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April 8, 1943

Dear Roane:

Sometime ago I wrote you with reference to the Japanese American war veterans at the Gila River Relocation Center, Rivers, Arizona, who had organized a local American Legion post. Recently when I was in Jerome, Arkansas, I discovered a second American Legion organization among the Japanese American evacuees at that place. The commander of the post, Mr. Frank F. Arakawa, address: 89-11-C, Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas, sends me a roster of the individuals belonging to the organization. I am told by the officials of the War Relocation Project that this veterans' organization contributes materially in the development of Americanism at that locality.

It seems to me that here is a case similar to the one at Gila River Relocation Center, about which I wrote you last February. Is there anything that can be done for these people?

Sincerely,

(Signed)

WILLIAM F. SCOBIE
Colonel, General Staff
Executive

Colonel Roane Waring, National Commander
American Legion
War Memorial Building
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Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.
WAR DEPARTMENT
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Dear Sir;

The enclosed clipping expresses the sentiment of all who have known the Japanese in this locality, also is based on facts.

Many of us have known them well, in schools, business and as household maids, gardeners, and on the surface they seemed loyal, but underneath; they are loyal only to the 'Land of the Rising Sun'. Some of the more educated ones, whom I thought were O.K. were the first taken in, and the F. B. I. had plenty on them; as leaders in spy rings and other activities.

All who know or have known them, feel that it would be a very serious mistake to put any of them in places (armed forces or other positions) where they could continue working for Japan. No doubt some native-born ones are loyal to America, but it would be next to impossible to know which ones were trustworthy. The ones who appear on the surface to be good Americans, are the 'smarter' ones, and the most dangerous.

Very Sincerely yours,

Another Teacher

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Letters From

All Japanese Are Said to Be Tanned With Same Skin

Editor of The Bay -
Reading the various Japanese
travels letters I feel I
know the country.

I am an ex school teacher
and taught 40 years of
at Sacramento. I was in
East and West Asia and
stand I did not last come
get wise to the Japanese
Pearl Harbor.

I have taught in some
there were 10 Japanese
white child. It is a
knowledge that while the
went to our schools five
week they always had
school on Saturday. I
trouble to learn my work
confidence and then

what they did in the
I am sure they would
forget the land of their
but the more native
explain to the they
the entire world.

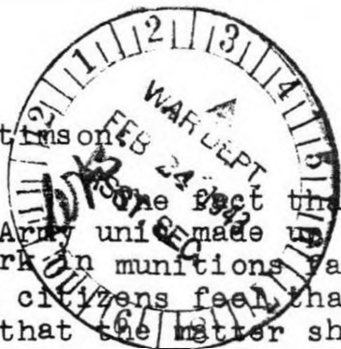
Son of Heaven and that
we told them about
fake. They were taught
Japanese school to learn
and get an American
they could be used when
person's great day arrived.

Get them out of the
and get them out of
the country.

Japanese people
tanned with the same skin.
C. W. MORRISON
1914 Eleventh Street
San Francisco

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February 6, 1943.RECEIVED
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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Secretary of War, Stimson



Some fact that the government is considering assembling an Army unit made up of American Japs, as well as releasing many to work in munitions factories, has many people greatly worried. These citizens feel that this is decidedly the wrong thing to do, and that the matter should be decided by a vote of the people.

Surely, I am in favor of giving every citizen a chance to prove his loyalty, but not in favor of taking unnecessary risks toward the destruction of all we have accomplished. A move like this would be an absurd thing to do at this time- like handing a murderer a gun and telling him to shoot.

It would take only one such mistake in misjudgement, as placing one suicidally minded Jap in each factory- to blow every factory we have and all the workers in them into Eternity--- and all the later investigations and sabotage inquiries, would do no good- it would be too late. This would be an irreparable loss, which we cannot afford right now- and not fair to the workers. Japs are not to be trusted.

In the name of the soldiers and workers who trust the government to protect their interests, how could anyone in his right mind think of taking such a chance,- even if the odds were less ?

Even a few supposedly conscientious workers, each turning out defective parts, or tampering with concealed acids on our metals, could render much of our output worthless at a time when it is most needed. How can any one man take upon his own conscience such a great and far-reaching responsibility, - just to prove whether or not these Japs are trustworthy? We know they are not-- it seems that some folks have already forgotten the needless tragedy of Pearl Harbor.

Or, suppose we should equip an army; finance and feed it with hard-earned American dollars,- what assurance have we that this same army would not be used against our own country, or our own boys at some strategic moment? Should we place this temptation and this power in their hands? I say no. This is what Japan would like, and this is the time when it could mean the most toward a Japanese victory. What a laugh they would have on us- we would deserve to lose the war if we were such fools!

If we do this now, why have we spent millions in rounding them up, and transporting them all over the country, allowing them to remain idle?

Why not give them enough fertile land and equipment, and let them prove their loyalty, in doing the thing they can really do well- raise vegetables. In this there would be no risk, and it would help solve part of the great farm problem. They should have been doing this for the past year- at least enough for their own requirements, and the present shortage would have been greatly lessened.

Nothing will cut down the sale of war bonds quicker than such a drastic move as this Jap Army idea- and nothing will do more to lower the morale of the men at the front. It is against everything they are fighting for.

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Give the Japs an island to themselves in the future, and make them stay on it. They certainly do not belong here. They have forfeited that right.

Now why don't you do something to stop this idea before we have another major catastrophe- one from which we might never survive! I think it is up to you and all of us to do some real fast thinking, before it is too late and we hand the country over to the Japs.

One of many worried citizens.

U.S. Sets Up Fighting Squads Of Loyal Japanese-Americans

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A revision of policy to ease restrictions on Americans of Japanese ancestry and employ loyal ones in war work was announced today along with plans for an Army unit of Japanese-Americans.

The Army unit is to include infantry, artillery, engineer and medical personnel organized in a combat team. Announcing the decision to form it, Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, said: "The War Department's action is part of a larger program which will enable all loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry to make their proper contribution toward winning the war—through employment in war production as well as military service."

First of the Japanese-Americans to be utilized in the United States, it was revealed in Cleveland, will be 10,000 who will be taken from ten Western relocation centers to relieve farm and factory labor shortages in Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia. Harold S. Pistone, director of a new War Relocation Authority branch in Cleveland, indicated that further such redistributions were being planned with the co-operation of the Japanese-Americans evacuated from strategic areas to the centers.

A few hours after the Washington announcement it was disclosed by Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, commander of the Hawaiian Department at Honolulu, that he had been ordered

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We have no loyal Japanese

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Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson
Kind Sir

That Japanese Americans
fighting squads is the biggest
mistake how can anybody
say a loyal Japanese.
you will feel sorry later
we have loyal Germans
Americans and loyal Italians
but not loyal Japanese
just think that over
then you will see that I'm right
Your Adm.

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