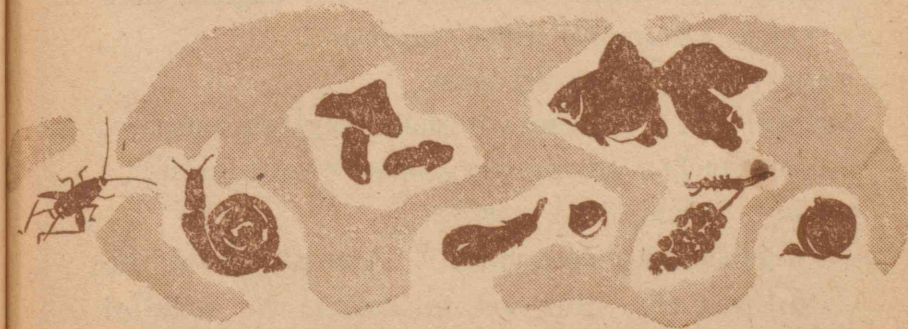
Atarashii toshi : Kimi wa damatte ite kure tamae!

3-gatsu : —

Atarashii toshi : Tsumari, bangōjun desu, ne.

1-gatsu : Ē, mukashi kara kono jumban de yatte masu. Sore ga ichiban machigai no nai michi na no desu.

Atarashii toshi : Wakari mashita. Sate, shokun! Omo-u tokoro ga atte, watashi wa watashi no kangaeta



atarashii yarikata o yamete, kore made dōri ni yatte miru koto ni kesshin itashi mashita.

‘Tsuki’-tachi, yorokonde hakushu suru.

3-gatsu : Sore wa totemo subarashi okangae desu. Watakushi mo daisansei desu.

Atarashii toshi : Kimi wa damatte ite kure tamae!

Minasan, owakari desu ka? Ima made dōri ni suru no desu. Watashi ga atarashii to omotte yatta tame ni minasan ni iroiro to gomeiwaku o kakete, mōshiwake ari masan. Watashi wa 12-nin ga hitotsuki zutsu hataraku no to, 12-nin ga ippen ni hataraku no to onaji koto da to omotte i mashita. Tsumari, 1×12 to 12×1 to wa onaji kotae desu kara, onaji koto da to omotta no desu. Sore ga watashi no machigai deshita. Owabi shi masu. — Sā, dewa sassoku 1-gatsu Kun kara onegai shi masu. Ato no minasan wa jibun no ban no kuru made wa yukkuri to yasunde ite kudasai. Iroiro to gokurōsama deshita.

1-gatsu o nokoshite ato no ‘tsuki’-tachi, kuchiguchi ni wakare no aisatsu o shi nagara, dete yuku. ‘Atarashii toshi’ miokuru.

1-gatsu : Dewa itte mairi masu.

Atarashii toshi : Ā, dewa yoroshiku onegai shi masu, yo.

Kodomo-tachi o omoshiroku asobasete yatte kudasai.

1-gatsu : Shōchi itashi mashita.

‘1-gatsu’ mo dete yuku. ‘Atarashii toshi’ hitori nokoru. Bonyari to tsukue no mae ni suwaru.

Atarashii toshi : — Okashii, na. 1×12 wa 12 da. 12×1 mo 12 da. Sore da no ni, umaku ikanai nante, dō iu wake darō?

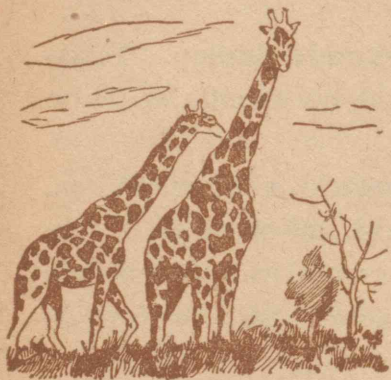
‘Atarashii toshi’ kangae-konde shimau. Yagate tōku de, kodomo-tachi no asonde iru koe ga kikoeru.

