Dec - 19 - 1941

Ph

John B Hughes.
W.O.R. News
NYC.

Dear Mr Hughes

Your News report this noon was startling about the "News man" who spent a day with the Japs in luxury at Ellis Island.

Without further ado, I feel that man is right

and why should we treat those
— — — friends like Human Being.
They think all Americans are boobs
and we are, to give them decent
treatment, food etc.
Just imagine what is happening
right now to all Americans in
Japan. We cannot imagine what
is happening to them.
Can't something be done about it.
put the "News man" in as guard one
day. I'd like to help him
guard them. One Day.
Get behind that News Man and
let his story be sidetracked.
Help him he speaks from
experience.

Sincerely
Ellen Gilliland
731 Dearborn Sq.
West Englewood.
N.J.

I enjoy your News Broadcast.
clear, concise - Interesting

J. F. PEAT
VALLEYVIEW
BELLVILLE, O.

December 19, 1941.

John B. Hughes,
C/o WHKC Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Hughes. We here on the farm make it apoint to try to listen to you every broadcast. We are interested n the east and appreciate your slant and information on things relating to the far east.

We were particularly struck with your quotation today from your friend's book relatinghis experiences of 61 days while interned in Japan. Being a missionary I am vitally interested in the treatment of our friends over there. I am wondering whether you may not be able to call the attention of Mission Board Secretaries to the book you feferred to, possibly through some of your New York or Boston friends. Any thing that helps to make things better is all to the good.

Thanking you for your broadcasts, I am

Sincerely yours,

J.F. Peat

J.F.Peat.

Garden Court
Redlands Dec. 19, 1941

Mr. George B. Hughes:

I have just been listening to your reading of James R. Young's letter about the Japs at Ellis Island and I wish that you could get that letter before our people for of course many did not hear you this morning.

There would be no danger of hysteria or a too great antagonism against the Japs here or elsewhere by the spreading of such information I think - Americans on the contrary are too apathetic & hard to arouse -

we have been playing around too much and thinking too little.

And by the way, I'm wondering how it happens that we are so utterly taken by surprise by the painstaking preparations of Japan during the past for what she is doing to us now.

Can it be that Washington has been too busy putting over the New Deal to note what has been going on in other countries?

Yours truly

Alice Moore (Mrs. E. A.)

Dh

Oakland Calif.
Dec 19-1941

Mr John B Hughes
Los Angeles Calif.

Dear Mr Hughes:

I want to express my heartfelt approval of your reading the article by Mr Jas R Young and I feel it should be on the front page of every paper in this Country. Something should bring this government to realize they will ask all of us to do without many things before the end of this war, why give these Japs more than just necessities.

Yours truly
Della Johnston
4366 Edgewood Ave
Oakland Cal

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE

OFFICE OF

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

LAKEVILLE, MASS. December 19, 1941.

Station WEAN,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:-

Will appreciate any information whereby I may be able to procure a copy of the letter as read over your Mutual Network by Mr. Hughes, today on the broadcast from 12M-12.15P.M. The letter related to the manner of detention of Japs at Ellis Island in comparison to that of Americans in Japan.

Thanking you I am

very truly yours,

Henry L. Pember.

Henry L. Pember.

R.F.D.#1, Box 155, Middleboro, Mass.

Dh

605 N. Third
Ponca City, Okla.,
December 20, 1941

Mr. John B. Hughes
% Mutual B. C. Company
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I heard you read the letter in regard to the American boy who was captured by the Japs and held for 61 days and the treatment he received at their hands, and would appreciate very much receiving a copy of this letter if at all possible, or information as to how I might secure a copy.

Thanking you, I am

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. L. Phelps

MODESTO
DEC 29
1:30 PM
1941
CALIF.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

John. B. Hughes.
To K.H.J. Radio Station
Hollywood
Cal.

514 – 6 St. Modesto, Cal. Dec 7-41

Dear Mr Hughes:

May I suggest you in your comments discontinue the use of the "Land of the Rising sun" use "The Land of the setting sun. for I am sure their sun is shure to set. Remember Pearl Harbor

a consistent K.F.I. Listener to your news report. Resp yours, a Paralytic old American age 66.

Geo. Edw. Alexander.

K.F.R.C.
comes in fine.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Sration WOR,

1440 Broadway,

Attention of Mr. Hughes, New York,N.Y.
who speaks Friday noons

Dec 19 FH

SUGAN ROAD FARM
NEW HOPE, PA.

December 22,'41

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Can you let me know where the article on treatment of Japs here and Americans there, by ex-prisoner-in-Japan Young, which you quoted last Friday, was published? I'd like a hundred copies or so to send to influential friends and might even pay for a large reprint, Young willing, to be mailed where they would do the most good. Keep it going.

Yours, Harry A. Franck

HARRY A. FRANCK

Muscatine Ia

Dec. 30. 1941

C B N

Chicago Ill

On Friday Dec. 19 at 11.00 o'clock John B. Hughes read an article written by one man who had been in Japan also in Jail there I believe Facts about Japan. and it came out in very few papers

Could it be possible for me to obtain a copy of it?

Thanking you

BL

Mrs Edward Miller

Muscatine

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RH. 1.

2811 California
San Francisco
January 1, 1942

Mr. John B. Hughes,
c/o Station K7RC
San Francisco

My dear Mr. Hughes—

Would it be possible for me to have a copy of your New Year's Eve broadcast? Or isn't that done? I don't know. But there were parts of it I'd very much like to show to a relative who didn't hear it and who is very critical of our way of doing things.

Thank you anyway.

