

Japanese

2335 Haste St.
Berkeley, Calif.
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The Hon. John Tolan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Knowing that you are at the head of a committee dealing with the Japanese problem on the Pacific Coast, we should like to enter a plea for fair play. We recognize the need for the evacuation, but moves further than that can only serve to alienate that huge majority of loyal Japanese, citizen and non citizen alike. We just cannot allow our war to take on a race character. If we do we only indict our own cause. We are fighting a just, right war and we must continue doing so.

For over four years before Pearl Harbor my wife and myself have boycotted all goods made in Japan. We have no sympathy whatsoever for anything remotely related to the cause of Japan. It is precisely because we have no such sympathy that we believe that everything humanly possible must be done to prevent any injustice being done to one of our minority races. By such moves as denying citizenship, concentration camps, etc., we can only succeed in creating a fifth column. We must remember that we are fighting a war for democracy, not a war against any race. Vigorous moves must be taken to deal with traitors, but that has nothing to do with the color of a man's skin.

Respectfully yours,

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