



Committee on Resettlement of
Japanese Americans. Minneapolis
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April 14, 1943

Mr. S. Kasahara
1270 - Yale Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Kasahara:

We have a very active Japanese-American Relocation Committee in Minneapolis and the sub-committee on employment has established an office in the United States Employment Service. Mrs. Lawrence Steefel is in charge of placements and I will send your letter to her. When your sister arrives, I am sure she will be glad to interview her and I hope it will be possible for her to help your sister secure a position.

The Pepin School is located very near to the Y.W.C.A., and as far as I know, the school has good standing.

We do not have accommodations for permanent housing of young women but we do have transient rooms; so if you or your sister will write in advance of her coming we will reserve a room for her available at the time of her arrival. The rate for rooms is \$1.25 per night and we have a few cubicles renting at 75¢ per night. Since our rooms are filled and since reservations are often made in advance, it would be well for you to let us know as soon as she has set a definite date for her arrival in Minneapolis.

Since your sister has several definite skills, it would seem quite possible that she could be placed in some position without much delay. If she really wishes to get ahead financially so that she can save for her training, I think probably she would get ahead faster doing housework than in any other field. Rooms close in are hard to secure at any time and at the present we have very few on our rooms registry list. Rooms farther out require both time and carfare and by the time expenses are paid, it is hard to save enough out of wages to get ahead very rapidly. In housework, it would be possible for her to save a great deal of her income and positions pay very well.

Mr. S. Kasahara -2-

We shall be glad to do everything possible to help your sister make a satisfactory adjustment in Minneapolis. I am glad to know that her brother will be at Camp Savage for she will not feel as much a stranger in Minneapolis as she would otherwise. We have one Japanese-American girl as a member of our clerical staff and another young woman is a member of our Business Girls' Club. I am sure they will both do everything possible to make your sister feel at home.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

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CAMP SAVAGE, MINNESOTA

April 20, 1943

Dear Miss Porter:

My sister, Saclike, has asked me to see you concerning our kid sister, Mary. I can't possibly come in city till next Saturday afternoon. I will look you up at Y. W. C. A. then, probably around two o'clock in the afternoon. Is it all right with you, Miss Porter?

I heard Mary is planning to come over here. So I would like to help her in securing a place to stay and probably a part time job. We will greatly appreciate your advice on this matter.

I am hoping to see you on Saturday afternoon.

Truly Yours,
Pfc. Kasahara

Pfe. *Mes Kassina*
Btes. "D" Sub. & Stu. 1
Savage, Minn.

April 24, 1943

Private Mas Kasahara
Bks. "I" Sch. and Stu.
Camp Savage, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Kasahara:

I have received your message that it will be impossible for you to call at the Y.W.C.A. this afternoon. If you find that you can come in sometime next week, I shall be glad to arrange to see you, if it is possible to do so.

When you know definitely that your sister Mary is coming to Minneapolis, if you or she will let us know, we will be glad to reserve a room for her at the Y.W.C.A. until she can find a permanent location. We have only transient rooms. The rate is \$1.25 per night or 75¢ per night in one of the cubicles. We have only a few cubicles so if you wish to reserve one of these, please let us know as soon as you know of your sister's arrival and we will do our best to reserve one for her.

The War Relocation Committee has a sub-committee on Employment and another one on Housing. The Employment Service is headed by Mrs. Lawrence Steefel who has a desk at the United States Employment Service, 407 South Fourth Street, Atlantic 0192. She and Mrs. Russell Duncan are on duty there from two to five in the afternoons Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you wish to make an appointment with them, they can give you some idea about the possibility of employment for your sister. Mrs. D. C. Eckenbeck is chairman of the sub-committee on Housing. She can be reached at the office of the Minneapolis Council of Church Women, 914 Marquette Avenue, Bridgeport 3781. Mrs. Eckenbeck is in the office Mondays from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00. If it is possible to arrange for your sister to stay at the Y.W.C.A. for a short time, it might be better for her to find a permanent room after she arrives.

We shall be glad to do anything possible at the Y.W.C.A. to assist your sister in getting located permanently in Minneapolis.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

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April 25, 1943

Dear Miss Porter:

Thank you very much for your kind, informative letter of April 14. I have written to the Pepsi Academy of Fashion directly as you suggested and found it to be a promising school; therefore, I am sending my sister to Minneapolis. She will leave tomorrow evening and reach your city on Wednesday. I presume a room will be reserved for her since I wrote in for it last week.

