

LONG BEACH PARLOR NO. 154

## NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA...



March 8 1943

Hon. Henry L. Stimson  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Long Beach Parlor No. 154 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is grieved and shocked to learn of the proposal to enroll in the United States Army a unit composed of so-called "citizens of the United States of America of Japanese ancestry."

The members of Long Beach Parlor are firmly of the opinion that the Constitution of the United States of America does not confer citizenship on any person of Japanese descent born in this country, therefore there are no "citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry"; they also are of the belief that all Japanese, regardless of protestations otherwise, inherently are loyal only to Japan, and they are thoroughly convinced that the enrollment of a United States Army unit composed of Japanese will be inimicable to the welfare of the State of California and the Nation, and will undoubtedly create a dangerous threat to a proper and adequate defense of this country. Therefore,

Resolved, That Long Beach Parlor 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 exercise its prerogative and nullify the declared intention of the War Department to organize and enroll such a unit. and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this petition be sent 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.

*Grace B. Poole*

President of Long Beach Parlor

*Miss V. Smith*  
Committee Chairman

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March 13, 1943

Dear Miss Poole:

The Secretary of War has directed that I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4, protesting the organization of an Army unit of Japanese American soldiers. He asks that you be thanked for your views.

The War Department cannot subscribe to your views that the constitution does not confer citizenship upon persons of Japanese extraction born in the United States, nor does it concur in the view that there are no Japanese Americans loyal to the United States. The War Department has ample evidence to the contrary, and for your information there are at the present time, United States soldiers of Japanese extraction in both the North African and the Southwest Pacific Theaters. The War Department hopes that due recognition and appreciation of merit and justice will be given by the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOBEE  
Colonel, G. S.  
Executive

Miss Grace B. Poole, President  
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Native Daughters of the Golden West  
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