

From Mrs Gillatt-Gatty, PAX Hotel,
246, Mason St, S.F. 2
Monday May 25 ~~1945~~

My very dear Mrs Takahashi, Thanks
for your p.c.; I am so glad to have re-
established contact with you again.
You poor dear! I am deeply angry &
sorry that your fellow-Americans
have adopted so cruel & stupid an
attitude towards loyal Japanese, who
have as much right to live lawfully
& peaceably in the land of their
birth as loyal Italians & Germans
or French or Swiss or Swedes or Dutch
born in America, or emigrants who
are nationalized Americans. It
seems to me terrible that there should
be persecution against people because
their race-fellows (but not their
countrymen) are alien-enemies with
vastly different opinions & whose
conduct is wholly other. I am
deeply sorry at my powerlessness
to help in the fight against prejudice
& bitterness, so unjust & so foolish

as that which results in violence &
cruelty on account of race discrim-
-inations — which is what we are fighting
in the German Nazis in the case
of the Jews. Of course as a Socialist I
regard such conduct as another instance
of economic injustice. Perhaps not
the actual evil — does, in every case
but fundamentally, those who
cause the outbreaks against Japan-
-ese, Jews, Negroes, Mexicans (& former-
-ly Filipinos & earlier still Chinese)
are instigated by the desire to take
the property, or jobs, of Japanese &
who fear the expression of honor at
the conduct — since the war — of the
Japanese War Lords & the Japanese
population in Japan, specially educa-
-ted, kept by the Censorship & the Admin-
-istration from knowing how to "Think
Dangerously", sanely & humanely.

Perhaps you are wise in not making
a war. Possibly, as the war progresses
in Asia, race-hatred will get whipped
up still more horribly & you might be
dangerously injured & suffer destruction

of your property. Even if nothing actu-
-ally happened you would feel
feel safe & would always be in an
agony of fear for little Pinkie.

It is horrible that this should be so
& that nothing is, evidently, being
done to protect you, or to allay
this Anti-Japanese-Nisei fear... &
probably coming from the very Americans
who bought Japanese silks & approved
of sending scrap iron & oil to the Japane-
-se Government to carry on the war a-
-gainst China from July 1937, & which
was to be used against America since
Pearl Harbor, when so-doing was
(they thought) in their own wisest
or best interest.

Please send me an occasional
line of your news. And when
I don't know about you, I am comforted
- by hoping things are not going un-
- usually badly with you. And when
an incident of Anti-Japanese violence
occurs you may be sure I burn
with indignation. I am sure you care,

& do, sympathise with me in my
shame at de Valera's horrible conduct
in calling (quite unnecessarily) on
the German Ambassador in Dublin,
on Hitler's death - & that my Irish
compatriots should, not merely not un-
-ite with the Allies against Nazism's
barbarities, but should be actually
pro-Germans!

Kindest regards to your Husband from
me. Your very affectionate friend,
Katharine Gillett Gatty

P.S.

The Consul tells me it will be a
considerable time before I can be
given a Transport priority to
return to London. Also I have to
save the cost of the fare.

K.G.G.