



Have you ever felt so glad deep down inside of you, that you felt as though you'd burst with ecstasy? It feels good to spread your wings and know the thrill of freedom. The seed we discovered in the heart of America during our Evacuation road has taken root! Even in Florin great strides are made. The doors of freedom are opening in many directions for the niseis who are seeking new opportunities.

A door has opened for me. As Spiritual Life Secretary of the Sacramento District, WSCS, I was challenged to study and speak as never before. In this responsibility, a great door has opened towards God. Only this rich spiritual adventure could have completely freed me from the guilt I secretly harbored. To have been born with a Japanese face! Having touched men and women in the valleys whose hearts are turned towards God has given me the confidence to dare. I anticipate with joy the coming year. For with the faith that only true friends can give, I am encouraged to prepare myself for a new field. A dream that I never thought would be possible in my life-time! What will unfold in 1949, I shall reserve to report one year from now. I tingle all over and know I am mighty lucky to be alive in such an age. To know that such as I somehow fit into history in the making. This is tangible evidence of hope for all mankind to be free. World Brotherhood cannot be too far away!

The sincere immediate response we received in June concerning the Judd Bill was overwhelming and I am deeply grateful. We are praying hard and working to reach as many people who would respond to this cry for justice.

We hope that Grandpa, too, in 1949 can lift his head to see at last that he and the 20,000 aliens now have the right to become a citizen of their beloved America. Every voice expressed is one more strength added to the building of the kingdom of Brotherhood. We shan't give up just because other important problems might crowd it off the agenda. Could the Judd Bill for Equality and Naturalization and Immigration receive the final push only men of goodwill will have the time to give?

As we participated in the Candlelight service at Church and saw the white faces and oriental faces singing joyous praises to the little Christ-Child--A New Peace was felt within us that was warm and eternal--that was the real message that was sent into the darkness over Bethlehem.

May the heartwarming peace of the little Christ Child thrill you to live triumphantly--in the days ahead--

God bless you,

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