Thank you ~~very much~~ again for your helpful consideration. My sister, Fay Kasehara, will no doubt come in to see you. I do hope she will be able to make herself understood.

In closing I'd like to tell you that both
he and I are active in the Business Girls
Department of the Salt Lake Y. W. C. A.

Very grateful yours,

Sadie Mansfield



CAMP SAVAGE, MINNESOTA

Apr. 26, 1943

Dear Miss Porter:

I just received your letter this soon. It is indeed nice of you to give thought for my sister, Mary's sake. I thank you very much.

Mary is leaving Salt Lake City tonight and will be here to Minneapolis Wednesday morning. So will you please reserve a room for her starting Wednesday?

I would like to see her at station, but that is impossible. However I intend to come in Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you again for your kind advice.

Yours Sincerely,
Pfe. Mas Kasahara

Mary Kasahara
arrived
April 28-43.

72-6-A
Rivers, Arizona
September 4, 1943

The Y. W. C. A.
1130 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

I am writing a letter of inquiry concerning schools in Minneapolis that has a good clothing and dressmaking course. I have contacted the Student Relocation Council here in camp, but they do not have the material which I desire. Therefore, I am appealing to your organization for your help and advice.

At the time of evacuation, I was attending first year of junior college in which I was a clothing major. Thus, I would like to continue on with this major. My chief interest is to enroll in a trade school which teaches this clothing course as a trade, but I have my doubts as to whether there are any trade schools in Minneapolis. Secondly, I would like to complete my two-year junior college course if I am unable to find a suitable school. My reason for not desiring to enter a college or university is due to the fact that I do not have a college entrance credit, and as I have already spent over a year in camp, I feel that I do not want to fall back and make up my credits.

As I have a brother attending Temple University in Philadelphia, I would like to be financially independent from my parents. Therefore, I would like to attend an inexpensive school where I may obtain my desired education.

Since most schools have begun their semester year, I would not be able to enroll this term, but I would like to prepare for the winter term.

Being a former Californian and living in mild climate, a snowing country would be entirely new to me, and as I do not have a heavy winter wardrobe, I was wondering if I should not relocate until spring or summer. Then again, would it be better for me to relocate now and find employment until the spring semester begins? Also, is fur coat a necessity for the winter in Minneapolis, as I am unable to afford one in my present condition? I would also like to know the beginning and ending month period of the snowing season.

Your kind attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Gratefully yours,

Shika Takasugi

*Keister - #200 for full course -
send for bulletin
other information.
late on time*

Vocational

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*Wells Fargo College
400 W. 1st St
Minneapolis School of Business
24 S 7th
Humboldt College of Business
734 E. Lake*
Sept. 6, 1943

YWCA
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I am an evacuee in the Manzanar Relo. Center. I would like to have some information regarding the schools and domestic jobs there. I would appreciate it very much if you could help me. I have just graduated from High School, and would like to continue with my education in the kind of Business schools or colleges you have there. Since I have no financial backing, I'd like to take a domestic job (in a nice Christian family) and work for a few months, and then go to school and work part-time. Do you think this will be possible?

Please list the names of the schools and the approximate amount of money it

would require for a month-a year.

Are there chances of my getting a good domestic job? Please give me the addresses of the churches there.

I really appreciate this, and I will soon ask the YWCA here in Manzanar, to send a letter to you. Thank you, and I will be anxiously waiting to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mary S. Gano

P.S. Would you please tell me more about Minneapolis, if you don't mind, for I'd like to have an idea as to the kind of place it is. Thank you.

September 13, 1943

Miss Shika Takasugi
72-6-A
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Miss Takasugi:

I have your letter of September 4. I am sorry not to be able to give you very definite information. I am sure you will want to write directly to the schools.

We have here in Minneapolis as a part of our public school system a Vocational High School. They have an excellent clothing course and I am sure you would be able to enter that. It would not be at the college level, but I think would answer your need very well. Since it is a part of our public system I do not think there would be any tuition, however, you might want to inquire about that yourself. The principal is Miss Agnes Crounse. You will find her very helpful and understanding.

