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Attorney General Biddle
Washington, D.C. 46-13-2-6

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My dear Sir:

① Your movie speech was
all wet. ② Are you foolish enough
to ever believe that the lax and plegmatic
actions of our Government officials en-
courage and generate loyalty in our
citizens, to their flag and our Country, in
not rounding up all the lounge japs in
America and shipping them back to Japan
where they belong. ③ And don't blame the
American People for a laxness or don't
care attitude if you people in high places
don't take all out, effective measures to
wage total war on the murdering pirates,
as they do hold you responsible and will
justly criticize you, even though their hands
are tied and they are powerless to do
file anything about it.

④ Let the han japs retaliate in

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kind. ⁵ No Americans have any business
being in Japan. ⁶ Their place is here in
defense of our flag.

⁷ No Jap should be permitted to
remain in America whether born here or
not, they are Japs at heart and always will
be and are despised by Americans whether
you realize it or not.

⁸ Whole districts in Los Angeles, both
residential and business, are 100% Jap and
no such opportunity as now exists may ever
again be presented to us, in all our future
history, to ship them back to Japan where
they rightfully belong. ⁹ And I ask you, what
can the People do without the co-operation of
the Federal Government. ¹⁰ Our People do not
want the Japs here and nothing would inspire
greater morale and loyalty than to have our
Government do just their plain duty. ¹¹ This
continual compromise and appeasement
does not pay as Pearl Harbor has clearly
proven. ¹² Every Jap is always a Jap and a
potential spy and source of danger. ¹³ And without
belittling you I truthfully say: Don't piddle
Mr. Biddle.

Sincerely,
Eugene J. Haskell.

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260 South Madison Avenue
Pasadena, California
January 28, 1942

Dear Mr. Biddle:

Are you going to wait until there is a
"Pearl Harbor" on the Pacific Coast?

The Japanese here are a known menace. They
are ruthless and treacherous. Are you going to do
something before it is too late?

The lives of Americans are in definite
danger.

Our boys are giving up careers, wrecking
their lives, spilling their blood. Is it too much to
insist that American citizens of Japanese blood be moved
inland with the aliens?

We Americans are told what to do in the Nation
at emergency and we do it gladly for the common good. Why
the special privilege for our enemies?

We Americans are so careful not to hurt Japan's
feelings - We sold them oil, planes, scrap iron, which
are now used against us - for that our men died in Hawaii.

→ Shall we placate and invite another treacherous
attack? The old answers are not enough in this terrible
world.

An outlaw with a gun is not a citizen.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lucile G. Marvin
(Mrs. E. S.)

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Los Angeles, Calif.

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Mr. G. J. ...

Jan-30-1942.

To our Attorney General Francis
Biddle -

I have had this desire, as a
full-blooded American citizen
to write you but hesitated because
I feel you were a very busy
man but please believe me when
I say I am voicing the views
not only of myself but a
hundred friends and neighbors.

We feel there has been too
much leniency with the Japs
as well as Germans here.

There are so many within
our own borders doing us so
much dirt. I feel we should
immediately get rid of these
aliens for they have proven

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they can not be trusted. [We must start within our boundaries I have Japs living within a half mile of me. Six generations in one group of shacks. Come out to the corner of Hoover and ~~W~~ Nadeau and see for your self.]

The day I bought our car license in L. A. two Japs waeked by us and laughed and laughed. Another in a truck laughed. I feel sure they think we are dumb. They are still allowed the same privileges and protection of our police that the American people and after Pearl Harbor we should not need anything else to show us they are double-crossers. Just like when their

two representatives from Japan
was in our dear beloved Washington
talking peace while plans were
afoot to Bomb our islands they
buy defense stamps and bonds
to cover up their ruthless
plans here. I cant not trust
any of them.

We have four children just
entering young woman-hood and
man hood and we would like to
see some security for their
future as well as the millions of
other parents for their children.
The best news I ever read was
in this A. M. Examiner so please
get every one wakened up as to
the seriousness of this question.
Those holding any positions
in our land should be sent

back to some of their foreign
places

I pray God to save and
protect all our men at the head
of our government so to carry
on this business at hand.

Please dont destroy this
humble letter from a busy
patriotic, but anxious Mother
of four.

God Bless America
God Bless you all.

MRS. S. M. PEARMAN - 1201 SONOMA DRIVE - ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Attorney General Biddle,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As tax payers of California, we, the undersigned, wish to
add to those of others, our protest at leaving any Japanese, whether
of Japanese or American birth on this Coast where our defenses are so
so vital to the rest of the Country. We realize that it may seem
unfair to remove Japanese American citizens, but when one sees the
fanaticism and fatalism of their religion, one knows that it is bet-
ter to temporarily discomode many of the Japanese than to put all
American citizens in jeopardy. Therefore, we beg that you will
not delay in protecting our vital plants, our harbors and Coast.

Very truly yours,

S. M. Pearman
Mrs. Wm. Reditz

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Attorney-General Francis Biddle
Washington, D.C.



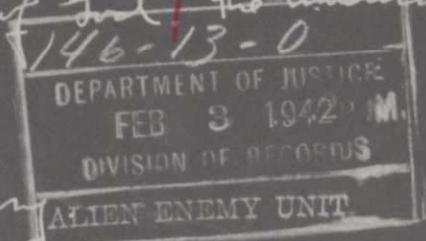
Dear Mr. Attorney-General:

1 Your appointment of Mr. Clark to handle the enemy alien problem on the Pacific Coast is one of the most constructive moves made so far. 2 Now, we all pray that he be given authority and left alone without interference from Washington so he may do the job of which he is capable.

3 We face a Pearl Harbor or even an Hankow or Nanking, right here on the Pacific Coast. 4 The moving of aliens from certain areas is something - but actually in face of the tragic danger facing us, it is very, very ineffectual. 5 Please read the enclosed clipping. 6 If this Pacific Coast survives, what with Elmer Roosevelt miping into Civilian Defense, and the stupidity of Washington politicians, it will be only by the Grace of God. 7 The American people face sad days. Clarence Martin

Yours truly,

W.K. Townsend



8 Thank God! Frances Perkins no longer has charge of aliens & that it is in your Department. LOWMEYER

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Attorney General ^{in name of} ~~Public~~ ^{Justice} ~~Department~~ ^{Department} of Justice
Washington D.C. Jan 31, 1942

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ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Dear Sir - I am writing you as a representative of a group of loyal Americans, who are very much perturbed over your delay of removing the Japanese aliens and the Japanese American born from the entire west coast.

The right to restrict civil liberties in any emergency never has been denied. You know this, so why are you bending backwards to save them? ^{It'll} ^{go}

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HOTEL EDMOND MEANY

Suite 707
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January 29, 1942.

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Honorable James Rowe, Jr.,
Assistant to Attorney General,
Department of Justice,
Washington. (Attention of Mr. Edward J. Ennis).

TO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your communication of January 29th, is herewith acknowledged, and it is a satisfaction to know that special attention is being given the subject of interning Japanese.

That these aliens are here for a definite purpose may not be lightly dismissed, as we are so prone to do with matters of national importance, but most carefully considered, as you are now with intelligent understanding, I am sure.

I know much about these men, but it is quite a long period of time since my active contact with them ceased, and to prove most of the facts (to me they are unquestioned facts) would be difficult, especially so because I had my right leg amputated one year ago, and may not get about as I would wish. This, to me, is a real handicap.

But I am trying to establish some of the old contacts and hope for a measure of success.

There is one phase of the situation which I have not seen mentioned, one requiring serious consideration, as it appears to me. Should there be raids on this Coast, and there will be, and these Japanese aliens act, which is practically a certainty, it might be difficult to control people here sufficiently to prevent a measure of riotous conduct. Should this occur there is real danger of attacks on Chinese citizens of this country, our friends and allies, because there are many people utterly unable to distinguish between the Chinese and Japanese. You probably will recognize this aspect, and how extremely difficult it would be to explain, especially by reason of the fact that the Chinese resent being mistaken in this way, and increasingly do because of our continued shipments of supplies to Japan. Forgive me for troubling, but I do hope this matter will receive full and detailed consideration.

With best wishes,

I am, Sir,

sincerely yours,

E. A. Wakefield

American Foreign Service Officer, Retired.

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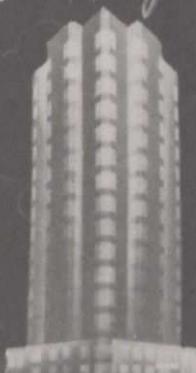
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My dear Mr Biddle

I saw one ~~copy of~~ hope in the situation regarding the eviction of our Japanese when the morning paper said you were moving too slowly to suit the local authorities. Please continue to move slowly.

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Aren't we asking for sabotage if we evacuate large areas with no plans of where the people are to go or what they are to do to make a living? Aren't we endangering the basic freedom of

all Americans when we
airily talk about "suspend-
ing the civil rights" of the
Nisei? To me the fact
that we are turning
people out of their homes
and denying them a
chance to make a living
is a more real threat
to American freedom than
the possibility that
one might commit an
act of sabotage. Has
there been any sabotage
directly proved to have been
done by Japanese?

Please go slowly,

Mr Biddle.

Yours truly

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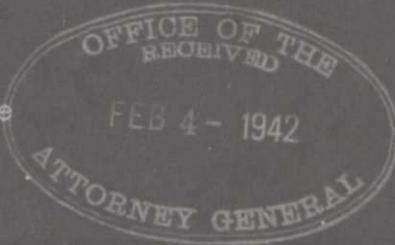
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CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

338 Highland Pl.
Monrovia, Calif.
February 2, 1942



Mr. Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I write concerning the possibility that the national interest may sometime require the removal of Americans of foreign extraction (particularly Japanese) from certain defense areas. It is because I believe that racial antagonisms are easily aggravated and very slowly reconciled that I offer the following suggestion.

If it should become desirable for Japanese Americans to move away from the Pacific coast, for example, I suggest that they be asked to do so voluntarily by a certain date, --to make whatever sacrifice this might imply as their patriotic contribution to the national safety. The stated reason and the actual reason for such a request would be that there are obviously a few disloyal Japanese Americans, and it is because of the few that this request must be made to all.

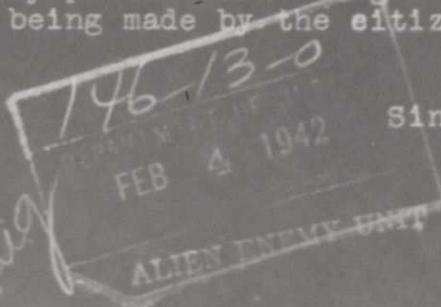
All would probably not respond quickly to this request, but those who did would make it easier to keep track of and to investigate those who didn't.

A subsidy might be made to those who moved to designated areas to help them meet the cost of moving and of getting reestablished.

Perhaps if such a request were made special penalties should be promulgated against attempts to enforce the program by terrorism or extra-legal persuasion. Certainly public acknowledgement of the patriotic sacrifice being made by the citizens involved should be made.

Sincerely yours,

Reuben E. Wood



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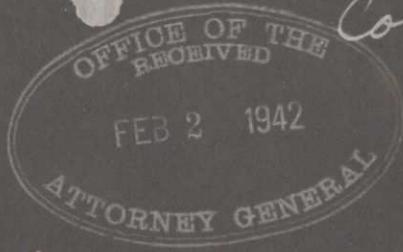
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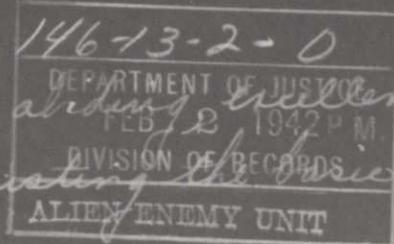
Hon. Biddle - Atty Gen., Wash., D.C.
Gentleman - ¿Como Está? Howdy?

