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National Youth Director
Raymond R. Peters
22 S. State St.
Elgin, Ill.

April 22, 1942

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a Christian Citizen of the United States, I wish to voice my unreserved opposition to the forced evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast.

I believe this action is a denial of our great American tradition of democracy and racial tolerance. Can we overcome totalitarianism by employing the tactics of totalitarianism?

I urge you to consider adopting selective evacuation, moving only those individuals definitely proved guilty.

I plead for complete freedom for those Japanese who wish to resettle voluntarily.

Unfortunately this racial crucifixion may not stop with the Japanese.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Ernest Lefever

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Lt. Col. B. M. Bryan, Jr.
Chief, Aliens Division
Provost Marshal General's Office
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a letter
from Mr. Ernest Lefever, 22 South State Street,
Elgin, Illinois, for your information and con-
sideration.

The writer has not been advised of this
reference.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Ennis
Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

Enclosure

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Lefever is now
known as a rabid
right-winger. Has
referred to Nat'l

Council of Churches
(during their support
of Rt. Myabe, Zimbabwe)
as "Nazis in
clerical garbs."

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