

SAKAMOTO TELLS OF APPRECIATION

Expressing gratitude for the kindly treatment accorded Japanese undergoing evacuation from this area and confidence in the future, when American Japanese can resume their normal lives, a letter from James Y. Sakamoto, chairman of the Japanese Emergency Defense Council and well-known Seattle newspaper man, was received by the City Council and Mayor Earl Millikin yesterday.

The letter expressed "heartfelt appreciation for all that you and your associates have done during the most trying period for all of us."

135,000 Affected

"The greatest forced migration in American history has interrupted the lives of 135,000 individuals economically, socially and culturally," Sakamoto said. "Yet this is war. We realize it more than anyone.

"All this is a small sacrifice at a time when the welfare and safety of America, the only homeland we know, is jeopardized.

"We face the future confidently, deeply impressed by the kindly, considerate and understanding attitude of the authorities and the heartening confidence of our friends. Your attitude, together with that of our other friends, has helped in no small measure to enable us to look forward to a brighter day in a more glorious America."

Mayor Sends Reply

In response, Mayor Millikin, in a letter, extended thanks to Sakamoto and other Japanese for their cooperation.

"I have been heartsick at some of the burdens imposed upon the Japanese citizenry due to the Army removal order," the mayor said.