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To the C. I. O. Reporter
Station KYA
San Francisco 2, Calif.

Dear Sir:

During the last three months I have been ill and, for the first time in my long life, have had time to listen to the radio. Almost every night I hear at least a part of your broadcast and like it. Your principles are much the same as ours. You would make a good Methodist.

Just now I am concerned with whatever Union controls the canneries at Sacramento. We shall probably meet the same problem at San Jose soon. One of my responsibilities is the care of our 37 Japanese churches. A few of our members now back at Sacramento wish to work in the canneries but are not allowed to do so. You will doubtless know how to handle such a situation and I hope you can arrange matters so the Japanese can join the union.

Our Japanese are the type who are loyal to America. The Sacramento pastor, little Bro. Tsuda, has two sons and two sons-in-law in the U. S. Army. One son flies in a B-29 over Japan every few days.

Hoping that you may be able to assist my Sacramento people,
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Yours sincerely,

Frank Herron Smith