

Dear Yuri & Bill -

June 2, 1982

I think of you often, you know. You seem to touch & change the lives of so many people. I am amazed. I thought of you during Malcolm X Day. KPFK ran a whole series of his speeches. I imagined you were taking your usual trek to Malcolm's grave.

Again - in preparing for a 1/2 radio program for KPFK - Peace & Disarmament Week - (I couldn't find a Nikkei who would read with me - some said ok & backed out) - I looked for Hibakusha

I love your pictures! Poetry and found Friends of Hibakusha by Virginia Sauer with your photos! My theme was that we Asian Americans must have a special commitment to work ~~with~~ for Peace & Disarmament because our lives are so vulnerably affected by world events - and that the worst kind of violence in wartime has been suffered by Asians throughout the world. I finally found Judy Chu - an Asian Studies professor - young woman who shared a panel with me before - & appear with me. Am I getting paranoid? Or are Asians in ~~Calif.~~ Southern Calif. more conservative & frightened off by my association with radical politics and Nellie Wong? Ah well.

Yuri - I feel as though I've known you forever. I admire what you are doing - I love you for who you are - I wish you were closer to talk to. Love Nelson Yamada

May 19, 1982

Dear Family and Friends:

I just learned from Light-Saraf Film Co. that PBS has released MITSUYE AND NELLIE to its affiliates to be aired anytime after July 14th. In order to encourage your local station to air it (they have the option not to), will you please call the program scheduling department of your local PBS station and ask them when it will be shown? You just need to say "I understand the film MITSUYE AND NELLIE: TWO AMERICAN POETS has been released by National PBS for airing in July. I'd like to know the time and date you plan to show it in _____." (See, I even wrote the script for you!) Thanks much. I hope you'll have a chance to see it on TV.

Love,
Mitsuye

P.S. The telephone # for KCET in L.A. is (213) 666-6500.
San Francisco has already scheduled it for July 15th at 10. p.m.