Atarashii toshi : Oya, kodomo-tachi no koe da, na. (To, mado no tokoro e yuki, mi-orosu.) A’, kodomo-tachi ga sori ni notte, asonde iru! Yorokonde iru! A’, korondemo mata subette iru. — Kore de ii n da, kore de ii n da.

— Shizukani maku —

(Kubota Mantarō no saku ni yoru.)

Afurika no Eiyū



Borudō to iu no wa,
Furansu no taiseiyōgan,
Bisukē Wan no oku ni aru
tokai de, koko kara wa
Afurika no shokuminchi
yuki no kisen ga de
masu.

1913-nen no haru no ko-
to deshita. Kono Afurika
yuki no kisen ni nan to
naku hitome o hiku chūnen no fūfu ga norikonde ki
mashita. Shokuminchi yuki no yakunin ni shite wa,
monogoshi ga odayaka-sugiru shi, sore ka to itte, sen-
kyōshi ni shite wa tottsuki-nikui shi, shōnin dewa zettai
ni nai. Hate, nanimono darō to, hitobito no me wa
utagaibukaku, kono minarenai fūfu no ue ni sosogarete
i mashita. Aruberuto Shuwaitseru, kore ga sono hito
no na deshita. Mimoto o akashi masu to, Eruzasu u-
mare no Doitsu-jin de, kono Afurika ni tabidatsu made
wa, Shutorasuburugu Daigaku bungakubu no kyōju de
ari, ōganisuto to shite, hiroku sono na o shirareta hito
de ari mashita ga, subete no eishoku o nageuchi, ima-
ya tada futsū no isha to shite, nettai ni yuku fune ni
karada o takushite iru no deshita.

Ōganisuto to iu no wa, orugan o hiku hito, kotoni
paipu-orugan to itte, dendōki de kaze o okuranakereba

ma ni awanai hodo, hijōni ōkina orugan o hiku hito o
sō yobu no desu ga, kore de yūmei ni naru niwa, na-
mi-taitei na udemae dewa, dekinai koto na no desu.

Soko de minasan wa fushin ni omou ka mo shire
masen, ne. Rippana daigaku-kyōju dattari, yūmeina
ongakuka dattari shita hito ga, isha ni natte, dō iu wake
de Afurika nado ni dekakeru no darō? Yahari, sei-yō
demo isha no hō ga okane ga mōkaru kara darō ka?
Sore tomo, nettai ni yukeba, byōnin mo ōi darō shi,
kane mo tori-hōdai ni toreru to iu wake da kara darō
ka? Naruhodo, jijō o shiranai hito, shitte mo rikai de-
kinai hito dattara, daigakukyōju kara isha ni natte
Afurika nanka e dekakeru koto o, monozuki da to wa-
rattari, yohodo no henjin de demo aru ka no yōni
kangaeru darō to omoi masu.

Shuwaitseru ga Afurika yuki o kesshin shita no wa,
monozuki kara demo nakereba, ichiji no kimagure kara
demo ari masen deshita. Sore wa, yamu ni yamarenu
kimochi ga atte, donna koto o shite mo osaeru koto ga
dekizu, sono ue, konnichi ni sonaete jumbi o susumete
kita koto ga, dō yara totonotta kara de ari mashita.

Jumbi to iu no wa, isha to shite no ude o migaku
koto, byōin o hiraku shikin o atsumeru koto deshita ga,
sono mokuteki ga Afurika no dojin o sukuu to iu koto
de ari mashita node, hitobito ni jibun no kangae o wakat-
te morau tame niwa, dore hodo kurushii omoi o kasa-
neta ka, sore wa kotoba dewa tsukusenai hodo deshita.