There is also a private dressmaking school which is called Keisters Dress Designing School. The address is 5700 Nicollet Avenue. I understand that the tuition is \$200 for the full course, but that you can take any part of it that you are interested in. They publish a bulletin that you could write for. The advantage of this school over Vocational is that you may enter any time; whereas, Vocational School would not begin its next semester until sometime in January.

As to your question about whether Minnesota does have a cold winter. A fur coat is not a necessity, but you would want something very heavy in the way of a coat. Ordinarily, snow begins to fall about the middle of November and continues through February. I think it would be fair to say that the seasons vary and that some winters are much colder than others. However, most of the girls survived last winter very well and did not have fur coats.

The opportunities for employment here in Minneapolis in case you are also thinking of that are not as good as they have been at other times. I would suggest that for that reason you also write to the Y.W.C.A. in Chicago. There are many trade schools in that city and I think also more job opportunities. We do have many Nisei here now and they have been fortunate; however, that picture might change and I don't think you ought to consider Minneapolis as the only place in which you might be interested.

If you have further questions, I shall be glad to answer them and I would suggest that you write directly to the schools which I have listed.

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Very truly yours,

Ruth M. Marshall
Program Associate

RMM/ZF

September 14, 1943

Miss Mary S. Yano
26-4-3
Manzanar, California

Dear Miss Yano:

I hardly know what to tell you in regard to the possibility of securing work and being able to save enough money to pay for a business college education here in Minneapolis.

In the first place, I do want to tell you that the climate here is very severe in the winter and the winters are very long. This means that heavier clothing would be very necessary and that is an additional expense which you would probably want to consider in thinking about making some such arrangement as you have suggested. It might be quite possible for you to secure your business training and work in a private home in some city where the climate is much milder. St. Louis, Kansas City, or Cincinnati, Ohio might be much more satisfactory from this point of view.

If you continue to be interested in Minneapolis, I would suggest that you write to the following business colleges:

Minneapolis Business College
900 Nicollet Avenue

Minnesota School of Business
24 South 7th Street

Humboldt College of Business and Shorthand
734 East Lake Street

It is quite probable that they have some sort of a placement bureau and that they would be able to help you secure household employment where you could work for your room and board, while you were attending business college. I cannot give you any information in regard to the cost for the course in these schools but you could get it by writing directly to the schools.

Since Minneapolis is a city of 500,000, it would be impossible for me to list the addresses of all the churches here. If you will indicate the denomination of the church to which you belong and wish to have this information, I can try to

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Miss Mary S. Yano -2-

send it to you later.

The Japanese American Relocation Committee is working through some volunteers who are giving a limited amount of time at the U. S. Employment Service. If you want to secure a position to do domestic work, I would suggest that you write to Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, 2808 W. River Road, Minneapolis, who is one of the volunteers carrying the responsibility for such placement. There probably is little doubt that you could secure a domestic job but I think it would be Mrs. Steefel's opinion that you keep the job at least six months before attempting to make an adjustment such as would be necessary if you were to work part time while you were going to school. It would probably take you that long to earn enough money to pay your tuition and provide yourself with clothing adequate enough for this climate.

Under special cover, I am sending you some pamphlets containing some information in regard to Minneapolis. If you wish to write me again, I shall be glad to try to help you in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

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297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

September 28, 1943.

Miss Edna H. Porter,
Exec. Secy. Minneapolis Y.W.C.A.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Porter:

Mr. Rundquist wishes me to call to your attention the following paragraph in a letter recently received from Thomas Holland, Chief of the Employment Division, War Relocation Authority, Washington, D.C., regarding the attitude of the WRA toward cooperating committees and other organizations interested in the resettlement of Japanese Americans:

"The attitude of WRA toward cooperating committees, organizations, and individuals, is the same as it has been from the beginning of this relocation program. In order to get the job done it is necessary that WRA work together closely with those who are interested in the success of this program. There is no feeling within WRA that we are the main line and the others are the side tracks. The part being played by religious organizations, service committees, local committees, and others who are taking a share in the load of relocating the Japanese Americans is just as important as the work WRA is doing itself. Keep this general policy in mind and local incidents assume their proper perspective."

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude Rutherford
Secretary to Mr. Rundquist

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COMMITTEE ON RESETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE AMERICANS

December 20, 1943.