A movement is spreading rapidly especially in California to remove all the Japanese from the Pacific Coast to the interior irrespective of whether they are nationals of Nippon (Issei) or American citizens of Japanese blood (Nisei). In Los Angeles, as you are well aware, (39) American born Japs were removed from governmental offices because of racial discrimination, while other enemy aliens retained their jobs. Also, the American Legion of California, wants all the Japanese citizens or non-citizens totalling about 93,000 out of an estimated population of 7,000,000 in California to be interned for the duration of the war. This is all common knowledge, - I perchance happen to be raised here in the San Joaquin valley where the Japanese population is thickest, and in my innumerable contacts with the Japanese I found them law abiding with less criminal records known and diligent in respect to their various occupations; especially, in the agricultural line and other commercial activities. I heartily disapprove and oppose the removal of the Japanese from the coast states to the interior because - viz -

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I. The Japanese are law abiding excellent farmers, industrious labourers and are assisting the basic defence production for the nation.

II. They have contributed liberally to the Red Cross, purchased government bonds, and enlisted in the army.



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III The U. S. laws guarantee equal rights and opportunities to ~~all~~ of race, color, creed.

IV. Any violation of the Supreme Law of the land depriving the Japanese born in the U. S. of their legal rights will react as a boomerang to the perpetrators of such illegal acts - viz: the natural law of retribution and retaliation.

V. The Japanese are completely disarmed for they have already surrendered their guns, ancient samurai sabers, kodaks, and radios and hence being disarmed they are indirectly interned so to speak.

VI. I fear that any drastic action taken against the Japanese nationals of America, - Japan will retaliate swiftly and sure against the U. S. citizens of Anglo-Saxon descent tenfold in all the conquered territories of the Mikado as is now being enforced in the Philippines against the Filipinos.

VII I know America can lead the world in showing its democratic spirit based upon humanity and justice to all peoples instead of resorting to the above exposed by guaranteeing to the American Japanese nationals within the confines of the U. S. equal justice.

Semper Fidelis Justitiae

Respectfully submitted -

Dr. Fred. E. Richmond, B.A.; M.A. Ph.D. D.D.

227. S. Eldorado St.

Stockton, Calif.

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P.S. I have faith in America ∴ hence the appeal

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Mr. Francis Biddle, Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

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We, my neighbors and myself, ask you to aid in establishing these Alien protective zones along just as well as practical boundaries. We realize that military areas and acute danger zones are vital but wholesale evacuation from our rich farming areas not adjacent thereto and of those Japanese farmers loyal to us and trying to aid in our war effort and whose brothers and sons are now in military service, this blacks out what our Democracy represents to us and what the Nation is at war and fighting for.³ The sudden burst of hysteria and reckless demand for complete evacuation of all Japanese is without reason or justice to them or ourselves, for food is essential in winning the war and who will replace these farmers? Not everyone is a capable farmer and it would take time for replacement.⁴ Our Leaders admonish us that Time and Food are as vital as other things for our war effort.⁵

⁶ Please consider the above in determining your course in your service to the Nation. I, and we, would appreciate your reaction to this letter and I thank you in advance for your reply.

Respectfully,

Geo. T. Childs

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San Francisco, Cal.
Feb 2, 1942

Z.H. Gitter

Attorney General Francis Biddle
Washington D.C.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sir:

We citizens of the United States ^{out here on} the Pacific Coast feel that the Japanese problem is a serious threat to our well being, and our very lives, and that the Japanese alien should be strictly and effectivly removed from our midst at once.

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We lived here through the great fire and earthquake and know the dire threat of fire, know that a hundred fires started simultaneously would destroy the entire city and feel confident that would be the first aim of the Japanese alien in case of an air-raid or other enemy action.

The Japanese do not live in these districts that are at present being restricted, they are living in every district of our city, are in business in all parts of our city, in fact the Japanese colony itself occupies

(3)

Wooden framing buildings in the heart
of the City which would burn like tinder.
Please do not consider me an alarmist
as a majority of our citizens here hold
the same view of the serious situation,
prevailing here.

The every day common citizen the man on
the street and the taxpayer should be
entitled to the fullest protection against
this alien menace.

We pray that you, our Attorney General,
will give us that measure of protection
and consideration to which we as citizens
of the United States are entitled. Consideration
of citizens first and aliens second should
be our slogan.

You can rest assured that the
Japanese are here to colonize for Japan
and not to benefit or advance the
good of our country.

Here in San Francisco we have a very
large colony of Japanese and it is not
conducive to any measure of security
to feel that we may wake up some
dull morning and find ourselves

a second "Pearl Harbor".

Profoundly hoping you will give
this matter your earnest consideration.

Sincerely yours
C. E. Todd

199 Edgewood Ave.

L. E. HALLOWELL
COUNTY CLERK
P. O. BOX 420
VENTURA, CALIF.

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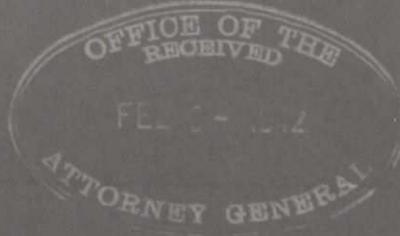


COUNTY OF VENTURA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

February 3, 1942

Mr. Francis E. Biddle,
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.



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Dear Sir:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, California, in regular session on the 3rd day of February, 1942, adopted the enclosed resolution and submits the same for your consideration.

In adopting the resolution, our Supervisors expressed the almost unanimous opinion of civilians in this area of the Pacific Coast that the sooner all Japanese--both alien and American-born--are evacuated from the coastal region, the better it will be for all concerned.

Ventura County, which started its preparations to defend its civilian population long before Pearl Harbor, is now almost fully prepared from a civilian standpoint--except for the presence of Japanese whose loyalty is in doubt.

Yours Very Truly

L. E. HALLOWELL, CLERK

By *Malcolm Turner* Deputy

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790 Amherst St.
Palo Alto, Calif.
Feb. 3, 1942.

Attorney General Francis Biddle
Dept. of Justice,
Washington D.C.

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Honorable Sir:

I have just learned that here in California there are several movements on foot to treat unjustly our enemy aliens. One of them, I understand, is to enforce the measure which was enacted to prevent the Japanese from owning land. This would result in the confiscation of considerable land belonging to Japanese vegetable growers. Aside from the hardship imposed on the Japanese, it would be bad because we need those vegetables.

Since it is within your province to control the treatment of enemy aliens, it would be expedient for you to do so and prevent race prejudice and war hysteria from wreaking injustices on these unfortunate people.

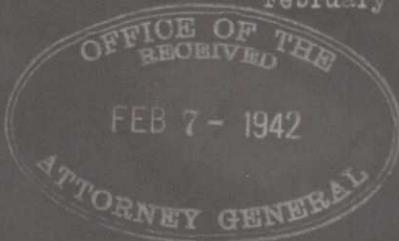
Yours very respectfully,
(Mrs) Mildred H. Benkler

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771 Hamilton Ave.,
Palo Alto, Cal.
February 3, 1942.



Attorney General Biddle,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

I am alarmed and distressed over the illegal and excessive measures being taken against aliens, particularly Japanese, by certain mayors and law enforcement agencies in this state. I am happy to note that you have urged private citizens and local authorities to let the federal government handle this matter. As an American of nine generations of residence on all sides of the family and proud of the record we have made in this country for racial tolerance and fair play, I hope we can maintain that record and even clear up certain black spots on it. Surely it is ironic to be allegedly fighting for the principles announced by our President and allow such abuses as Mayor Bowron's wholesale and unscrupulous ousting of Japanese employes, Governor Olson's unconstitutional acts and now Earl Warren's announced plan of depriving as many as possible (that's what it amounts to) of means of livelihood.

I will be very grateful to have you enforce your jurisdiction in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret Lonell Million
Dettinger
(Mrs. Frank Dettinger)*

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Francis J. Biddle
Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Biddle:

There are many of us in California who have been puzzled by your message to keep pleasant relations with the Japanese. The feeling here is very strong with such a tremendous Japanese population on our strategic coast. None of us want to see things so loyal Japanese citizens but we feel they should all be removed from the coast - alien or no. Obviously espionage could work through Japanese American citizens much more easily than through aliens already under surveillance -

There are too many dangers involved with Japanese occupying government land surrounding Los Angeles Soldiers Home, concentrated on some lands on strategic Palms borders and a few instances of guards or gardeners near important reservoirs. They seem to be roaming at will and unheeded. Is it not possible to remove all Japanese from the coast for the duration?

Sincerely

James E. [unclear] (B)

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PROSPECT AVENUE AND RODNEY DRIVE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



4 February
1942

Attorney General Francis Biddle
Department of Justice
Washington, District of Columbia

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Dear Mr. Biddle:

Your liberal policies are very much appreciated by all of us out here working for the aliens and for the Japanese. We are hoping that the working out of the problems of the Japanese in putting them on farms and leaving families together will be made a fact. It would help greatly to have the Japanese orders entirely under Federal jurisdiction rather than handled by various departments as the coordination will necessarily give more satisfactory results all around, I hope this can be brought to pass.

You cannot know what a feeling of confidence we all have who are interested in the involved complications of the Japanese in what you are doing. The Japanese too have hope of fair play through you. There has been so much hysteria and general dismissals that one head for it all is much desired - it alone can give true cooperation.

Sincerely

Allan A. Hunter

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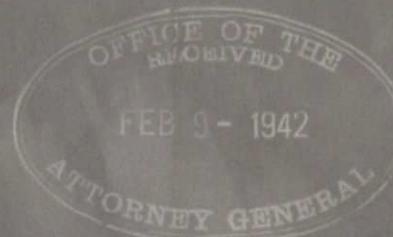
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Protection of Aliens

738 Cowper street, Palo Alto, Calif.

Feb. 4, 1942

Attorney-General Francis Biddle
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir;



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The Palo Alto chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation wishes to express to you its deep concern regarding the discriminatory measures taken of late in the name of the state of California by Gov. Olsen and Atty.-Gen. Warren against aliens of enemy countries, especially the Japanese. These are extended not only to Japanese, ineligible to citizenship, but to American citizens of Japanese extraction.

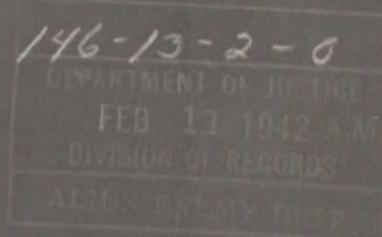
Measures to be put in force Feby. 24, will work not only great hardship and injustice to large groups of innocent and loyal Americans but are in direct violation, not alone of civil rights and liberties but of regulations as enunciated by the Dept. of Justice.

Is it not possible to annul these state regulations as being outside the province of individual states?

Very truly yours

Mary M. G. Hansen

Mrs Mary M. G. Hansen, Secy.

