

Dear Michi,

I hope that this letter finds you and your husband in good health. When I read your letter, I realized that you overcame health problems and still managed a career. I admire your courage and I hope that some of it might rub off on me.

I have read about Harry Uryeno. I hope to meet him someday and listen to his experiences. We have many Tule Lake inmates living here but most of them are very quiet. I also called Jo but he was on a business trip. His wife told me that they had a call from a George Skeda who met you in Washington D.C.

Are you going to the Smithsonian exhibit on the Japanese-American story? Frank Emi called me and said that he was going. He told me that Toni Ding has included him and the Fair Play Committee in her documentary "Color of Honor." This will be shown on Oct. 2nd. at 6:30 P.M. This documentary is about the 442nd and she was open minded to include Frank Emi. Have you met Frank Emi? If not, you should really meet him. He recently had a good write-up in the L.A. Times. Let me know if Frank Chin didn't send you a copy so that I can send you one. Frank Emi and Frank Chin have fought JACL for many, many years. Frank Chin has put much study in the evacuation and has come up with many facts that the Nisei really don't want to hear. His rap against the JACL has much merit but falls on deaf ears. Frank Emi has always spoken up on Constitutional rights and due process of law. I think both Franks are courageous people who we can be proud of.

Frank Emi has always fought for the rights of the resisters and his fair play committee was unjustly tried in court to silence them. When you think back, it took tremendous courage to fight J. ACL and the U. R. A. J. ACL was so wrong in not fighting for Nisei Constitutional rights but even today claim that they were right. Today J. ACL is forced to accept redress because the Sansei demand that they do so. A J. ACL person told me (confidentially) that at one meeting, Masaoaka was against redress but could not convince the majority. My source tells me that it shocked him the next day when Masaoaka endorsed the redress program and spoke like he was always for it.

Larry Tajiri was against the resisters. He claimed the J. ACL Party line - Good publicity for the Nisei was far more important than Constitutional laws. This was pointed out by Frank Chin. But what can we do when Nisei refuse to believe him. But we cannot give up and must keep fighting. With people like you helping us, we feel that we have a very good chance to force J. ACL to admit its 'mistakes'.

Sincerely,
M. Ito