

Air mail

712 Montgomery St.
San Francisco, Calif.
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Mr. Archibald MacLeish
Office of Facts and Figures
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, a group of writers, newspapermen and artists of Japanese ancestry, realizing the importance and necessity of the part that we can play in the greatest war effort for the complete victory of this Nation over the Axis invaders, have voluntarily assembled here on January 25, 1942, to contribute our share to national unity.

Most of us individually have consciously and actively opposed the program of the Japanese militarists for the past several years, when it became apparent that their aggressive policy was dangerous to the peace and safety of this, our country.

Because of the peculiar position we hold as experienced writers and newspapermen who have had long contact with the Japanese people, both aliens and American citizens, and because we can consciously clarify the great issues involved in this war which has engulfed the entire world, among these people, we feel that we can be of some value to your organization. Many of us have speaking and writing knowledge of the Japanese language.

We shall endeavor to enlist the aid of all the writers and artists among the American citizens of Japanese ancestry so that we can educate and influence the Japanese in this country to lend their greatest aid toward the present war efforts. At the same time it is our desire that we may be able to counteract the pro-AXIS propaganda which has been fostered among the Japanese communities before the outbreak of the present hostilities, and which still has some hold on the Japanese in this country, so that the American people can judge the Japanese for what they are.

Please feel free to call upon us for any work along the above line, ~~xx~~ as we are particularly anxious to do our share so that democracy shall prevail over totalitarian enslavement.

Very truly yours,

(Over)

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Ruth Kurata
Tomomasa Yamazaki
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