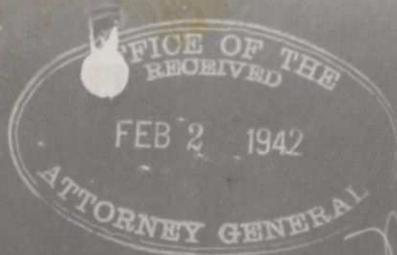


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Attorney General Francis Biddle
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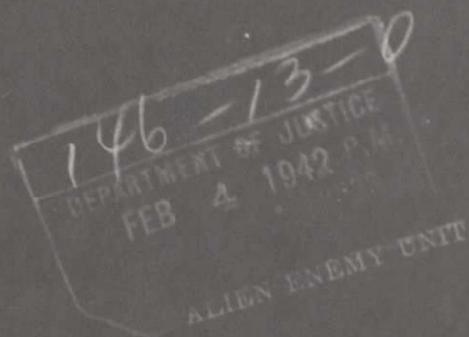
M. G. L. B.M.

Dear Sir;

I am enclosing an article from the Readers Digest, which I do pray you will read in full. I know you are giving this your attention at present but I still do not believe people in the east realize the gravity of the true situation here. Why confine action only to aliens? There are THOUSANDS of Japs hiding behind American Birth certificates and even buying a few Defense Stamps to conceal their cunning activities. I beg you to take IMMEDIATE steps to remove ALL Japs from California for the Duration. It is impossible to watch them all and to locate all of the Short wave sets, many of which we know are still active in our midst. Please read the startling Facts in this article.

I thank you

Yours very truly



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1539 Maple Street
Pasadena, Calif.
February 5, 1942

Attorney General:

1 I am 54 years of age 5 ft. 6 in. 150 lbs., a disabled veteran, married, 3 children, American citizen Nat. No.-1187768, who saw service in France, can speak Greek and Turkish, with a (Birthright membership), in the Society of Friends, but I believe in smashing our enemies, and make them respect our freedom and liberty if that's the only language they understand. 2 At present I am drawing compensation on account of my disability, but I really tried the Army, Navy, Aircraft Plants, shops, Panama Canal which I helped build as a Foreman over 150 men, handling dynamite 1907 to 1910. 3 So right now I am asking you for a job to put me in charge of a German, Italian, or Jap Prison Camp. 4 I had a little of that experience in France as a Sgt.

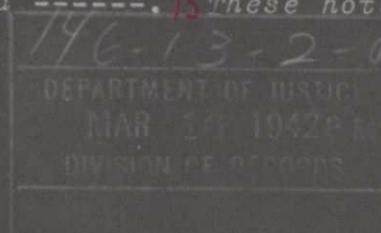
5 Every Jap is a fast thinker, they think and act, twice as fast as some of us do. 6 Their women are as hard as nails. 7 I have been trying to sell radio tubes, around 1st Street in Los Angeles and Wall St. between 5th and 6th and I found them to be very hard, bossy in giving orders and watchfull. 8 I thought that the Red Light District was a thing of the past, but I saw during the last year or two, that anything goes with these Japs, even 50¢ will rent a room to demoralize young Americans. 9 I saw 4 Philipinos sneak into a dark room one day in a Jap Hotel on Wall Street. 10 I think it will be for our mutual benefit to put them all on Government owned land, and get the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans, Spanish American and all Veterans' organizations under one man or woman from each organization as a board to control these camps and guard them by their men and women.

11 I noticed that American born Jap children as old as 20 years of age or more obey their elders like dogs. 12 So please don't try to seperate them, unless they ask in the presence of their parents, that they wish to live by themselves.

13 Please issue a ruling that no Jap can work for the United States Government, or hold State or City jobs as a punishment and remembrance of the Pearl Harbor mass murder of the cream of our manhood.

14 Please explain to them in writing that we are putting them away to prevent them from committing Hari Kari because they are so patriotic towards yellow Hito their Emperor the son of a -----.

15 These hotels are



full of spies. ¹⁶A few days ago I got on a W. Pico car on 1st Street, paid my fare and started for the only seat in the front section, a Jap about 50 who paid his fare after I did pushed by me and took the seat. ¹⁷They may be polite in Japan, but not here and now. ¹⁸Please see that our Inspectors of Fruit and Vegetables and all food are real Americans.

¹⁹If these Japs are such good citizens, why do they insist and keep it up day after day in the Grand Central Market of Los Angeles at 3rd and Broadway, mixing rotten and bad fruit and vegetables and selling them to the public? ²⁰The Veterans Organizations are waiting for a signal from you to go ahead and serve. ²¹Please issue the ORDER NOW, AND GIVE THE SIGNAL.

Sincerely

Chris Dennison

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General Biddle.
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Dear Sir.

McLemore

I enclose a clipping. One of many dozens of the same view point. This gentleman is perhaps more outspoken than some of the others, but it gives a very clear view point of what the people of California think. So far there has been no acts against the Japanese, so far. The people here think your office is letting them down and trouble is surely brewing.

Why move some poor sap of an old alien, when his sons, who think Japan and talk Japan and honor Japan are let stay in these vital areas. Many persons think that Washington is a very far place to view California danger from, and frankly people are distrustful of your departments ability of finding any danger anyplace after Pearl Harbor. Send your agents to talk to the average person on the street or to any police chief and you will get a more clear picture of what is going on as to the peoples wishes here. For safety we want all Japs moved from the coast NOW. The young Japanese have been the trouble makers in the past weeks, not the aliens and the people are getting a belly full of it.

Sincerely

John Democrat
one of thousands.

* Secretary to Mr Biddle
please see that Mr Biddle
receives this instead of
the waste basket.

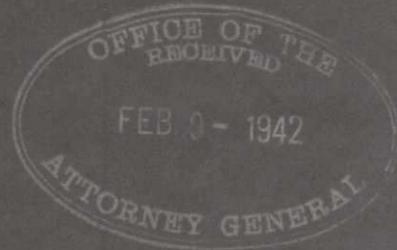
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Santa Maria, California.

February fifth, 1942.

The Honorable Francis Biddle,
The Attorney General of the
United States of America,
Washington, D.C.



Biddle

My dear sir:

At the regular meeting of the Ministerial Union of Santa Maria, California, yesterday, the following statement in recognition and support of your just and discriminating program of control of enemy nationals in our midst was presented and approved, and a copy ordered forwarded to your office.

We heartily approve the curfew law and travel restriction of such aliens, and sincerely hope that the wholesale eviction of aliens as demanded by local and state enforcement officers of California, in conference with State Atty. General Earl Warren, in Sacramento, February 2, will not be necessary.

As ministers of the gospel we pledge ourselves to assist in every way possible the carrying out of your more humane and Christian counsel and decisions.

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Yours very truly,
Ministers of the Gospel,
Santa Maria, California.

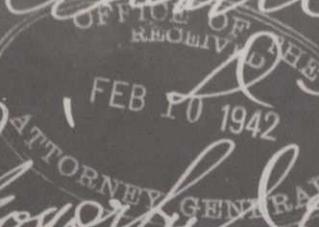
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Attorney General Clegg

Washington



The so-called powerful appeasers
of the ~~box~~ faced cowardly
sneakers of Japanese, seemed
willing to overlook that the
Japs sneaked up on Russia
at Port Arthur & sunk the
Russian fleet without declaring

war.

These powerful political
appeasers, now in cahoots with
the racketeers & profiteurs
& honored & protected grafters,
who sold oil & gasoline & scrap,

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Trials to Japan that murdered
1,000,000 non-combatants men &
women & children in ~~China~~
China
Whilst the racketeers & grafters
in America were selling this
material to Japan, Russia
was the only country that
was supplying China with
material to fight Japan.
This last 4 years I wrote
to speakers at Washington
also as speaker secretary
of state Gordon Hull,

3 that I saw at San Diego
the back of scrap iron
going to Japan & that
scrap iron was being at
all ports of the Pacific
coast for Japan.
I said that Congress ought
to pass laws to stop the
profiteer & racketeers, instead
of supplying Japan with
supplies.

that will some day kill
our richans & soldiers &
 sailors. Yours truly
Eugene Lee.

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Biddle



to a California

I wish to say if any of my relatives are harmed by the "yellow victim", citizen or not, that we have all over California

I will look you up in Washington & push that silver spoon (you have had in your mouth all your life) down your damned throat.

The mess we are in today is due to weak kneed subsisters like you. What the sly Taps do, we can do. It became me may Mr Biddle?

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attorney General Biddle:
Would appreciate if you
would do something more drastic
in moving Japs and other Axis
aliens out of California vital Coast
Areas. We don't want another Pearl
Harbor.

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MANAGER

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Mr. Francis Biddle
Attorney General.

Dear Sir:-

Speaking as an American citizen, I feel the way you are handling the Japanese situation on the coast is unpardonable.

Do you not know that the alien wives of the Japanese can do exactly as much damage as can the men?

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IDAHO'S NEWEST & FINEST
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VIRGIL G. MCGEE
MANAGER

Do you not know that
the Japanese will
stoop to anything
to gain their ends,
whether it be spread-
ing disease germs,
poisoning food or
blowing up oil? Do
you not know that
Pearl Harbor would
be child's play com-
pared to the damage
that could be done
in Los Angeles, San
Francisco or Seattle?
Do you not know
that a terrible response

IDAHO'S NEWEST & FINEST
FAMOUS FOR FOOD

VIRGIL G. MCGEE
MANAGER



ability of the whole west coast is on your shoulders?

Did you know that all of the Japanese on the coast knew that Pearl Harbor was going to be attacked when it was? Does that show loyalty to our country? They are brought up and taught that their first loyalty is to the Emperor. Do you think that will help us win the war?

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VIRGIL G. MOORE
MANAGER



The Dutch were smart
enuff and had cour-
age enuff to intern
their Japanese pop-
ulation, but we are
so stupid, so asleep,
so procrastinating,
we will wait for
some terrible tragedy
before we wake up.

I hope and pray
that you will find
away to safe guard
our beloved country.

Sincerely,
Mrs. H. H. McVeigh

Spokane Wash.

Coord with Murray

Feb. 7th, 1942

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Mr Biddle: -

California is getting aroused to the dangers of further boondoggling and political antics both by the federal and state authorities. We are at war and yet we continue to procrastinate about safeguarding our most vital industries and cities. It is my sincere hope that you and your department will take immediate steps to intern all Japanese. The slight injustices that the naturalized loyal Japanese must suffer cannot

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JOHN J. GARLAND
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considered in the light of
Pearl Harbor and the threat
of sabotage under which we
now exist.

The appointment of
an Alien Property Custodian
at once and the transfer
of a great many of the
Japanese to points further
east, without delay, seem
the logical steps to take.

Mayor Bowron of
this city and Congressman
Leona M. Ford have a grasp
of the situation. A conference
with the latter could accom-
plish much.

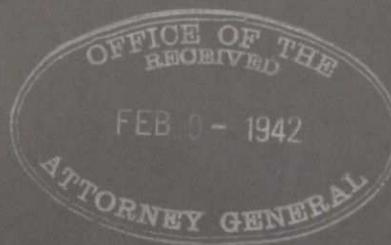
Sincerely,
John J. Garland

Problem receiving from persons considered

Three Fifty-two Northeast Thirty-second Street, Miami, Florida

Feb. 7th, 1942

Biddle



Mr. J. Francis Biddle,
U.S. Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I appreciate the efforts being made by your office and the FBI to round up alien enemies and other dangerous persons. Take them into custody by all means, but I trust you can find some other designation than "protective custody." It sounds too "Gestapoish."

This rounding up of many of these persons is something like locking the stable door after the horse is stolen. It does not get down to what I believe is the underlying or fundamental cause. And I believe that now might be a propitious time to change the law responsible for these conditions.