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel,
407 South 4th St.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

There was an item in the NEW YORK TIMES yesterday, December 19th, concerning a request to the President from the West Coast Congressional delegation that Dillon Myer be discharged.

This move is of particular interest to everyone concerned with relocation, as it represents the same hysterical attitude of the West Coast at the beginning of the war and which, apparently, has not abated and permitted good sense and judgment to replace it. There seems to be no realization of the principles that we claim to be fighting for, and no regard for men as men, but a discrimination against people because of the accident of ancestry.

As you know, the Western Congressional delegation (of which Congressman Costello is a member. He also heads up the sub-committee of the Dies' Committee which has been investigating the War Relocation Authority) has been trying to prevent the relocation of the evacuees and would like to ship every person of Japanese ancestry to Japan. However, neither the Department of Justice nor the Army want to take over the relocation camps and our laws do not permit us to exile citizens because of the accident of birth. The things that they are proposing would break down the security of all citizens if we as a government would do as they request. Because they have not met with success in their proposals, and many of their statements have been proven not only exaggerated but untrue, the matter now resolves itself into one of spite against the Director of the relocation program, whose head they are demanding.

If you believe, as I do, that relocation is the best possible solution to the problem created by the evacuation, I should like you to express yourself to the President of the United States, to defend the relocation program and the man charged with its direction; that you also write your Congressmen of your interest in the evacuees who have come to your community. If you get the other members of the committee to do so, it will be very helpful. And it seems like a good idea from time to time to ask the members of the committee to let their Congressmen know that they are concerned that democracy be practiced at home in Minneapolis and in the United States and that it not be based upon the color of a man's skin.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist

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297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

December 28, 1943

Miss Edna H. Porter
Minneapolis Y.W.C.A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

There was an item in the New York Times of Sunday, December 19, reporting that a petition to President Roosevelt was being circulated among West Coast members of Congress demanding the resignation of Dillon Myer, Director of the War Relocation Authority. This is an attempt to get rid of a fearless and able administrator who has courageously and effectively carried out a task defined and assigned to him by the Government of the United States.

As you know, a number of the West Coast Congressmen have been trying to prevent the resettlement of the evacuees and would like to ship every person of Japanese ancestry, regardless of citizenship, to Japan. Our laws do not permit the deportation of citizens because of the accident of ancestry, neither do they permit us to detain citizens without trial; and neither the Army nor the Department of Justice want to be responsible for the detention of the evacuees.

The relocation program has the endorsement of the Department of Justice, the War Department and the War Manpower Commission; and because it is sound, it so far has been able to withstand the attacks of its opponents, who are largely the same West Coast groups who were so insistent on getting rid of all people of Japanese ancestry. Having failed to block the program, these pressure groups are now endeavoring to get rid of the Director.

This is a matter of national interest and is not the exclusive concern of a few West Coast states.

Japan has very effectively used in its propaganda the fact that not only aliens of Oriental ancestry but citizens of Oriental ancestry are the only people in America who have been placed in concentration camps, and that aliens and citizens of European ancestry (those with white faces) have not been evacuated from their homes or placed in detention without hearings.

If you believe, as I do, that relocation is the best possible solution to the problems created by the evacuation, I should like you to make some expression of your opinions to the President of the United States and to your local Congressmen

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and United States Senators in defense of the relocation program and in support of the man charged with its direction. He has honestly and ably performed the job assigned to him, and I have great admiration and respect for him. Will you enlist the cooperation of other members of your committee and other friendly people in the community to make some expression of their opinions where they will be noticed, that is, to their local Congressmen?

Since I have made the suggestion that you get in touch with your local Representatives in Congress, I would like to follow up with the thought that it would be a good idea to assign to the members of your committee and to friends the task of keeping your Congressmen informed of your interest in the resettled evacuees and how they are adjusting themselves to the community; that, as individuals, you are concerned that democracy be practised at home, in the United States, and that you believe that it is not based upon the color of a man's skin.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist

George E. Rundquist
Executive Secretary

P.S. Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent by the Home Missions Council to the President.

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Enc.

December 20, 1943

The President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As the executive secretary of the Home Missions Council, which represents twenty-three of the major denominations in the work of national missions, I have been requested by the special Committee on Administration of Japanese Christian Work to write you protesting the attempts that are being made by various agencies to dismiss Mr. Dillon S. Myer from the directorship of the War Relocation Authority.

