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Rosemead, California
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Dear Karl and Elaine,

I am most happy to find out where you are residing and to be able to communicate with you after 31 year in-between blank or void. From time to time, I did read of your activities with the Manzanar pilgrimages.

How are you both? And how is Tommy? I recollect having heard that he was in the Orient on a Peace Mission, or something related to anti-war. That was a long, long time ago.

I have enjoyed reading your article "MANZANAR: Another View," in the Rafu Shimpo's Holiday Edition. I am glad that you presented to the reading public the omissions I made in my story with true facts. You've made the Manzanar history more vivid, much fuller and meaningful to the younger generations who weren't there during the War years!

I wish I had all the notes I had taken in Manzanar with me now. They were left behind in our apartment, as we were not given enough time to pack anything, not even our suitcases. With the military police standing outside our doorway, we had to hurry and hurry we did.

Those notes would have enabled me to write several books.

Manzanar had many different factions, as you were well aware. The Kibei group, outside of the vocal militants, such as Ben Kishi and few others, did not believe in violence or creating trouble. Nor were they all pro-Japan. Many had fled military conscription in Japan.

There was factionalism among the block leaders.

There were too many Nisei in camp who were noted for their fence-sitting tactics, not wishing to take a definite stand.

We who believed in justice and fair play in camp never got a fair break. We were hounded, ostracized.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

Will be writing to you later.

Sincerely,

Tad Uyeno