American citizenship is automatically granted, as you know to children born in this country of foreign-born parents, including those who have never taken out citizenship papers.

Thus American-born Japanese, Germans, Italians and others, who are brought up to be and still are "spiritual citizens" of their parents' native lands, are granted, without effort on their part, all the advantages of American citizenship. Some of them use this American citizenship to do harm to our land.

I want to suggest that this law be amended; that children born of alien parents in this country be required, on attaining their majority, to apply to the courts in the regular manner, and thus be scrutinized before being accepted as American citizens.

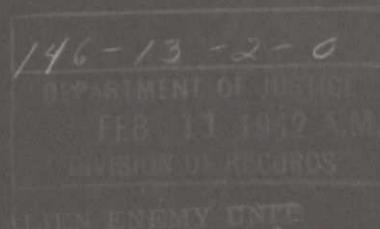
American citizenship, in my opinion, is too precious a heritage to be given so cheaply. And events have proven the unwisdom of this privilege to many who are so unworthy.

Very sincerely,

Lydia Allen DeVilbiss
Lydia Allen DeVilbiss M.D.
(Who's Who)

Copy to
Mr J Edgar Hoover, FBI
Washington D.C.

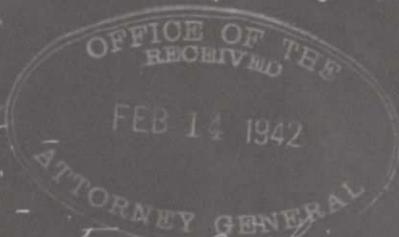
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1849 N. Michigan Ave
Pasadena Cal

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Attorney General
Frank Biddis



Dear Sir -

As a citizen of this country
and a firm believer in Democracy
I wish to endorse the present Policy
of the Federal Gov't. relative to the
case of the Japanese -

The hysteria on the coast and
particularly in and around Los
Angeles is causing many in-
justices. Many so called good
citizens are putting pressure on our
Local administrators to further their
own selfish ends - widespread
wholesale injustices are already
underway. What kind of treatment
can we expect of our own allies
in Japan and other enemy countries
if we allow these injustices here? (6)

The federal government must
hold a firm steady hand
over this trying situation
in fairness to all Americans.

Very truly yours -

E. P. Dorland -

purely anti - Biddle

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Att. Francis Biddle
Washington D.C.

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ALLEN E. SMYTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Sir:

It begins to appear why you so willingly betray us on the coast to the Japs and otherwise do all you can to Sabotage our war effort by easy going neglect. When one realizes that you are conniving with Ham Fish and glossing over the traitorous acts of that arch enemy of his country. who has allowed his Secty. to go to prison for his subversive actions.

Increasingly it is evident that you are of the same feather with The hundeens, the Lindberghs, the Fishes, the Wheelers, the Vieredts et al! You are evidently using your position to further the cause which they represent.

Do you know what it really means to be hated and discredited by your
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fellow countrymen.

Traitors in high places ruined France etc. Just remember the heads of the Quislings have not and will not rest easy. America is waking up; Thank God!

Take thought. Perhaps politics and ambition has not stultified your patriotism and honor to the point that it is impossible to remedy the gap.

Very truly

H. M. Steed

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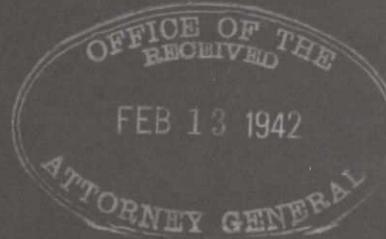


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WOODBURY COLLEGE

1027 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Attorney General Francis Biddle
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I want to comment you for your stand in connection with the request of some of our excitable Coast people to move all American-born Japanese 200 miles inland, together with all Aliens.

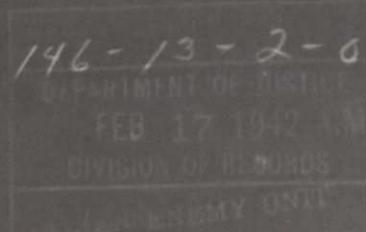
I know these Japanese-American citizens very well, having about 60 of them in our college. They are the most courteous, honest and industrious students we have, and they always win our top scholarship honors. In fact, several years ago one girl made such an outstanding record that I made her my secretary as soon as she had won her degree. She is still with me and is taking the dictation for this letter.

Take her case. She has never liked Japan or its customs, even though both of her parents are Aliens. When Japan started its war on China she developed a bitter hatred for the country, and naturally this was intensified when the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor was made. No white citizen is any more loyal to the United States than this young girl.

Think of the loss to me if this girl were taken away from me at this time when good secretaries are as scarce as hen's teeth. Think also of how many good stenographers and bookkeepers employers would be deprived if all of our students were moved inland. We are trying desperately to relieve the bottleneck in brains that so seriously threatens industry, and it would be unpatriotic to take these students away from us.

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Employers are eager for them, because they are our very best graduates. There is no general racial feeling out here - that is, against the second generation Japanese who are citizens. You ought to see them here at the college. Our white students have been particularly nice to them since the war broke out. They mingle together in extra-curricular activities, and daily we see them going up and down the halls arm in arm.

There is no hysteria out here - not even uneasiness. That is, so far as the Japanese-American citizens are concerned. We, and they, feel that Aliens should be removed from defense areas, and this is being done. But only a few radicals, like our Los Angeles mayor, favor the wholesale removal of all Japanese from this entire section.





Japanese Wins High Position On Woodbury Staff

Secretary to R. H. Whitten, president of Woodbury College—that is the distinction recently given to Happy Koga, graduate of the college. And coupled with this achievement is a most interesting story.

A rush of work in the president's office required an additional temporary stenographer. The employment manager was appealed to, but she answered that every graduate of the college was employed—that she had no graduates waiting for positions, and nobody who could help out.

So President Whitten frantically appealed to the head of the dictation department, asking if there was a student, nearly ready to graduate, who had made an excellent record and was capable of taking heavy dictation. He was told that there was one outstanding student who could meet the requirements—a Japanese girl named Happy Koga.

"Send her down," instructed President Whitten—or Pop, as he is affectionately known to all students. And Happy was sent. She proved so satisfactory as a stenographer that, when the temporary work was completed, she was given a permanent position on the staff and made one of the president's secretaries.

After graduating from high school in Montana, Miss Koga decided that she would prepare herself for the business world. Her ambition was to become secretary to some prominent man—preferably in the educational field. She knew that this would require the best training obtainable, so

she investigated colleges throughout the entire United States. A comparison of catalogs convinced her that WOODBURY could do the most for her, and when she learned that the college was very friendly toward Japanese students she decided to attend.

Realizing that a college degree would be necessary to qualify for a high position, Miss Koga wisely selected the Executive Secretarial course, which is of full university grade and leads to a state-authorized bachelor degree. This she completed with honor grades, and on graduation she had the degree Bachelor of Secretarial Science conferred on her.

During her undergraduate days Miss Koga took an active part in student affairs. She was an officer of Alpha Mu, Greek letter organization for Oriental students; a member of the Cadettes, girls' service club; also the Women's Athletic Association, the Foreign Trade Club and the Spanish Club.

Miss Koga, who modestly attributes her ability to attain this high position to the excellent training she received at WOODBURY, said, "I am happy to receive this appointment, which means the realization of my highest ambition. I would not trade my position for anything in the world."

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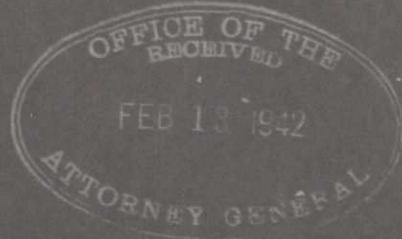
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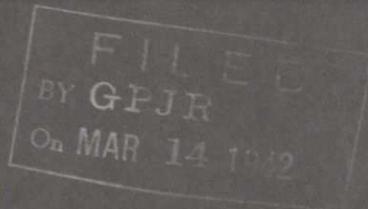
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Honorable Francis Biddle
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

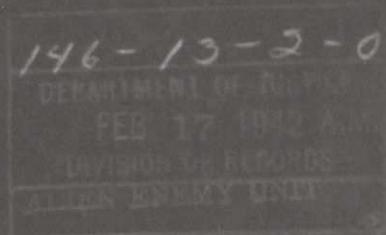
The actions so far taken by the Federal government in connection with enemy aliens seem to me to be both just and good statesmanship.

I trust that no change will be made on account of the demands of certain pressure groups, especially in this state.

Very truly yours,

Geo. F. Howell

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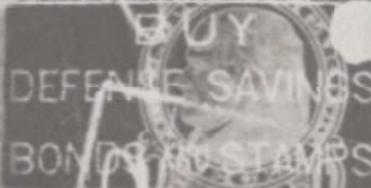


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The Honorable Francis B. Biddle
Attorney General
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ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Feb 8, 1942

Dear Sir:

I wish to recommend the present policy of the federal government as regards the Japanese alien problem. It seems the only just, wise, and fair policy, contrary to some private interests in California who would like to see all the Japanese dispossessed. The relief and unemployed problems will be aggravated if the Japanese are moved from other than defense areas.

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Attorney General Francis J. Biddle,
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle,

As a human being who is concerned
the welfare of other human beings regardless of
race, color, etc., I am particularly concerned
about the plight of our brother Japanese in
California. So far, I understand that these people
have been treated humanely and with a
certain amount of consideration. I sincerely commend
you and those under your direction who have
done your work in this fair and kind way.

Please continue to do this and withstand
with all your might hysterical war pressure
to treat these Japanese people badly in their
homes, government camps, etc. wherever they
come under your power and direction.

Commending you again for the fair treatment
already meted out by your department, I hope
that it may continue.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Beach Memundo
(Mrs. David Memundo)

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Attorney General Francis Biddle
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Dear Sir:

I understand you and your office have been very humane and decent in your dealings with the Japanese aliens who are being exploited, persecuted and mistreated by certain interests in this state. I am very much ashamed of these Californians whose democracy is so thin.

By all means, continue your good work in this situation. The Japanese who have been serving citizens of California in these past years deserve good treatment. Only proven spies should be interfered with.

Keep up the humane treatment of Japanese.

David A. McMurdo
Teacher - Lindsay Schools

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ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANCIS BIDDLE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

According to the newspapers Representative Gearhart is said to have presented to you the outline of a plan he has in mind for dealing with American-born Japanese on precisely the same basis as those of foreign birth.

It is my confirmed habit not to believe all I read in the newspapers and it is exceedingly difficult for me to believe that any fair minded person would advocate anything of this sort. I do not remember noticing any suggestions that treatment of this sort be accorded to American-born citizens whose parents happen to be born in Germany or Italy in spite of the fact that the two cases are strictly analogous with the possible exception that of the three the citizens of Japanese descent are potentially the least dangerous as their race is plainly stamped on their features.

Owing to the nature of my business, which in California is largely followed by Japanese, both aliens and citizens, I have had ample opportunity to observe them closely for over 35 years, and my opinion is that taken as a whole the "Niseis," American-born people of Japanese descent, will compare very favorably with those of any other race. I think you can get plenty of corroboration on this point from anyone who really knows them and is not blinded by rank race prejudice or commercial greed. I have no reason whatever to advocate their cause except my innate sense of fairness and decency.

While it doesn't make me a better American than millions of others, it will do no harm to present as my credentials the fact that my ancestry traces right back to John Alden and Pricilla Mullens, and that my ancestry also crosses with the Delano family, making me at least a very remote connection of our President.

