

Chicago, Ill.
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Internal Security Division
Office of The Provost Marshal General,
Army Service Forces
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs -

On Tuesday Nov. 3, I was notified through the Personnel Security Branch Office of the 3rd District 6th Command Army Forces here in Chicago that I was ineligible to work for the Comet Model Airplane Company, 129 W. 29th St., Chicago.

There were no reasons given except the statement "Under Existing Conditions", which was rather vague to me as I know I am a loyal American Citizen and haven't the slightest sympathy for Japan in any way.

The letter which I was given further states that I may appeal my case to your office and since I am deeply concerned because I feel that my loyalty is being doubted, I am taking this means to obtain more information as to my position.

So that you may more easily check on me, I will try to give you my past history.

I was born in Marysville, California Nov. 7 1907. I have 2 brothers and a married sister all younger than I. My mother & father were born in Japan and have ^{steadily} resided in this

country close to 40 years. The only time my parents have been away from America was around 1914 when father made the trip to Japan for several months and mother made short trips a few years later. Since the time they have constantly lived in Marysville, California.

At present they are in Amache, Colorado Relocation Center having been moved from Tulelake for their admitted loyalty to America. My two brothers are in Amache also and only the sister who is unfortunately married to a pro-Japan person remained in Tulelake center because of the baby in their family.

I attended the grammar and High school in Marysville and finished my schooling in 1928. In Jan. 1929 I made a vacation trip to Japan and returned to America Aug 1929. I did not attend schools in Japan or take any training in any form. As I have legal papers ~~that~~ showing my cancellation of Japanese citizenship ^{when 15 yrs old}, I was ~~looked upon~~ ^{looked upon} as an ^{other} American.

Upon returning home I worked in a grocery store which father operated and except for several years residence in Los Angeles I have quite steadily lived in Marysville up to the time of Evacuation.

②. I have been married now for about 5 yrs and have a baby girl 4 yrs of age. My wife is a Caucasian and a citizen having been born in New York City. My wife's mother is deceased and the father having remarried is at present living in Porterville California. The father's name is Claude Hart, he is a World War I Veteran and a member of the Porterville American Legion.

Last April 1943 in the Tululake Center I volunteered for the American-Japanese Combat Team but was rejected for a perforated ear drum and underweight condition. This information may be obtained by contacting Major General J. A. Ulio - The Adjutant General's Office Wash, D. C.

I was granted leave from the Tululake Center last April 30th 1943 and upon ^{arriving} reaching in Chicago I obtained employment with the Comet Model Airplane Company as shipping clerk until ^{I received} the notice Nov. 3.

My work for this firm I know has been very satisfactory and I'm sure they have every confidence in me as a loyal citizen. Although I may not return there to work I would certainly like to have myself reinstated there so that they will know their confidence ^{in me} was not misplaced.

~~As my wife and myself have a clear
conscience we would like to ask for an
investigation~~

I would like ~~to~~ very much to have
myself investigated and cleared, as you
cannot imagine the awful uncertain feeling
my wife and I have to be suspected or doubted,
not only this but if in the future whoever employs
me should inquire about my last position will
possibly become suspicious also and may cost
me my job on this account.

My conscience is clear and so I would
welcome the F. B. I., Army or Navy Intelligence
Investigation which I know would clear me
fully so that I may take part in the war
effort as soon as ~~it is~~ possible.

The unfortunate incident cost me 6 days
work and as I am the sole support of my
family, we ^{are} really having a hard time ^{getting by} and
would not like it to happen again.

For references I am forwarding names
and address of ^{some} ~~several~~ close friends,

1. ^{Lot.} Jordan Gyperson 19186088
2. Art Kapitanoff
3. ~~Ben Honda~~
4. Yank Honda
5. Mr. W. Bibishkow % Comet Model Airplane Co.

③ I know that your office is very busy with the problems of war, but if you can ^{spare} ~~give~~ me just a little time I would deeply appreciate anything you may do for me.

For this service I will repay many times over by ^{the} greater ^{war} effort which you can permit me to take part in the winning of this war for our country.

Sincerely Yours

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