Dojin o sukuu. Dojin o jibun-tachi to onaji bummei no

onkei ni yokusasete yaraneba naranai. Kore ga Shuwaitseru no negai de ari mashita. Shikashi, hitobito niwa sō iu kare no kangaekata ga jūbun ni rikai deki masen deshita. Shuwaitseru ni sonna koto o shite morau yori, daigaku no kyōju de ari, mei-ōganisuto de atte hoshii. Nani mo wazawaza Afurika nanzo e itte morawanaku temo, dareka hoka ni yuku hito ga aru darō. Tatoe, nai to shitemo, taka ga kokujin da. Sonna kaba ya, wani ya, zō ya, tora nado to kurashite iru mono no koto nanka, ningen-nami ni shimpai shite yaru hitsuyō wa nai. Kore ga itsuwari no nai, minna no hara deshita. Desu kara, kifukin o atsumeru no ni, donna ni kuchi o suppaku shite toite mawatte mo, nakanaka omou yōni yuku mono dewa ari masen.

Soko de, Shuwaitseru wa ensōkai o hiraitari, hon o dashitari shite, issōkemmei ni kane o tame, Afurika yuki no jitsugen ni tsutomete ki mashita ga, sono kai atte, tsuini naganen no kare no nozomi o hatasu toki ga kita no deshita.

Fune wa, nanishiō Taiseiyō no yama no yōna uneri o koete, minami e minami e to susunde yuki mashita.

Tōtoi shimei o hatasu tame ni, ima, Afurika e mukau koto ga dekita no wa, kono ue mo naku ureshii koto de ari mashita ga, sore ni shite mo, Shuwaitseru fusai niwa, satte kita bakari no ano kokyō no keshiki ga wasurerare masen deshita.

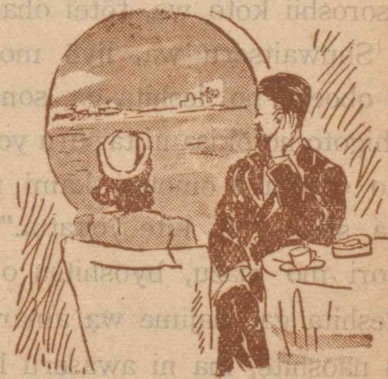
Kokyō o tatta ano hi, ringo no hana mo, chira-hora sakihajimete i mashita. Karera o noseta kisha ga ugoki-

dashita toki, kyōkai no tō no naka kara wa kane ga natte i mashita. 3-gatsu sue no soyokaze ga noyama o nadete i mashita. Sō shite, tsugi-tsugi ni mado no soto ni hashirisatta keshiki ga, natsukashiku me ni ukabu no deshita.

Koto ni yottara, ikite futatabi kaeru koto ga dekinai kamo shirenai to, kokoro-hisokani kakugo o kimete kita tabi de atta dake ni, Shuwaitseru fūfu ga, ima, kokkoku ni hanarete yuku Yōroppa no rikuchi o umi no hate ni nagameru kimochi niwa, tatoeyō naku setsunai mono ga ari mashita.

Afurika no chizū o miru to, taiseiyōgan no hō wa, tairiku no chōdo nakagoro no tokoro de, odekō no yōna katachi o shite i masu. Sono odekō o kaigan-zutai ni minami ni kudaruru to, Furansu-ryō Kongō, sono kaigan o sarani yoku mite yuku to, Riiburubiru to iu minatomachi ga ari, sukoshi hanareta Ropetsu-misaki ga ari, kokō ni okuchi kara hitosuji no kawa, Ogowē to iu kawa ga nagarete kite iru koto ni kizuku deshō.

Shuwaitseru fūfu o noseta fune wa, Borudō o dete irai 20-nichi kakatte, yatto kono Riiburubiru ni tsuki mashita. Koko de fune o orita fūfu wa, 8-jikan bakari kakatte Ropetsu-misaki ni watari,



sore kara Ogowe gawa o jōkisen de nobotte, Rambarēne to iu buraku ni jōriku shi mashita. Kono Rambarēne koso, Shuwaitseru fūfu ga mezashite kita tokoro de, naganen no kibō de atta koko o nejiro ni, shigoto o hajimeru to iu hi ga yōyaku kita wake de ari mashita.

