

Dear Fran,

I presume James Omura sent you text of his U. of Colorado speech. I have one somewhere.

Wasn't sure as to whether you sent on your fine tribute to James to International Examiners, so I took the liberty of doing so. Paul Teuneskin phoned to say that Kapa published a capsule version of it.

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Am enclosing ^{copy or} last letter James sent to me. Since I've participated in numerous fund raisers here, I got the idea of beautifully framing the letter, along with a photo of James and auctioning it off to the highest bidder to benefit your film project. If I added the legend, "Last letter I received from James Omura" (signed) Michi Nishikawa Wegman do you suppose Brook L., Grace L. or any others among FPC supporters would be willing to pay \$3,000 or more as starting bid? Just a wild thought.

In camp I needed money to outfit Girl Scouts, so I asked Mom to make as many sushi rolls as she could. No one refused to buy, so we made more money than necessary. Sushi + other donated gifts could be sold after memorial service for James, including Omura T-shirts. Film should be completed with alacrity. Love Michi

P.D. Another fund raises possibility: I discussed with Abe
the possibility of resisters (or ???) honoring
Debra him to get her so public, so we can hear
her story.

Friday, March 18, 1988

Omnura Praises Fair Play Committee as Heroes of Nikkei History

protests but with vocal words of
cordial accord, fervor haunts
our lament intellect and in
the cause of our eternal shame.
"All there were any particular
heroes in the Nikkei American
dilemma, the members of the
Fair Play Committee surely
must have the closest to award-
ize the ethnic honor of our
Nikkei world."

Omnura recounted his experi-
ences in Denver after releasing
from San Francisco in 1942. It
was there that he was officer of
the Rocky Shimos, and he still
resides there today.

In recent years he has spoken
at UCLA, San Jose State Uni-
versity, and Washington State
University. Last Feb. 18, he
was honored at the Day of Re-
membrance program in Los An-
geles with the National Coalition
for Redress/Reparation/Right-
ing Spirit Award.

after the war's President
Truman. It was the
known as a leading critic of
the JACL's "collaboration" poli-
cy during the internment peri-
od. Omnura commented that the
"compensation" expressed by for-
mer Supreme Court Justice
Owen Roberts of Truman's era
nearly "board" was an element
strangely absent in the attacks
launched against the wartime
resistance by the majority con-
sensus Japanese American Cit-
izen League.

Omnura stated, "The Fair Play
Committee in my humble opi-
ion reclaimed for Americans of
Japanese origin an important
medium of our human dignity
and heralded pride as a member
of the human race that were
sacrificed by our executive
response to our nation... Much
as we attempt to deny it passive
submission, not only without

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