We represent a group of people who have been very close to the relocation problem since its beginning. We have probably had more opportunity than any other group in the United States to judge the value of the services rendered by WRA. While we recognize that mistakes have been made--by the very nature of the case this would be inevitable--we are convinced that these are mistakes that arise out of a rapidly changing situation and are not the result of inefficiency. We give our unqualified endorsement to the leadership and program of WRA and request your very careful consideration of this statement of confidence as you take under advisement the question of the future leadership of this important agency.

Yours very truly

(signed) Mark Dawber

For the Committee on Administration of
Japanese Christian Work

cc - George E. Rundquist
Gordon K. Chapman
E. D. Kohlstedt
Bishop Reifsnider
Dillon S. Myer
Religious News Service - Mr. Duggan
John W. Thomas

MINNEAPOLIS WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE



December 30, 1943

Dear Friend:

I believe you will be interested in reading the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. George Rundquist to Mrs. Steefel, concerning the efforts of a certain group to strike at the War Relocation Authority through its Director, Mr. Dillon Myer.

The opposition to a thoughtful program for resettlement and decentralization of the Japanese-American group seems to stem from the same sort of thinking which produced a Ku Klux Klan in America and a Nazi Party in Germany. Since such movements feed on successes, it seems a good idea to starve this movement in infancy.

Will you please take whatever action you feel impelled to take after reading Mr. Rundquist's letter.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Reese

Chairman

Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

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P.S. Miss Martha Akard, Director, and the staff of the Twin City Lutheran Hostel, 127 Clifton Avenue, extend a cordial invitation to members of the Committee to the Open House on January 3rd, one to five in the afternoon.

January 6, 1944

The Honorable Walter H. Judd
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a member of the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee, I wish to make a written protest against any efforts being made to change the fundamental policy in regard to the relocation of Japanese Americans in approved areas in the United States. I also wish to protest the attempts being made to dismiss Mr. Dillon S. Myer from the directorship of the War Relocation Authority.

The increasing numbers of Japanese Americans in Minneapolis are making remarkably good adjustments in the community and they are being received and accepted by the community in an unusually understanding and hospitable manner. Without doubt, Japanese Americans have a real contribution to make to this and other communities and it is to be hoped that no hindrance to their free movement and occupation within the present established areas will be permitted.

We, at the Minneapolis Y.W.C.A., come in contact with a considerable number of Japanese Americans because as our part in the local U.S.O. program we promote a weekly Open House for Japanese American service men from Camp Savage and their friends, including many Nisei girls and women living in Minneapolis. We have found them to be unusually cooperative, courteous, and appreciative, as are the Nisei employees serving on our Y.W.C.A. staff.

As members of our local War Relocation Committee have cooperated with the W.R.A. program, we have been convinced that the principles upon which it is operating are sound and we believe Mr. Dillon Myer has shown excellent qualities of leadership together with appreciation and understanding of the needs of the Japanese Americans. We hope that no change in leadership or fundamental policy will be made because of pressure groups opposed to a fair and just treatment of these Japanese citizens of the United States and their families.

Very truly yours,

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General Secretary Y.W.C.A.

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The President
White House
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Senate Office Building
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
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January 8, 1944

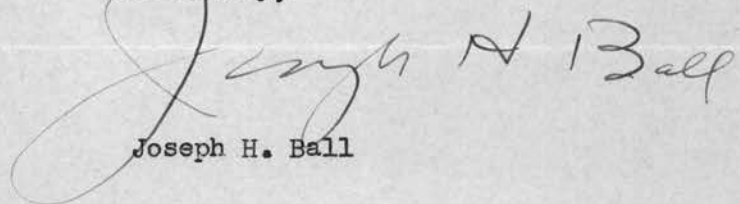
Miss Edna H. Porter
General Secretary Y.W.C.A.
1130 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

Thanks for your letter of January 6th regarding the move to oust Dillon Myer as director of the Japanese Relocation Program. Frankly, I have received no protests about his work and ordinarily would have nothing to do with the decision as to whether he is retained or not.

It is my feeling that the program he heads is a very difficult one and some misunderstandings and attacks are almost inevitable. For that reason, I think any charges made should be very carefully examined.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph H. Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning and end.