Not wishing to make this letter too long, I am not citing any facts in support of my contention, but shall be very glad indeed to do so if you should so desire, or in any way to be of whatever help to my country that lies in my power.

Respectfully,

Walter Bosworth Clarke

Walter Bosworth Clarke

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Pasadena, Calif
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Attorney General Francis Biddle
ATTORNEY GENERAL Sir:

I wish to commend
the present handling of the
alien problem thru the Army
and Navy, the Department of
Justice, and the Social Se-
curity Boards, and to urge
that the present just and
humanitarian policy be continued.

Yours truly

Arthur R. Casper

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Attorney General Francis Biddle

Dear Sir:

The Southern Californians
feel that we are not being
treated fairly, when the Government
allows these thousands of Japs
to surround us.

How can you look into
the heart of a Jap-bonker,
and tell whether he is still
loyal to his Emperor, or the
President?!

Twenty percent of Jap born
here go to Jap schools, or
have till Dec. 7 - every day -
Is that to earn loyalty
to America ?!

Why ask us to give up so
many of our American freedoms
of living - work in critical
Defense - then lay us open
to Jap shipping ??

All should be removed
to island states - children
can be used to do us

damage as well as adults.
We have to sacrifice for
this war - so why let
these sentimental idealists,
as the Walter Van Kirk church
group - entense us to
another Pearl Harbor?

The slogan "remember Pearl
Harbor" may become "remember
Southern California" if these
Japs, all of them, are not
removed - Respectfully
Los Angeles
Mrs. Gene Smith

M. Gilman

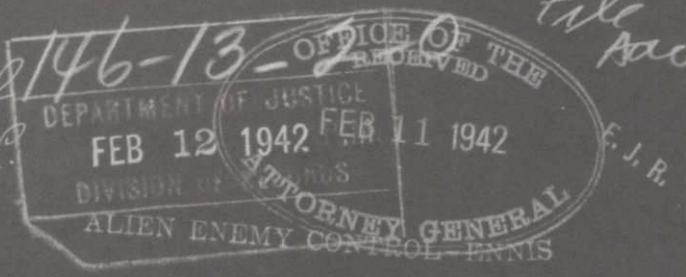
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U. S. attorney-general
Washington - D. C.



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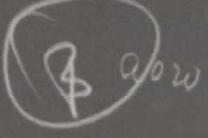
As a native Californian, I can assure you, the Japanese, born here or not, are a very real threat to our state and country -

I have one friend here who would like to discharge the Jap gardener (this gardener has lived and worked here in Calif. for 24 years, boasts he is not even naturalized) This friend of mine does not dare discharge the Japanese as she fears what might be done to her children -

Please believe me, we need protection from ~~our~~ these Japs -



Freda Y. Ker

Ker 

P.S. Before my son joined the army he took a civil service test here in L.A. Test was presided over by a Jap. F.K.

Los Angeles, Calif

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Attorney General

Biddle

Washington, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Dear Sir:-

Our household regrets that
no time be lost in removing
the Japanese from the Pacific
Coast to at least 200 miles
in the interior. Fear the
people in the East do not
comprehend the pending
danger from the Japs whether
native or American born.

Respectfully

Kella Reid (Mrs)
141 E 67th St
Los Angeles, Calif

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ALIEN ENEMY

Los Angeles
Feb. 9, 1942

United States Attorney General Biddle
Washington DC

Dear Sir

We respectfully and
earnestly request the re-
moval of all Japanese from the
Pacific Coast area, for the
duration of the war.

Very Truly yours

~~11416-113-7-2~~ Edward N Switzer
~~11416-113-6-2~~ 909 W 77th St
Los Angeles
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Feb. 9, 1942
719 Alhambra Ave
Clearwater Calif.

Attorney Gen. Biddle
Wn. D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I am writing you to let you know how we and our friends and acquaintances feel about the Japanese problem of the Pacific Coast. We believe for the sake of lives and property of this area that all Japs no matter what there claims to loyalty citizenship, etc maybe, should be evacuated from this vital defense area. We all realise that we cannot trust these people since the terrible tragedy of Pearl Harbor. Almost daily we hear things that cause us to feel unsafe here as long as our thousands of enemies are among us.

For instance, we were told Sat. by a good friend how the school teacher of a grade school was told by one of her small Jap boy students "That she would soon be taking orders from his dad". This has caused an investigation in this case but it is a sample of the true feelings of these people.

So far as needing their help here, the very opposite must be true from the lines of unemployed white men which may be seen any time at employment offices. Many of these men would be pleased to take the place of Jap workers.

Trusting that you in authority will comply with the wishes of we on the coast in this matter and REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR.

Sincerely Yours
MN & Mrs E. J. Moss
Mr. and Mrs E T Moss

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This clipping from our Bulletin Paper

Pine Line Guard Fires At Car

Following report that Inspector H. A. Snideman was followed by a suspicious car and fired once in an effort to halt the driver, closer watch was ordered today of the Metropolitan Water District's intake line.

Snideman said that he was inspecting the line and equipment on a routine check when a cream-colored sedan of a popular make began following his car. It went on closed property right behind him, and when he reached Memory Lane at Santa Ana river bridge, he swung his car around in an effort to halt the other driver.

The motorist, however, did the same and fled at high speed westward on Memory Lane. Snideman shot, aiming above the car without attempting to strike the machine. The driver continued at fast speed.

Santa Ana police said that the case was the second similar incident involving water works inspections in Orange county. Recently a guard at the Santa Ana city water plant on Bristol St., Santa Ana, fired one shot at a car which trespassed on closed ground and at the driver refused to leave the guard's command.

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Gilman

46 El Prado Drive -
Los Angeles Calif
Feb. 9, 1942

The Honorable Attorney General
Francis Biddle.

Sir - In regard to the Jap
Question out here up and down
this Coast, ever body I
hear are wondering why the
proper authorities don't take
or rather havent taken drastic
action - move all Japs out
at once. and all other
Alien enemies, German and
Italian. Please do something
now -

Thank you
a world war not. Veteran
Alvah O. Nelson

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Newport Beach Calif
Feb 9-42

Attorney Biddell:-

Dear Sir:- We are
for moving all japs
inland. After all no-
body knows what it
would mean if the
japs were to start
their sabotaging no
body but we on the
west coast.

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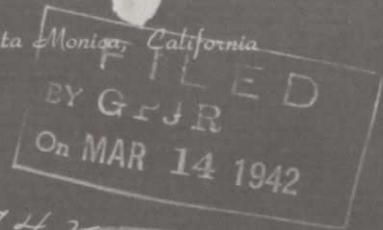
Japs always a
Better sop than ~~any~~
we know how sneaking
those lossey slant eyes
can be. Very truly

M + Mrs. J. A. Lind
Box 371. Awd
Lind

Lilah Marie White

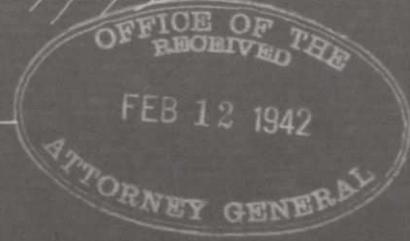
2111 Pearl Street

Santa Monica, California



Feb. 9, 1942

Attorney Gen., Biddle
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

What are we waiting for?
Another Pearl Harbor? As a
mother whose only son is
serving with the U.S. Navy - at
Sea - and the wife of a U.S.
Navy man on active duty, I
beg of you to take steps immediately
to free our strategic zones of
Japs - all japs - at once.

Sincerely,

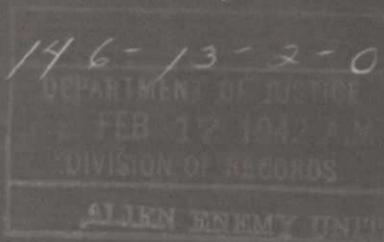
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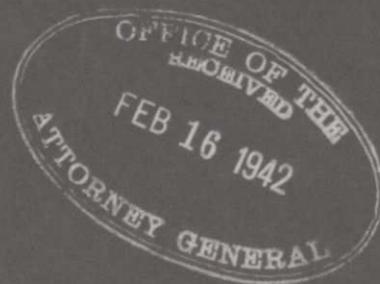


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522 W. Putnam
Porterville, California
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Attorney General
Francis Biddle
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.



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Dear Sir:

I wish to express my hope that the present humane treatment of enemy aliens by authorities of the federal government will continue. We hope that your present, sane course of action will not be affected by small pressure groups actuated by selfish or hysterical motives. I promise to help in any way I can to acquaint the public in general with the efficiency and justice displayed by the department of justice toward the enemy alien.

Sincerely,

Mildred Goertzel

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February 9, 1942

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Mr. Francis Biddle, Attorney General
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Mr. Biddle:

We, the undersigned, take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the stand you have taken thus far in the fair treatment of Japanese and other enemy aliens and to assure you of our support and cooperation in any program designed to promote our national unity and, ultimately, world unity through impartial and just treatment of all residents - citizen and alien.

Emphatically, we believe that the true facts about the dangers of possible sabotage should be systematically and quickly ascertained and that the proper steps should be taken to guard against these dangers. However, just as emphatically, we believe that there should be no discrimination because of race or citizenship. We believe this to be the greatest contribution our nation can make to democracy and to eventual world peace, if the cycle of racial hatreds with its ever more recurrent and deadlier wars is to be broken. It is our conviction that in the midst of war we must strike at the roots of war by forwarding racial unity.

Respectfully submitted,

CC: John L. Burling
Asst. Attorney General
in charge of Alien
Enemy Control

Malcolm Parker
Gunn Ray
Mary Halliday
Myrtle L. Smith
Helwig Motto
Margaret P. Maloy
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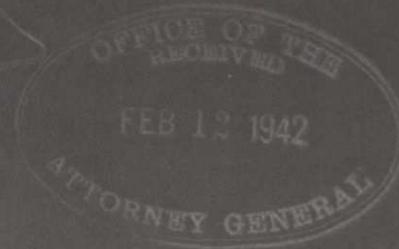
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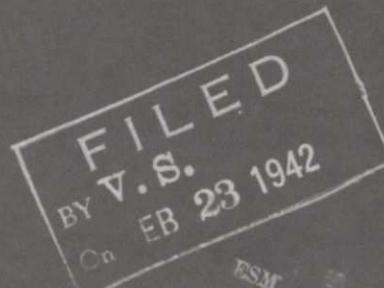
Attorney General Biddle
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a resident of California and I strongly feel that all the Japanese living anywhere near the Coast should be moved away, regardless of whether they are Aliens or American born. I believe "Pearl Harbor" should be sufficient an incident to prove their treachery.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Pearl Yost

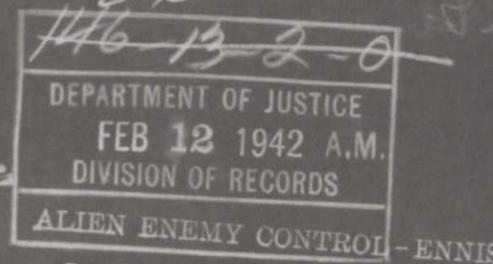


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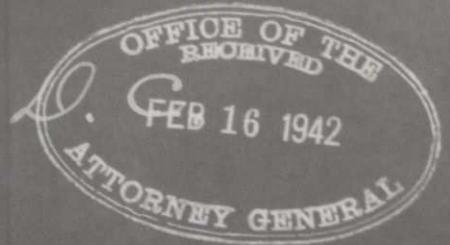
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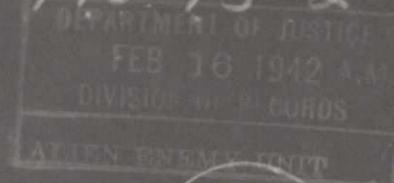


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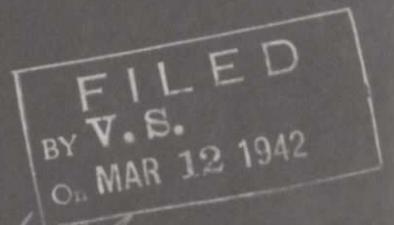
I request as an honorable citizen that you will consider and help to rid California especially of the Japanese population in and near the Pacific coast, not only the alien Japanese but all, and any other foreigners that we are at war with. we are all remembering Pearl Harbor.