Chizu de mite mo wakarū yōni, kono Rambarēne no aru ittai wa sekidō no hotondo mashita de ari masu. Sekidō no mashita de kurashita keiken no nai minasan niwa, soko no atsusa ga donna ni kibishii mono de aru ka wa, sōzō mo tsuki masu mai. Sore mo 3,4-kagetsu ni kagitte atsui to iu nara madashimō, hontō ni ichinenjū onaji kikō na no desu. Mottomo, ame no furu jiki to ame no furanai jiki to ga ari masu ga, sono dochira no jiki demo, okite ite mo, nete ite mo, jirijiri to atsui no niwa, sukoshi mo kawari ga nai no desu.

Dojin no hada no kurosa wa, sonna kankei demo ari mashō ga, Indojin nanka to wa kurabemono ni naranai hodo kuroku, urushi no yō desu. Soshite tachi no warui byōki ga sokora ichimen ni habikotte ite, sono osoroshii koto wa, tōtei ohanashi ni nari masen.

Shuwaitseru wa, iiyō mo naku mune no itamu no o oboeru no deshita ga, sono ippō, jibun no nasubeki shigoto no ōkisa ni taisuru yorokobi to, hariai to, sekinin no omosa o omotte, kami ni kansha shi tai kimoichi ga shite, "Ā, kite yokatta." to omoi mashita. Nani yori mo mazu, byōshitsu o tatenakereba nari masen deshita ga, hajime wa amari ōgakari ni sezu, furui ie o naoshite, ma ni awaseru koto ni shi mashita.

Iyoiyo byōin o hiraite kara, 9-kagetsu no aida ni 2000-nin no kokujin ga kusuri o morai ni ki mashita.

Shinsatsu wa maiasa 8-ji han ni hajimari mashita. Sore made niwa byōin no mae ya chikaku no kokage ni, mō kanja ga tsumekakete i mashita. Sono kanjachi ni mukatte, mazu tsugi no yōna koto o, joshu no hitori ga kimatte yomi-age masu.

1. Byōin no mawari de, tan ya tsuba o haite wa ikenai.
2. Jumban o matte iru aida wa, dekiru dake shizukani shite iru koto.
3. Shinsatsu ga nagabiku tame ni, jikan ga kakaru koto ga aru kamo shirenai kara, 1-nichibun no bentō o motte kuru koto.
4. Sensei no yurushi nashi ni, koko de yo o akasu mono ga aru. Sō iu mono ni wa, kore kara wa kusuri o yaranai.
5. Kusuribin ya kusuribako nado wa, yō ga sundara kanarazu kaesu koto.
6. Tsuki no nakaba ni fune ga tsuitara, sore ga dete yuku made, kyūbyōnin no hoka wa shinsatsu shinai. Sensei wa Yōroppa kara iroiro no daiji na kusuri o toriyoseru tame, tegami o kaku no ni isogashii kara.

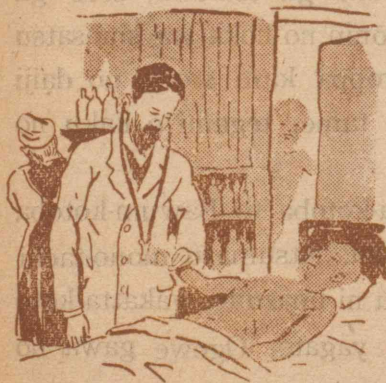
Kono 6-tsu no koto ga, Garoa-kotoba to Bawuin-kotoba de maiasa yomiagerare mashita. Atsumaru mono-tachi wa minna, sono hitotsu hitotsu ni unazuite, wakatta koto o shirase mashita. Sore wa yagate, Ogowe gawa no

ryōgan no buraku-jū ni shire-watari mashita. Shujitsu de ichiban ōi no wa, Heruniya to iu chō no byōki de, kore ni yarareru to, chō ga mattaku tōranaku naru no desu. Afurika no kono atari dewa, kono byōki ni kakaru mono ga taisō ōku, sono mijimesa wa, tatoeyō mo ari masen deshita.