Joseph H. Ball

JHB:dr

WALTER H. JUDD
5TH DIST. MINNESOTA

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House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1944

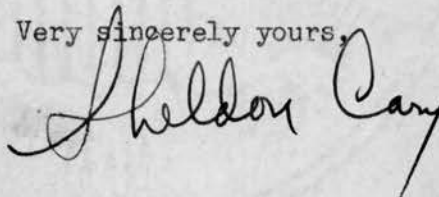
Miss Edna H. Porter
General Secretary Y.W.C.A.
1130 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

In the absence of Dr. Judd, may we take the liberty of acknowledging your letter of January 6th relative to the War Relocation Authority and the attempt being made to secure the dismissal of Mr. Dillon S. Myer.

We will have your letter on Dr. Judd's desk when he returns to Washington and I know that he will be glad to have heard from you because of his interest in this critical problem.

Very sincerely yours,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1944

My dear Miss Porter:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of January sixth. It will be
made available to the President.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin M. Watson".

EDWIN M. WATSON

Major General, U. S. Army
Secretary to the President

Miss Edna H. Porter,
General Secretary,
Young Women's Christian Association,
1130 Nicollet Avenue,
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ROBERT V. SHIRLEY, CLERK

Washington, D.C.,
February 18, 1944.

Miss Edna H. Porter,
General Secretary,
Young Women's Christian Association,
1130 Nicollet Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Miss Porter,

You wrote me some time ago,
urging that Mr. Dillon Myer be retained in
his position as Director of the War Reloca-
tion Authority.

This agency has now been
placed under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
of Interior and I have forwarded your letter
to Secretary Ickes in the hope that he can
comply with your request.

Thanking you for writing me,
and with best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,


Henrik Shipstead.

HS/e.

April 3, 1944

Dr. Raymond F. Sletto
Department of Sociology
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Sletto:

I am enclosing a list of the Japanese-American civilians who have attended our Saturday night Open House program at the Y.W.C.A.

Our program has been in operation since last June but this is a current list and as nearly up to date as we can get it. It is always difficult to get the names and addresses of our Saturday night guests so it probably is not one hundred percent complete, but will be some contribution to the spot map.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS
MINNEAPOLIS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

April 6, 1944.

Miss Edna H. Porter,
General Secretary,
Young Women's Christian
Association,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

I want to thank you for sending the list of Japanese-American civilians attending the Saturday night Open House program at the Y.W.C.A. This will be very helpful to us in building up the list from which a sample will be drawn in our investigation of housing facilities available to this group.

My class in methods of social research this quarter contains a number of young women who have volunteered to help in this study. It is my belief that they will obtain valuable experience in research procedures and interviewing from their participation in such an investigation.

When plans for this study have progressed further, we will consult with you regarding them.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond F. Sletto
Raymond F. Sletto
Associate Professor

June 2, 1944

Miss Lucille Peddy
War Relocation Authority
Canal High School
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Miss Peddy:

We are glad to know that some of the girls from your Center are interested in locating in Minneapolis. I have made inquiries in regard to a good beauty college and find that the Benner - Rogers Minneapolis School of Beauty, 1022 Nicollet Avenue, has very good standing. I also understand that several Japanese American girls are taking training there at the present time.

We have a U.S.O. program which is attended by quite a large number of Japanese Americans every Saturday evening at the Y.W.C.A. If you will tell the girls before they come about the program, perhaps they will be interested in attending as it offers a good opportunity to become acquainted with many of the Japanese Americans in Minneapolis. If the girls will ask for Miss Ruth Marshall when they come to the Y.W.C.A., she will be glad to tell them more about the program.

If by any chance the girls are planning to stay at the Y.W.C.A., please be sure to have them make reservations well in advance as we have only a limited number of transient rooms and they are usually filled.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

EHP:MC

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CANAL HIGH SCHOOL
RIVERS, ARIZONA

May 22, 1944

Secretary
Young Women's Christian Association
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

There are some girls who are planning to relocate from the Gila River Relocation Center for Japanese-Americans. They are interested in attending a beauty college and would like to know those that are approved or the ones which are recommended by the YWCA.