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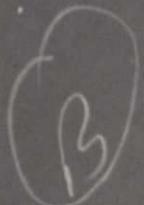
Respectfully



John. J. Mitchell.

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The Hon. Francis Biddle, Jr.
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

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ALLEN BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Mr Biddle:

Those of us who have given time and thought and service to the building up of friendly relations and good citizenship here between our own people and the European refugees, and American Japanese, are feeling a good deal troubled by the present situation. We gather courage and hope for truly democratic procedure from your pronouncements, — as in Survey Graphic, on the radio, etc. — but feel a long way from your office when we have fresh instances of anti-alien feeling, and when we read the unthinking demands that aliens shall not be given jobs. I have been in close contact for over three years with a large number of our four hundred refugees in Oregon, and am able to sense the discouragement and uncertainty which besets them at this time. A talk with the secretary of the Jewish Community Center shows that there too there is noticed a trend toward a greater anti-Semitism also.

I wish personally to offer my great appreciation

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Honorable Francis Biddle,
Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

On behalf of my family and myself I wish to commend you and those who are associated with you in your Department for the good work you are doing these days in handling the problem of enemy aliens.

Admittedly, the treatment of alien enemies is not a problem that we in the middlewest come in direct contact with. However, I have a daughter teaching in one of the public schools of a Southern California community where there is a considerable Japanese population, many of whom are classified as enemy aliens. My daughter is very favorably impressed with the care and consideration which your Department is giving this problem and particularly so when at the same time you are compelled to function amid an atmosphere of mass hysteria which must necessarily hinder rather than help you.

Under these adverse conditions you and the other Departments of our Government, skilled as you are in the proper handling of the present alien enemy situation, deserve the utmost support from every loyal citizen.

Faithfully yours,

John M. Ely
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Attorney-General Francis Biddle
Washington, D.C.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sir:

We appreciate your advocacy of humane treatment of enemy aliens. We hope that you will continue to handle their affairs so as to bring the least inconvenience to them, and so as to make the best use of their services for this country.

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Graves

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Honorable Mr Biddle:-

Thus far every action has been too late. Pearl Harbor
Wake and now the Philippines and Singapore.

Would it not be a good idea to be for once abreast
of events by ordering evacuation IMMEDIATELY of all Japs from the coast area
of the Pacific? Why always lock the door after the theft? A glance at
a map on which the areas already ordered evacuated are shown makes me
wonder as to how well aware your office is of this war. This is not as
yet a horse and buggy age.

"Better call out twenty fire companies and need five
than to call out five and need twenty!" That 's good policy.

The country is playing for too high a stake to be
put off by mere subterfuge.

Suppose for instance that a mere handfull of Japs
should each undertake to pour sugar in cars. Think of the disaster at
such a time as this. Think of the effect upon the morale to all this west
coast did any considerable disaster befall due to procrastination upon your
part.

Sincerely

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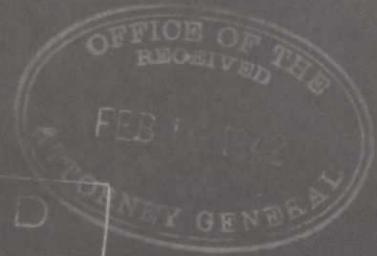
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Attorney General Biddle
Washington D.C.



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Dear Sir

Will you please use your influence to
see that the Japanese and all Aliens
are removed from Southern California
we feel our lives are endangered each day.
am enclosing clipping from our Fullerton News
Tribune. Santa Ana is only 12 miles from
Fullerton and our Guard have had the same
experiance here. will please give this your
mediate attention Thank you

Mrs W L Hottel
W. L. Hottel
312 Newell Place

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Mr. Githon
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Dear Sir: Referring to the Japanese situation in California I believe that I express not only my own personal views, but the candid views of all informed and thinking citizens, particularly of Southern California, when I say that there seems to be an unwarranted hesitancy on your part to deal not only kindly but firmly with the situation.

1 While I am convinced that there is no public hysteria here, nor any thought of violence against the Japanese of this area, yet the proven lack of alertness which resulted in the disaster of Pearl Harbor, naturally leads many to inquire why every adequate precaution is not speedily being taken to forestall a similar disaster upon the West Coast.

2 The result here is a manifest impatience at the slowness of the Government to act.

3 According to your own purported

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opinion, in which Sec'y of War Stimson is reported to concur. The precautionary steps that have been taken by you, have only circumscribed and minimized alien activities.

5 The necessary and final solution of the critical problem remains, as does the menace to our lives and defense industries.

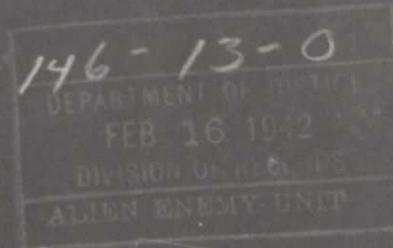
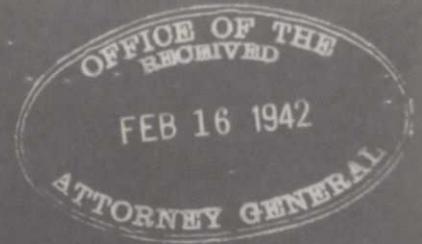
6 There are many Japanese in our community, both foreign and American-born, whom I have numbered among my personal friends, and I regret any necessity that would cause them trouble or even inconvenience. 7 However, we are at war with Japan, and, convinced as I am that the sympathy of practically every Japanese, both foreign and American-born, is with Japan, and that many will do all in their power to help our enemy by every possible means, I ask in the name of every patriotic citizen of Southern California that there be delay no longer in removing bodily all Japanese, both foreign and Nisei, from Southern California.

Respectfully Yours
Rev. John F. Hervey.

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College

AGGIE HALLS
STILLWATER

February 11, 1942



Attorney General Biddle
Member of the Pres. Cabinet
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:

I am writing to you as a private citizen who is trying to keep informed so nearly as possible as to what is happening during these darkest days in the history of our great country. What I say seems to reflect the attitude of the American citizens in general.



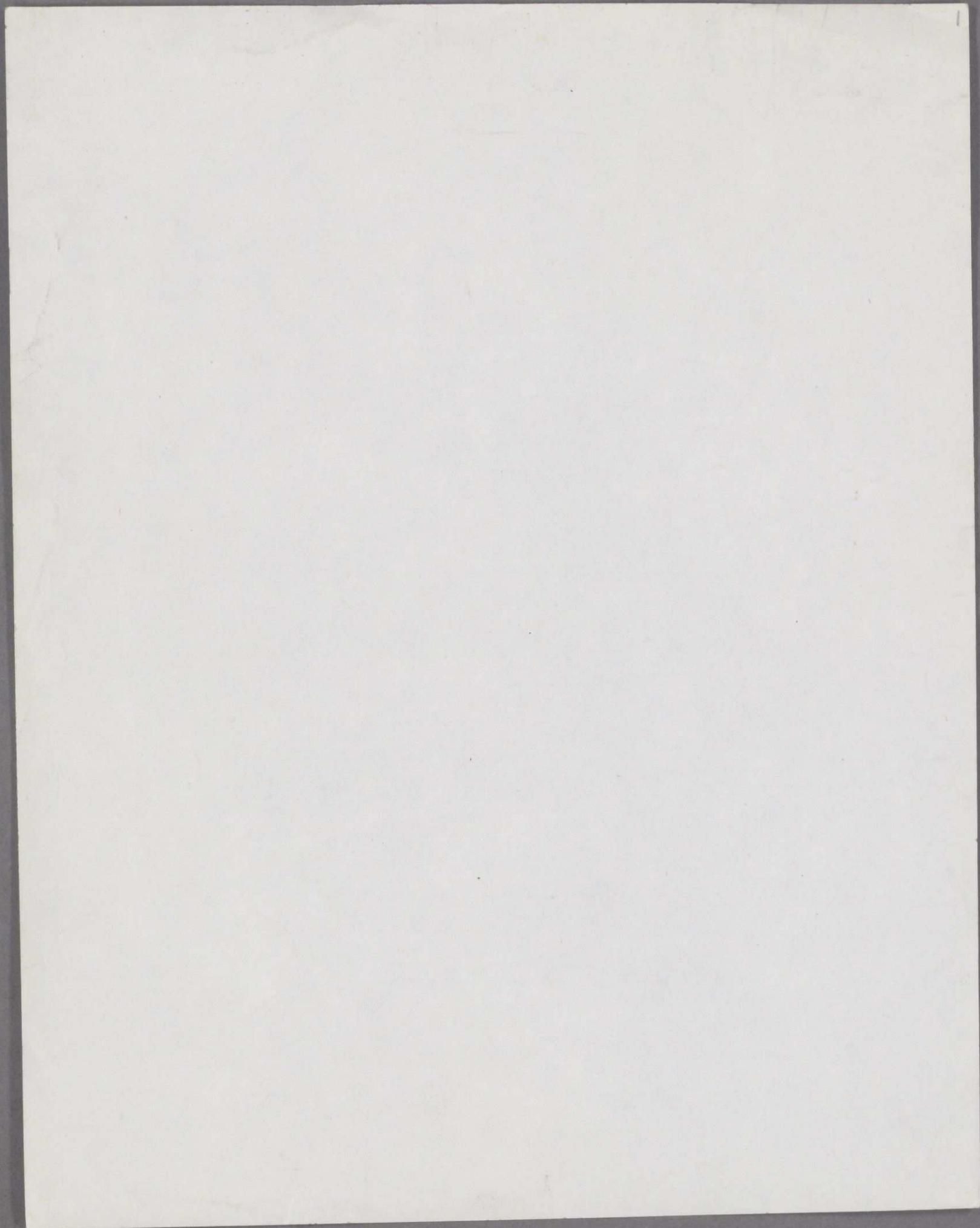
It appears that England and the United States have been too humane to deal with the totalitarian outlaws who are our mortal enemies today, both inside and outside of our borders. We must get hard boiled and fight the Devil with fire. I think we are entirely too lenient with the enemies in this country. I believe every Japanese who lives near any coast or near any defense industry should be placed in a concentration camp where there is room for a vegetable garden and he should be required to cultivate the garden. The same should apply to all German and Italian aliens.

I realize this would cause some innocent people to suffer, but in all human affairs a small per cent of the innocent must suffer with the guilty in order to protect the masses and to carry out the principle upon which this government was founded--"The greatest good to the greatest number".

I think we have turned loose some very dangerous enemies in our midst--examples, Bridges, Mooney etc. Of course some of these subversive characters may be deprived of some Constitutional rights guaranteed to United States citizens, but this is War and many of us are giving up many rights and privileges in order to win this war.

