

Saturday

My dear Mrs Waegell —

I'll start off on the same text. Before I go any further, I'd like to clear up some points, that may have been clumsily put, and in a way which may have been amusing. What I meant before about Hannah is that, many schools do not have a placement bureau in order to obtain positions for students graduating and to those leaving on vacations. So, the school officials ~~are~~ were kind enough to have a placement bureau set up in a deaf school, in order to have a student obtain a position if he so desires. As you probably know, jobs are hard to get for handicapped persons, and after an introduction from such a school or any other organizations, it'd be much easier for that particular individual. And especially in cities, delinquency will result, if a person has nothing to do, day in or day out. And by delinquency I mean it to include anything from vandalism to going astray.

Coming back to things to what I meant to write about, I'd like to tell you about some of the thoughts impressed in some of these men, ~~the~~ with whom I've had discussions. Lutes' article in placing soldiers in government factories. Well, many of them, in fact all of them were pretty pessimistic, and looked upon his proposal as a pipe dream. And comments like these were plentiful. "If ~~it~~ such a thing is possible it'd be very good, and we'd be quite fortunate but how in the devil can it be possible." And others took the stand that Lutes is trying to convert this notion into communism by fixing the sympathy (I can't think of the proper word) of the soldiers. In fact, many of the fellow approve of socialism, but look with disdain upon communism.

Yes, I realize that facism must be fought at home too. And what I've been worrying about for a long time is, after the war is over, will the service men be able to go back to society living a normal life. I'm afraid that civilians would think it to be a intrusion, and would not be as cordial as they are now.

The friends in Cleveland have had the same idea, and they have been emphasizing that time is short, and their



activities in rallies & meetings, are so often, that they are on the verge of collapse. But I'm sure, they think that its worthwhile because they said that at a labor union rally, 500 were present on a hot sultry day, when only fifty were expected. They also mentioned, that labor people are parting up, and beginning to realize the all so important interest in electing the right person for their representative. I guess, they're pretty busy now, because of the forthcoming presidential & other high office elections.

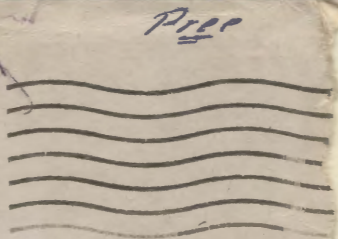
Thanks awfully for the paper & pamphlets you have sent me. I appreciate it very much. I'm afraid my friends think the paper too radical on some of the articles, but I tell them that, it has to be so put forth, or the general public will not realize the situation. — I guess the majority of the fellows live for the present, living in their moments of bliss & refuse to worry about the future, to all outward appearances. Perhaps the reason is that, once they go over, they may not come back. Very pessimistic, but I guess a person can't blame them.

Have you ever read about the famed 100th Infantry? it chiefly comprises of young niseis, and after through three battle campaigns, they had ~~made~~ made a brilliant record. A battalion comprises about 1200 men, and out of this battalion 900 men were decorated for gallantry, silver stars, purple hearts & other citations. Perhaps race prejudice cannot ever be obliterated, but maybe things like this will make things a little better for the niseis.

I better wind this letter up, and until some other time, I remain,

Ces ever,  
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