“Watakushi wa konna byōnin ga kanū de hakobikomareru to, sono kurushisōna no ni jibun mo mune ga tsumatte, kuchi o kiku koto ga deki masen deshita. Kono Rambarēne no atari nambyaku mairu no aida de, konna byōnin o tasukeru koto no dekiru no wa, tada watakushi hitori shika nai no deshita. Watakushi wa donna koto o shite demo sukuidasō to kesshin shi, kami ni tasuke o negai sae itashi mashita. Soko de, watakushi wa byōnin no hitai ni te o oite ii masu.”

“Kesshite shimpai suru n jā nai, zo. Mō shibaraku shi tara omae wa nemuku naru. Soshite, kondo me ga sameta toki niwa, itami wa sukkari torete iru n da.”

“Sō itte oite, watakushi wa tsuma o yobi, Yozefu ni shujitsu no yōi o sase masu.



Soshite, byōnin ni zenshin-masui o kake, koroai o mite, subayaku shujitsu o suru no desu. Shujitsu o sumaseru to, hono-akarui heya no byōnin no soba ni tatte, watakushi wa jitto sono kao o mi-mamotte i

masu.

Shibaraku suru to, byōnin ga masui kara dandan samete ki masu ga, watakushi ga soba ni iru no ni ki ga tsuku to, issōkemmei ni sakebi masu.

‘Itaku nai desu, Sensei! Ā, Sensei, tasukari mashita!’ Soshite, te o watakushi ni sashinobe, kesshite hanasō to wa shinai no desu. Soko de, watakushi wa byōnin ya sono heya ni iru kanja-tachi ni, jibun ya tsuma o kono Rambarēne ni okutte yokoshita no wa kamisama de aru koto, jibun-tachi ga koko de kurasu koto no dekiru yō, soshite byōki de kurushimu minasan o tasukeru yōni to, okane o dashite ite kureru no wa Yōroppa no hito-bito de aru koto o hanashite kikaseru no desu.

Suru to, minna wa, sono Yōroppa no hito-bito to iu no wa dare ka, doko ni sunde iru no ka, dō shite wareware kokujin ga byōki ni nayamasarete iru no o shitte iru no ka, to itte tazuneru no desu.

Sore ni taishite watakushi wa, iroiro karera ni yoku wakarū yōni setsumei shinakereba nari masen ga, Afurika no tsuyoi taiō no tette iru shita de, otagaini konna koto o toi, sore ni kotaete iru hitotoki hodo, watakushi ni totte yorokobi to kansha ni afureru koto wa ari masen shi, kokujin-tachi mo kōfuku ni me o urumasete sae iru no desu.

‘Nanjira, mina harakara nari!’

Sō iu kotoba ga Seisho no naka ni ari masu ga, watakushi mo kokujin mo, kono kotoba o kuchisaki de nashi ni, jijitsu ni yotte hishihishi to kanjita koto



deshita.”

Shuwaitseru wa, kō shite sukoshi demo kokujin no seikatsu ga akaruku naru yōni, ningen-rashii seikatsu ga deki, kami o uyamau koto o shiri, kansha shite kono sekai o miwatasu koto ga dekiru yōni to, hataraki-nuite kita no desu.

Konnichi, Yōroppa to iwazu, donna sekai no sumizumi demo, kare no idaina okonai o shitte iru hodo no hito wa, Shuwaitseru o ‘Eiyū’ to yonde i masu. Kono hito ga eiyū to yobarēru no wa, sore wa fukōna kokujin o sukuu to iu mokuteki no tame ni, kyōju no chii mo, ongakuka no meisei mo, issai kanaguri-sutete, Afurika no banchi ni tobikonda tame desu. Wareware to onaji ningen no fukō o shitte ite, shiranu furi ga dekinai tame ni, inochi-gake de kokujin no naka ni, jibun no shinnen, shinkō o ikasō to tsutometa tame nano desu.

Minasan wa, kyō made eiyū to iu no wa, Naporeon no yōna hito-tachi dake o sasu no da to omotte ita kamo shire masen. Shikashi, kono Shuwaitseru no yōna tōtoi shigoto ni, mi mo kokoro mo uchikonde iru

hito, konna hito koso, hontō ni eiyū to yobu ni atai suru mono de aru koto o, dōka wasurenaide hoshii to omoi masu.

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