These are some of the things the masses of American citizens are thinking.

Yours truly,
H. C. King
H. C. King



Pasadena

Feb. 11 '42

Dear Sir:

Yetter

We of Southern California are getting anxious that action to remove the Aliens from here be swift and sure.

Will you do your utmost to see that this is brought about as quickly as possible?

Minnie L. Fairchild
634 N. Mentor
Pasadena
Calif.



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TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA.

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The Honorable Attorney General
Washington D.C.
Sir,

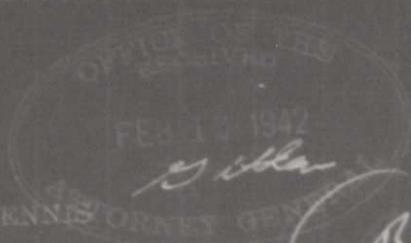
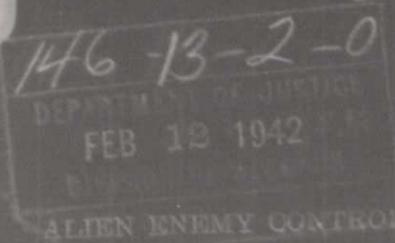
As a citizen of California, I respectfully request your very earnest consideration of the danger of another Pearl Harbor disaster on the Pacific Coast, due to the presence of many Japanese people living here.

It is possible, that some of these people may be loyal U.S. citizens, if so, they should not object ^{to} their being removed from this combat area. This would protect them, as well as ourselves. Being removed to a point at least two hundred miles inland, might work a hardship on some individuals, but we must remember, that our boys are undergoing many hardships in not only the danger of giving up their lives, but also being obliged to leave their homes and business. Thanking you for your consideration, I remain,

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Very Respectfully,

L C Henderson
Dr. L.C. Henderson



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W.S. Attorney General Biddle
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir - In regards to the serious Jap. situation on the Pacific Coast - I would like very much to see them all moved in the interior, where they would be far removed from vital defense works.

my friend has a Jap gardener, who left last week to join the army in Japan - and he said when he returned she would be working for him, instead of him working for her.

You just can't trust any of them, even tho they are American Citizens.

Please do something about about this problem, as we have so many right around us here in California.

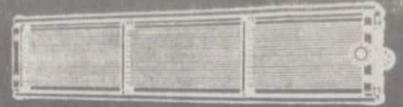
I thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Mrs. E.R. Drake
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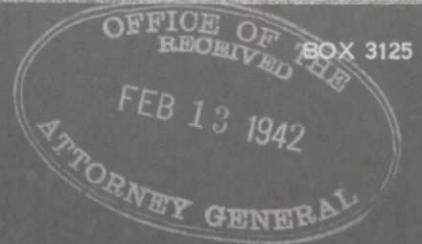
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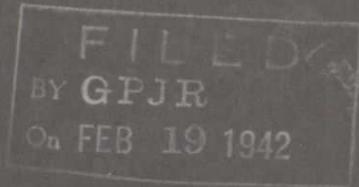
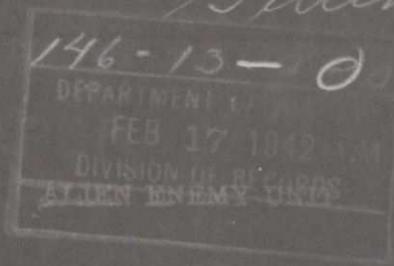
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Attorney Gen United States
Washington D C -
Hon. Sir



McLemore

1 The enclosed clipping answers
your circular letter about aliens -
2 you may not have time to read
it - but it is worth looking over

Sincerely yours

Joseph A. Coy

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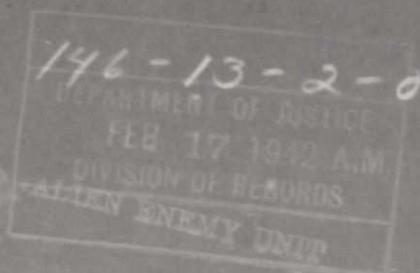
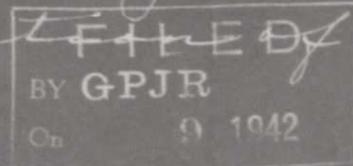
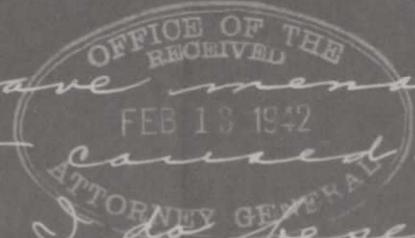
Los Angeles, California
February 10, 1942.

Att. General Biddle,
Washington, D.C.

Realizing the grave menace to our west coast caused by Japanese residents, I do beseech the powers that be, to remove them to regions far hence. American born Japanese, as well as foreign born, should be transferred to areas at least two hundred miles inland and interned for the duration, working at gardening and the like.

As a teacher in the Los Angeles schools, I implore your instant consideration of this vital matter.

Respectfully,
Marian R. Richards.



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Attorney General
Francis Biddle,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir,

I wish to express my entire approval of and confidence in the plans of the Department of Justice for dealing with enemy aliens in California. I consider the plans to be both just and humane, and admirable and adequate to separate the hostile from the friendly alien. In the case of Japanese aliens especially, it would indeed be unfortunate to treat all as dangerous. Such injustice would tend to create hostility in the minds of those now entirely loyal to their adopted country that has unfortunately refused to adopt them.

Sincerely
(Mrs.) Alice L. Pearson

M.H. Gale

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Mr. Francis Biddell - Atty. Gen. U.S.

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Dear Sir:

I feel your attention should be called to the seriousness of the Jap question in my state.

Having been born here, and lived a half century with Jap (we call them Spiblog) settlers, I can speak from observation.

In the first place their standard of living has robbed many Americans of jobs. They have by virtue of living in shacks, subsisting on a hand full of rice a day - and putting their women to the plow and their children (as soon as they can walk) into the fields; slaving from sun up to sun down, been able to more than compete with the white man.

They are extremely cheap, given to gambling and non payment of honest debts.

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They are smiling faced and poker faced.
Either mask hides a treacherous heart, a
loyalty to their ancestors and an oriental
pagan cunning.

Old timers here know of their duplicity
and fear it. Even the American born are
taught in Jap schools after our schools and
are brought up in the Shinto religion, that
of ancestor worship and Mikado reverence.

With this bit of personal knowledge of
these rats, I earnestly ask of you to
help us remove both alien and native
Japs from our area, where they will
cooperate with any proposed attack on
our shores, when the time comes.

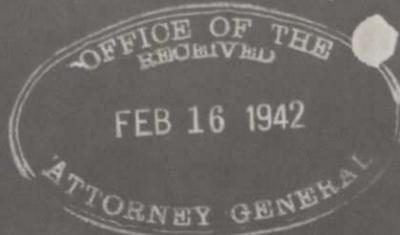
Respectfully yours

H. Hallivoda

Herewith are a few signatures of citizens
concurring in the above expression.

R. W. Ileson 620 Washburn Mill Road
J. J. Patutte 753 Workman Mill Rd.
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Feb. 12 - 1942
Rt. 1, Box 80
McFarland, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The United States of America is at war. We Americans are fighting for our existence. We are fighting ruthless nations that will prosecute this war by every means, fair and foul. Democratic institutions that Americans have struggled for years to build are being threatened.

As Americans, we are ready to make any sacrifice to assure ultimate victory. We are willing to sacrifice our businesses, money, property - even our lives if necessary. Some of us have already made these sacrifices.

Since we, the American people, are willing to make this all-out victory fight, why is our government not doing all in its power to see that this war is won? Why does our government allow thousands of Japanese, both American citizens and aliens, to reside where they can cripple us at the crucial time? With the memory of Pearl Harbor and of Manila fresh in our minds, why does our government continue to postpone the removal of all persons of Japanese descent from the Pacific coast area - from the area where they are a serious threat to the safety of our defense program, our war industries and our lives?

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Americans on the Pacific coast do not care to wait until Japanese saboteurs have struck a damaging blow. We Americans do not care to hear our government representatives say, after it is too late, "Why didn't we do something before."

As Americans, we expect you, our representative, to act at once in the removal of all persons of Japanese descent from the entire Pacific coast area. We expect you to do all in your power to eliminate the Japanese threat to west-coast security. We expect you to do all in your power to force this step as a move toward eventual American war victory.

Let's protect our home front!

Very truly yours

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G. B. Heinrichs

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Dear Gentleman - Mr. Biddle.

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ATTY GEN. U.S.
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GENERAL

Very glad to receive your satisfactory reply of Feb. 4-42 - signed James Rowe - Ed. J. Ennis stating that the Dept is taking every precaution to protect the national safety of the Japanese aliens. The latest news flashes from numerous newspapers demand that the whole Pacific coast alien question is up to where it belongs, - the Federal government's Business that's welcome news - One outstanding extract of Prof. Dr. Eric Belquist, U.C. professor, Berkeley stated:-

"Intolerance toward enemy aliens is just as much a part of subversive activity as Jap spying, Nazi intrigue, + Communistic sabotage. It's a Federal Problem not for the city councils, county supervisors. The Los Angeles mayor Bowran has lost his head along with the rest. Such actions assist in destroying our unity and furnish the Japanese + Nazis with propaganda material which may make the war winning more difficult". However there are the usual pro + cons; but, public opinion Vox populi vox dei the voice of the people the voice of god still appears to have the upper hand. Federal government first and always in this matter.

Thankfully yours -

Dr. Fred. C. Richmond M.A., Ph.D., D.C.
227 - S. Eldorado St.
Stockton Calif.

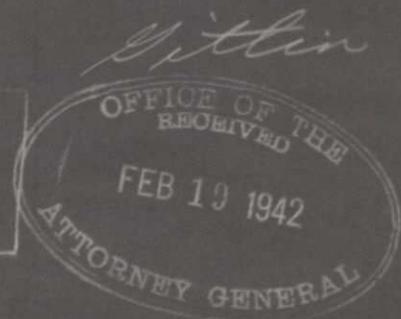


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Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Los Angeles Branch, 2936 West 8th St.
Los Angeles, February 12, 1942

Hon. Francis Biddle
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

The following resolution was unanimously passed today at a meeting attended by about one hundred persons:

This public meeting of the Los Angeles Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom wishes to acknowledge its deep appreciation of the statements of the Attorney General, Hon. Francis Biddle, warning against hysteria and urging discrimination and justice in the treatment of enemy aliens.

As residents of Southern California we express our confidence in the handling of the alien problem by the Federal Government through the Department of Justice. We believe that all measures necessary for civilian defense should be taken but we think that such measures will be more effective if preceded by adequate planning for the welfare of those affected, and if carried out in the spirit of calmness and consideration which we believe has characterized the work of the Department of Justice in this locality.

We wish also to express the hope that investigation of the alien situation in California and arrangements for its solution may be put into the hands of a Congressional committee, preferably the Tolan committee.