Sincerely,

Lucille Paddy

Rogers -
Banner

~~Handwritten scribble~~
Wp's School
Beauty
of Culture
1022 Kiealot

Wm. Sanders - Use High

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September 22, 1944

The YWCA
Nicollet and 12th
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Friends:

Greetings. We are very happy to announce that the United Christian Ministry to Japanese Americans in the Twin Cities area has recently completed its organization with the appointment of the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa as its Executive Secretary, or Director. Mr. Kitagawa (Episcopalian), who is commonly known as Father Dai among Japanese Americans and WRA people, worked for nearly a year as field representative of Mr. George E. Rundquist's staff, namely the Federal Council of Churches' Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans. Previously the pastor of Japanese missions in Seattle and Kent, Washington, he went with his people to Pinedale Assembly Center, California and then to Tule Lake Relocation Center where he was one of the leaders of the Union Church there until he left the center on October 25, 1943. Since then he visited, in the above-mentioned capacity, several relocation centers as well as many cities where resettlement is taking place, including New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, and others. The addition of a man with this kind of background to the already well-established members of the staff does equip the United Ministry to meet almost any situation pertaining to Japanese American affairs.

As you already know, the Rev. Francis M. Hayashi (Methodist) continues his teaching at the University; and the Rev. Paul M. Nagano (Baptist), his study at Bethel Seminary. They both devote a great deal of their time and effort for the United Ministry. Mr. Hayashi is in charge of Issei services; and Mr. Nagano, Nisei services. Mr. Clifford Nakadegawa (Presbyterian) returned to the Rivers Relocation Center to do the youth work there and was replaced by the Rev. Shimpachi Kanow (Presbyterian) who has recently come from Jerome Relocation Center and attends Macalester College. Mr. Kanow also works as one of our staff, chiefly in the city of St. Paul. Miss Martha Akard (Lutheran), as before, is the director of the Lutheran Hostel and is an invaluable member of our staff in many different ways.

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That They May Be One

We would like to take this opportunity to explain what the United Ministry is trying to do. With the conviction that no one in America today can live the life of a mature person without awareness of himself being an integral part of America, and America of the world, we are hoping and trying to help all Japanese Americans to think, act, and live likewise. This, we believe, is the first and initial step toward the community integration which has been pointed out by many leaders to be the ultimate aim of resettlement. Indeed, no Japanese American can be truly happy unless and until he becomes a part of the community in which he settles. At the same time, no community can be fully mature unless the last resettler can feel perfectly at home in it.

From the standpoint of Christian ministry, we believe, the spiritual ministry to Japanese Americans in America at this stage cannot be adequately rendered either by ministers of Japanese descent alone or by those of Caucasian background alone, without mutual help between them. The United Ministry, therefore, should not only be a united effort among Japanese ministers of different denominations but also, we profoundly hope, a united effort between them and the pastors of local churches of all denominations. May this point be clearly and thoroughly understood by all.

"Christian" ministry does not mean to exclude those who are not professed Christians. Our primary and ultimate aim is not to make Christians out of non-Christians or to increase the membership of institutional churches, but to minister to every Japanese American in his need - and this we would like to do for no other reason than being motivated by our Christian faith. May this point also be clearly and thoroughly understood by all.

In very brief words, the staff members of the United Christian Ministry are ready, in their humble and limited ways, to act as advisors or counsellors to the local people, be they pastors, school teachers, or employers, as well as to the resettling Japanese Americans, with regard to the affairs which require special knowledge of Japanese American background, especially things of spiritual and moral nature, so that the Japanese Americans who are here in the Twin Cities area may soon become fully assimilated. In this sense, we are at your service always and at any time. Please feel free to call on us.

The United Christian Ministry works very closely with the Civic Committee of Minneapolis for Japanese American Resettlement which recently has secured an Executive Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce. She has her office at the YWCA. With her in this position the committee will continue its splendid work which has been recognized not

only by the local Japanese Americans but widely appreciated throughout the nation. Also close and friendly is our relationship with the War Relocation Authority office. We do not work for the WRA but definitely with the WRA. Again may this point be fully and clearly understood by all.

May God bless you abundantly.

Very sincerely yours,



Dan Long, Chairman
United Christian Ministry to Japanese
Americans in the Twin Cities Area

Vice-President, Minneapolis Church
Federation

P.S. The following are the staff members, their addresses, and their telephone numbers. They will be glad to be of service at any time.

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