

① "I CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU"

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YAKIMA, Washington

Dearest "Cherokee,"

Well I just couldn't resist waiting you again to find out if you received my last letter and if you did why you didn't answer one way or the other. You can't hurt me more than I'm already hurt by saying you don't want to have anything to do with me. All I want to know is what the score is, of course I was hoping for an answer that you would be happy if I came down there and that you would help me. I can except the other though if you really want me too.

As you can see I've moved again. I have a room here in Yakima and I'm looking for a job. The canneries will start hiring the first of August and I plan on working in one until a steady job comes up or until I have enough money to get as far away from here as possible.

The reason for my moving was because your dear little sis Jean found out where I was and this friend of mine brought her out to see me. I was afraid she would squeal on me so the next day I took off for new territory.

She, Jean, got her release and was

living with her brother in Salem but he kicked her out so she moved in with these "gay" kids in Portland and she is going with this girl from Corvallis and is also messing around with about three other girls. One of the reasons I thought she might squeal on me was because she said one of these gay girls got drunk and was bothering her so she called the cops and got her sentenced for a month in Rocky Butte. I didn't know what she might do to me so I played it safe and left the country. I never thought I'd see the day when she turned gay again. "smile"

I really like it here quite a lot cuz I'm pretty close to the Yakima Indian Reservation. A couple of weeks ago they had an eight day pow-wow which the Indians from all over Wash., Ore., Idaho, and even Canada attended. They all set up their teepees around the White Swan-hong House and then gambled and danced all day and half the night. Of course they danced in full costume and everything. I was down there quite a lot and so was Mary Ellen Wymann. Both her and Daco are married and Mary Ellen has a

② little baby. They still live with their mother and one of these days soon I'm going down and see both of them.

Yesterday I went down to the Satus Long House for a Huckleberry Feast and had a real good dinner. We all ate off of mats on the floor and then after that there was a religious ceremony all in the Yakima Tribe language with the religious leader Watson Toetus leading it. Then starting at about nine last night they had their war dances and circle dances. Incidentally one of the war dances was the Oklahoma Express. Oh yes in the morning before I went there I visited Fort Simco which was a fort back in the 1800's and then later an Indian Agency and school. It was all very interesting and I am learning a lot of the old customs of the Yakima's and ^{Mr} Wawapums from Priest Rapids. I am also making a lot of new friends among them.

Another thing I have done is meet a few movie stars. They were filming a movie called the "Hanging Tree" here with the main stars Gary Cooper and Maria Schell. I met them and also a new star - Ben Piazza

who is 22 AND This is his first movie. Some others were MR. & MRS SWENSON. They have STARED in a lot of Broadway plays in New York AND ALSO Radio programs. I had dinner with them in the most expensive place in YAKIMA AND then took them out to the Indian dances. All in All it was a very enjoyable evening.

Wednesday evening is the night Jerry Lee Lewis AND about 12 other singers will be here. I don't like any of them but I have a couple of free passes so I guess I'll go. Sure wish you were here to use one of the passes. As it is it will just have to go to waste unless I pick up some cute little girl. "Aye" That doesn't even interest me. All that does interest me is you AND even though I am getting around a lot I'm pretty bored most of the time.

I'm still not going with anybody AND I won't until I get a definite answer from you. I'm not even looking at anybody with any interest. Boy I've got it just as bad for you now as I did when we were in school together. I just hope I still have a chance even if you are married.

③ Say I was just thinking that maybe my friends didn't mail my last letter to you so very briefly I'll tell you a few things I said in it. I took off in May and was staying in Camas Washington with a couple of gay girls. I wanted to know if you could send me around 25 or 30 bucks to help on a bus ticket back there to Oklahoma so I could be with you or at least close to you. I was wondering if you were married and if you would consider living with me. You said the reason you stopped writing to me was because you didn't think there'd ever be a chance for us to be together again. Will honey there's a chance now and it's up to you to you to decide if that's what you want. If you are unable to send any money I could start saving when I get a job and with my other expenses it would take me a couple of months to save enough. However I don't want to get down there and be stuck without any place to stay and not even knowing your address, as all I have is your old one and I know you don't live there

ANY MORE CUZ SOME PEOPLE NAMED WALKER
DO. I JUST HAVE TO TAKE THE CHANCE THAT
THE LETTERS I WRITE YOU WILL BE FORWARDED.
IF THE LAST ONE WAS MAILED IT REACHED
YOU OR YOUR SISTER CUZ IT WASN'T RE-
TURNED TO ME. ANYWAY I WANT SOME KIND
OF AN ANSWER PLEASE. THIS IS OUR CHANCE
TO BE TOGETHER SO I'M LEAVING IT UP TO YOU.
PLEASE DON'T KEEP ME WONDERING!!!

IN ABOUT AN HOUR I HAVE TO GO DOWN
TO THE BALL PARK AND PRACTICE ON THE WOMEN'S
SOFT BALL TEAM. IT'S A "PRO" TEAM AND
WE WILL BE PLAYING IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT
IN BREMER TON THE 9TH & 10TH OF AUGUST. THEY
REALLY HAVE DAMN GOOD PLAYERS AND I
WAS SURPRISED AS HELL TO GET ON THE
TEAM, AS PITCHER NO LESS. "SMILE"

WELL BABY DOLL I MUST CLOSE SOA NOW
AND I HOPE AN PRAY TO GET AN ANSWER
FROM YOU RIGHT AWAY. REMEMBER I WANT
TO BE WITH YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING IN
THIS WHOLE WORLD. "I'M WAITING JUST FOR YOU"

"Think I Over"
"Poor little fool"

"For Your love"

Love to only you FOREVER
AND ALWAYS - I LOVE YOU
HEART, body, and soul,
Just me -

~~with my love~~