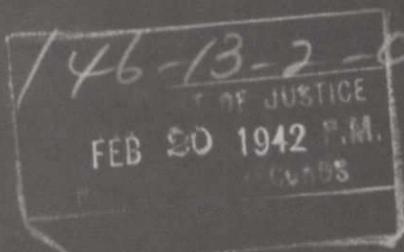
With thanks for the understanding and foresight evinced by your recent public utterances, we remain

Yours very respectfully,

Los Angeles Branch of the Women's International League
for Peace and Freedom

Ruth Benedict

By Ruth Benedict, Chairman Legislative
Committee



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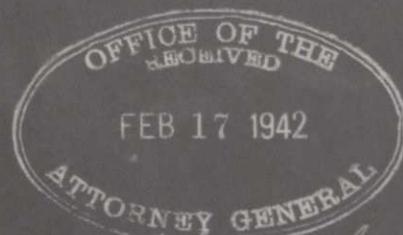
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1004 Second St.
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Honorable Francis J. Biddle
Attorney General, Wash. D.C.



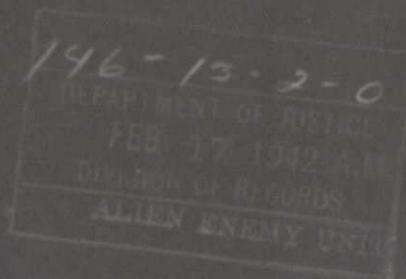
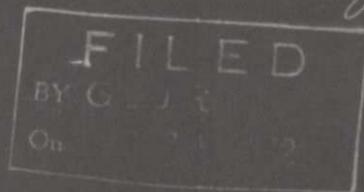
Dear Mr. Biddle,

I wish to express my appreciation to you for your humane treatment of our enemy aliens and earnestly hope that such treatment will continue.

Such consideration will reflect credit upon American justice.

Very sincerely yours,

Sildreth Biddle Graves

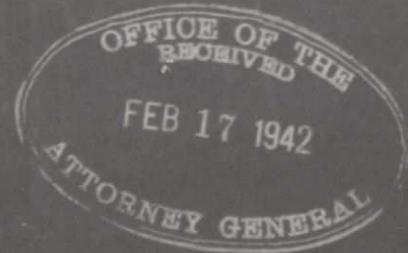


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1429 North Genesee Ave
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Hon. Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Washington, D.C

My dear Mr Biddle:

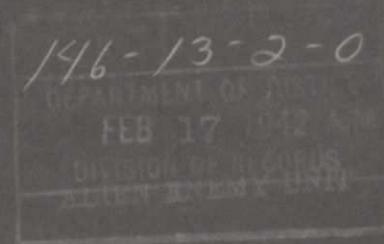
We wish to commend you and your department on the handling of the Alien situation thus far and to urge that a differentiation be made between loyal and dis-loyal members of groups classed as alien, when consideration of their removal from coastal regions is being made.

We also appreciate your decisions in regard to the Conscientious Objectors.

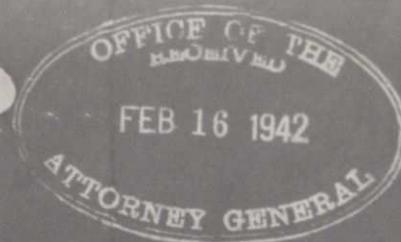
Yours very truly,

*Cornelia Underwood
Myrtle B. Mills*

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The Honorable Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1942

My dear Mr. Biddle:

I am not a professional reformer, nor a "liberal, nor anything of that sort, but a plain American citizen who feels his own liberties are endangered through a deliberate campaign to curtail the liberties of a small group of his fellow Americans. I refer specifically to the American-born of Japanese parentage.

I am not a professional friend of the Japanese, but for ten years I have attended St. Mary's Japanese Church and worked amongst the congregation as priest, pastor and friend. This does not make me an authority on the question of the Japanese American, but it has freed me from a great deal of prejudice and nonsense. If the American citizens who unfortunately chose grandparents from Nippon are radically different from the American citizens whose grandparents came from Sicily or Donegal, then I am a singularly obtuse individual; and a twenty-five year ministry amongst new Americans of at least a dozen varieties has been so much time wasted.

Some of these people are my friends, as loyal as any friends I ever had. Some of them are merely acquaintances. With many I am only on smiling terms. Yet I know that before Thanksgiving all these people were card-indexed, catalogued, and labelled as we of Anglo-Saxon blood have never been. There are at least seven branches of national defense keeping a vigilant eye on all these people. In wartime, this may be necessary.

Many of them (Nisei) believe this to be so. Few, if any, are resentful; in view of which, it seems to me the campaign to abolish the Fourteenth Amendment and the Bill of Rights, insofar as it applies to Americans of Oriental descent, is as unwise as it is dangerous. And dangerous it certainly would be. I may be very obtuse, but I do not see how any machinery can be set up to curtail the essential American liberties of this little group without establishing precedents which might later seriously impair my own freedom. I am, therefore, not writing in behalf of the American freedoms of my friends, neighbors, and godchildren, but of my own. In this matter, I am as selfish as selfish can be.

I write, therefore, to commend you for your consistent

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Kimball Patterson

308 Palisades Ave.

Santa Monica, California

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with Chamberlain, Kimmel + Short.

"Local People understand Local conditions."

Every Jap should be put out of the Far West. At Once.
Watch Hawaii + Calif. then the People out here will fall for
X.P.

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201 South Grand Avenue,
LOS ANGELES, California,
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Hon. Francis Biddle,
Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:
I would respectfully remind you of the basic legal maxim, *Salus populi, etc.* Armed with that fundamental principle, and the provision of the Constitution's Preamble, --- ("to provide for the common defense") it would seem safe to proceed with promptitude and effectiveness in dealing with the enemy alien problem.

JAP DIDDLE, DIDDLE.

Rome once had her Nero,

Nero had his fiddle:

We, a speedy sneak-foe,

Honorable Biddle !

Alien enemy

Nation sore doth vex:

Salus populi

Est suprema lex.

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Sincerely yours,

James H. Lockwood.

Feb. 12, 1942.

Attorney General Biddle:

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Let's move the
japs away from the Coast
in California and place
them in Arizona and New
Mexico where they can do
less damage.

Yours very truly,

O. A. Follansbee
FOLLANSBEE

Burbank, Calif.

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BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

February 16, 1942

The Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing a photostatic copy of a minute order adopted by the Board of Supervisors at its regular session held on Monday, February 16, 1942, urging the evacuation of all enemy aliens from all territory in the Pacific Coast States within at least three hundred miles of the Pacific Coast for the duration of the war.

Yours truly,

R. J. Veon

County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board.

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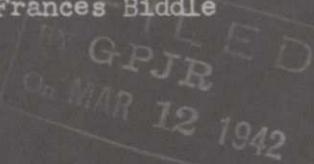
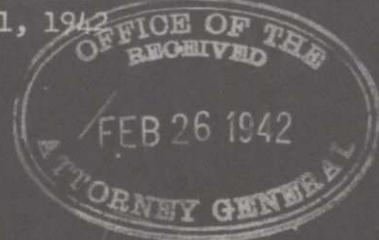
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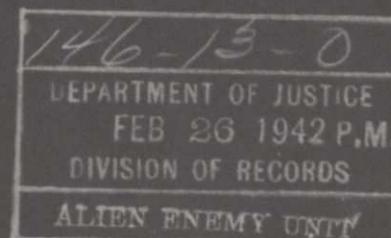
Dear Sir:

The attached resolution dealing with the Alien situation in California was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of the County Supervisors Association of California at a regular meeting held in Sacramento, California, Friday, February 20, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
OF CALIFORNIA

By *J. H. Hunter*
J. H. Hunter, Secretary



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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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IN THE MATTER OF URGING THE)
EVACUATION AND CONCENTRATION)
OF ALL JAPANESE AND THEIR)
DECENDANTS TO A CONCENTRATION)
CAMP UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE)
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT)

WHEREAS, since the 7th day of December, 1941, the United States has been at war with Japan; and

WHEREAS, during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941, the Japanese were aided and abetted by fifth columnists of the Japanese race living and residing in and about Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, there are located along the Pacific Coast more Japanese than in all other states of the Union combined; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to know those enemy Japanese who are loyal to the United States from those who are disloyal; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is one of the first States in production of essential products, and its products are absolutely and vitally essential to the successful war efforts; and

WHEREAS, the temper of the people of the Pacific Coast has risen to such a point that it is becoming dangerous for loyal enemy aliens to reside in close proximity to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, by reason of their situation, the military and naval establishments, the war industries and natural resources are in the most critical situation of any part of the Union; and

WHEREAS, all Japanese persons residing in British Columbia have been removed from the Pacific Coast line; and

WHEREAS, all Japanese persons residing in Mexico have been removed from the Pacific Coast; and

IN ORDER that those enemy aliens and their descendants who are now disloyal, or may become disloyal, to the United States, may be taken to a point where they can do no damage to the State of California, and the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Director W. J. BUCHANAN of Contra Costa County, seconded by Director W. O. RUSSELL of Yolo County, and unanimously carried,

BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, assembled in Meeting in Sacramento, State of California, this 20th day of February, 1942, that we go on record as urging the Attorney General of the United States, and the Department of Justice of the United States, that all alien Japanese and their descendants be forthwith evacuated to a Concentration Camp under the supervision of the Federal Government.

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED~~ that a copy of this resolution be mailed to the President of the United States, Secretary of State, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy and the Attorney General of the United States; and a copy to the two Senators representing the State of California in the United States and to each Congressman representing the Pacific Coast States in the House of Representatives, and the Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, and Gen. DeWitt, U. S. Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

By *Robert W. Lefever*
Robert W. Lefever, President

By *J. H. Hunter*
J. H. Hunter, Secretary

Defense Group Ask Protection For Japanese

The state council of defense today called upon the federal government to set up an agency for the "protective custodianship" of Japanese truck farmers in California to aid in stepping up vegetable production and to expedite evacuation of Japanese aliens where necessary.

The request was in the form of a resolution presented by William J. Cecil, state director of agriculture and chairman of the defense council committee on agricultural resources and production.

Need The Farmers

Cecil asserted:

"We have a fundamental need of keeping every Japanese farmer who will behave himself on the farm producing vegetables and working harder than ever."

He asserted Japanese produce from 25 to 40 per cent of all the vegetables in California.

He said a system of "protective custodianship" would serve both to protect loyal Japanese against unfair treatment and to "see that they confine themselves to growing vegetables and restrain them from engaging in any extra curricular activities. If they get out of line, we can put them out of circulation."

The army now has plans, Cecil said, for evacuating aliens from vital defense areas where it is deemed necessary and from areas where concentration camps might be established.

May Relax Rules

Cecil emphasized that many of the rigid restrictions and regulations on agriculture, particularly on the dairy industry, may "have to be loosened or revoked for the duration of the war" because of the lack of materials and to speed production.

Arrangements have been made, Cecil said, with the 4th Interceptor Command to allow civilian planes to be used for planting rice and dusting crops, but emphasized that before the pilots go up they must submit their plans to the army, detailing what territory they will cover, and have it approved. He added:

"If they get out of their territory they are liable to get shot out of the air."

Plan Approved

Attorney General Earl Warren, chairman of the committee on civil protection, received the approval of the council for a statewide fire protection which he described as a "move up and cover up plan" based on mutual aid.

"The state division of forestry is the backbone of this plan," he said, emphasizing that it is the "only agency which has mobile equipment" to be moved in at any point in the state where it is needed.

Warren said there is a serious need in nearly every community for additional equipment, but it is going to be hard to get both for lack of funds and of priority ratings.

Warren said approximately 35,000 volunteer auxiliary firemen are being trained in the state in fire prevention and for emergency work. Also, under the sponsorship of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, about 500 volunteers are receiving instruction in two schools in the state in police methods.

The council met in the Business and Professions Building.

Two Are Named