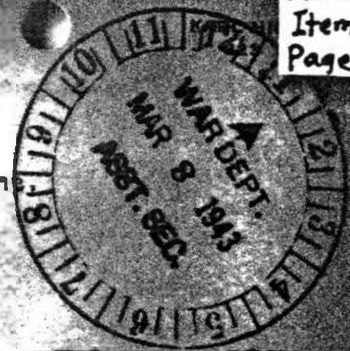


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February 28th, 1943.

*Honorable Henry Stimson,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.*

*Sir:*

The Veterans Service League of Santa Monica, California, at our meeting of February 18th, 1943, unanimously adopted the accompanying resolution.

Members of our organization, who are veterans of all the wars and present war, are of the unanimous opinion that the matter of loyalty to the United States of America on the part of persons of JAPANESE ancestry, whether American or Japanese born is to be seriously doubted. Further, we feel that this sentiment is shared by the majority of the citizens of the State of California.

We, therefore present this resolution with the hope that it will receive your most favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

*Robert V. Reilly*

ROBERT V. REILLY  
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RESOLUTION:

Members of the Veterans Service League of Santa Monica, composed of 1600 veterans from all the wars, are grieved and shocked to learn of the proposal to enroll in the United States Army a unit of JAPANESE ancestry.

The members of the Veterans Service League are firmly convinced that the enrollment of a United States Army unit composed of JAPANESE will retard the welfare of the State of California and of the nation, and will create a dangerous threat to a proper and adequate defence of this great country. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Veterans Service League is strenuously opposed to the formation of a JAPANESE unit of the United States Army, and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to take steps as may be necessary to prevent this organization and enrollment of such a unit. And be it further

Resolved, That copies of this petition be sent to the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee and others.

Resolved, that copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting to-night of the Veterans Service League for future reference after this war.

Resolved, this resolution was submitted by the Americanism Committee of the Veterans Service League, and adopted by unanimous vote.

*Harry L. "Doc" Kuhlmeier*  
Commander.

*Robert V. Reilly*

*Clayton Heaven*  
Secretary.

R. V. REILLY - CHAIRMAN  
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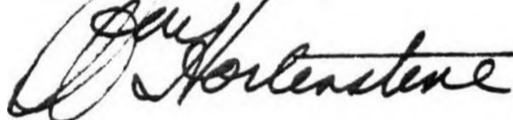
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Los Angeles, California  
February 6, 1943Honorable Henry L. Stimpson  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully directed to the enclosed Resolution unanimously adopted by Hollywood Parlor #196, Native Sons of the Golden West, February 1st 1943.

Very sincerely yours

Fm. I. Hortenstine  
Recording Secretary#5400 Hollywood Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California

WHEREAS: Hollywood Parlor #196 is a Member Parlor of the Order of the Native Sons of the Golden West and is vitally concerned not only with the Preservation of our form of Government but also with the Promotion of all matters beneficial to its interests; and

WHEREAS: Information has come to this Organization of the proposals to enroll in the United States Army a unit of so-called "Citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry"; and

WHEREAS: The Members of Hollywood Parlor #196 of the Native Sons of the Golden West are thoroughly convinced that all Japanese, by their teachings, philosophy, ideology and physiology, are loyal only to Japan regardless of protestations otherwise and that the enrollment of a United States Army Unit composed of Japanese would be inimical to the Welfare of this Nation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Hollywood Parlor #196 is Strenuously Opposed to the formation of a Japanese Unit in the United States Army and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to exercise its prerogative and to nullify any proposals of such a nature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Copies of this Petition be sent to the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representative Military Affairs Committee and Others.

March 11, 1943

Dear Mr. Reilly:

Your letter of February 26th to the Honorable Henry Stimson enclosing the resolution of the Veterans Service League, Inc., with reference to the utilization of Japanese Americans in the United States Army is acknowledged. The Secretary asks that you be thanked for your views.

The War Department does not concur in the expressed statements in your resolution and feels that many of our Japanese American citizens are loyal and have expressed a desire to defend our country. Their services are being accepted.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOWY  
Colonel, G. S.  
Executive

Mr. Robert V. Reilly  
First Vice Commander  
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