

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear

From many sources I have learned that military authorities no longer think that military necessity requires that people of Japanese descent be kept out of the West Coast.

Why then are we, who are sending our sons, our brothers and our friends to battlefields to fight for America, not permitted to return to our former homes? It is because certain groups in the West Coast, due to selfish economic interests for the most part, are organized and active. They have flooded Washington with thousands of letters protesting against our return.

Now, we have thousands of friends on the Coast who accept us for what we are. Some of these friends have already raised their voices in our behalf. "Friends of American Way" of Pasadena, California and others have been instrumental in helping us.

Would you kindly write letters for me and others like me, to the men whose names and addresses are given below? I have been reliably told that they have more to say than anyone else on the question of lifting the ban on the Japanese. What will be most helpful are statements from you that we will be welcome and that we have or could find places to live and means of earning a livelihood there.

I may further add that I am aware that there are persons on the Coast who are friendly toward us but who think we were concentrated too much in the three Pacific states. Some such persons may oppose lifting the ban for fear that all of us will rush back. However, there need be no worry on this score as many of our people have already gone to Mid-western and Eastern states and are well settled there and are not thinking of returning to the West Coast. But those who have no desire to return agree with those who wish to do so on one point: that is, THE EXCLUSION ORDER IS UNFAIR AND UNDEMOCRATIC AND IT SHOULD BE RESCINDED.

I realize that writing the letters I have requested will take some of your valuable time. Be assured, however, that your kindness will be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Please write letters to:

Hon. Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Major General Charles M. Bonesteel
Western Defense Command, San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
War Relocation Authority, Washington, D. C.

P. S. I am enclosing 3 three-cent stamps for your convenience.

D. J. Winter
for the national leader