Sincerely
Eugenie M. Fergusson

Dec 19 '41

Mrs. Ray Simonds
Arlington and Mendocino Aves.
Berkeley, California

Jan 5-42

Dear Mr Hughes -

AR

Some days ago you read a letter on the air from Mr Jung - a most remarkable northwest letter -

I note you immediately asking that you make that letter public, in some newspaper to publish it broadcast -

I know the Jap & I know how true Mr Jungs statements must be -

My plan is —

Encarcerate every Jap. & make them till the soil raise vegetables under military or U.S. civilian guard. Lock them up each night — & treat them as prisoners

Mrs. Ray Simonds
Arlington and Mendocino Aves.
Berkeley, California

This morning you spoke on the same subject & splendidly. Mr Hughes, you have ability plus & a wonderful opportunity to make your knowledge known by all. Please, please publish in any form possible your remarks of this a.m.

Sincerely Yours
Mrs Ray Simonds

over

546 - 38th Street
Richmond, Calif.
January 5, 1942

Mr. John B. Hughes
c/o KFRC
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I have listened regularly to your 9 A.M. broadcast over this station for the past year with growing interest and respect for your sound views and apparent knowledge of the Far Eastern situation. When all my friends and relatives were excited about the European war & insisted that they listen to you and watch the developments in Japan. I want to thank you for keeping us

me some sources of reading or information so I could learn a little more accurate knowledge about this problem. Recently at a gathering of friends I expressed my views of Japanese aliens, Americans, etc. and was promptly labeled uncharitable, unchristian, and so on. I was glad to hear you expressing essentially the same ideas this morning. I believe that most of us in California should make an attempt to overcome this lassitude and should really try to learn the true state of affairs.

I am enclosing a stamped

all posted about developments? which we otherwise might not have known.

I was especially interested in this mornings' broadcast in reference to Japanese Americans and aliens in this country also the treatment of Americans by Japanese. Could you send me a copy of your broadcast? My opinions on these subjects coincide exactly with yours and I believe that most of us Americans are "asleep at the switch" insofar as true information is concerned about this situation. I would appreciate it if you would give

self-addressed envelope and will be anticipating your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Helen A. Chittenden

(Mrs. Carleton L. Chittenden)

Jan 5 / 1942

Mutual - Don Lee Network

K.H.J.,
Los Angeles.

Gentlemen;

I was much impressed by John B. Hugh's talk this morning at 9 A.M., P.S.T. regarding the Japanese situation on the Pacific Coast.

Could I obtain a copy of this broadcast.

Yours truly,

C. W. Comegys,
1714 No Ogden Dr.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

PS - Over.

PS

~~Is~~ there anything suggested that citizens can do about it.

C.W.C.

MRS. MARTIN B. O'BRIEN

BOX SEVEN SEVENTY-SIX, GUADALUPE, CALIFORNIA

January 5, 1942

Dear Mr. Hughes:

This is my first personal letter to any broadcaster - but I do want to express my appreciation of your daily broadcasts over the Mutual Broadcasting Co. Your comments on the situation in the Far East have been so in accord with what we believe and know to be true, that it has given me great confidence in your deductions.

You see, we live in a very large Japanese community and know that what you say is true!

I would appreciate it very much if it is possible for me to have a copy of your comments on the Japanese, the situation in the Orient, and the comments you made on the situation here in this country with respect to the Japanese on your broadcast this morning, Monday, January the fifth. They are very pertinent to the situation here,-that few people are yet aware of - and I do hope that you will keep onhammering about it in your daily talks to the people of this nation.

Thank you so much for sending this to me - if possible. I am enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope in the hope that you have a copy available.

Yours very truly

Naoma M. O'Brien

Mrs. M. B. O'Brien

2813 Parker Street
Berkeley, California
January 5, 1942

John B. Hughes
K F R C
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Hughes,

For several years I have listened to your radio commentaries, with a great deal of admiration and respect. I think you know what you are talking about.

Now, in this time of crisis, I believe that you can give us, the General Public, an idea of exactly what we should do in several matters of immediate importance.

The other day, I heard a commentator accuse us, (the G. P.) of being responsible for the follies of the government in the past years-- for the continued sale of armaments to Japan, etc. etc. This all ties in with the question that I know is in many minds today, "What can WE do about it?" A handful of people, proportionately, makes the decisions, if any are made, and I frankly cannot see where our opinions carry any weight at all.

Whenever, during the past years, I have discussed with acquaintances the sale of oil and scrap iron to Japan, they unanimously and strongly disapproved of the government's policy. But what good did our disapproval do? I'm afraid that most of us are so ignorant of the details of the way our government functions that we don't know how to exercise our rights as citizens. Does writing to congressmen actually help? Or do such letters find the wastebasket before they find the congressman?

In this situation of the enemy aliens, what can we, the General Public, do, if the government is too slow in taking ordinary precautions? I should hate very much to hurt a loyal American Japanese. But I think even that would be better than leaving unfriendly persons free to contaminate our food supply and to guide submarines and planes to our Pacific Coast. I simply do not trust the Japanese psychology. I'm really afraid that the loyalty of most Japanese rests with Japan. But, to repeat, what can we do about it? They say sabotage has stopped. To my mind, that is an ominous sign that something big is being planned, and that the enemy doesn't want its agents spotted through ordinary acts of sabotage.

If, in your busy life, you find time to answer, I should appreciate it immensely.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth E. Ramseier (Mrs. R. E.)

MRS. NATHAN ABBOTT
3749 EIGHTH AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

January 5,1942.

MR. JOHN B.HUGHES

K.G.B.

HOLLYWOOD,CALIFORNIA.

Dear Mr.Hughes:

You voice my own sentiments upon the Japanese in our midst. Please keep on. Tell of the atrocities of these inhuman Orientls, ask your friends who have first hand information to spread it. The only thing that will bring our western people to a realization of the intentions of the Japanese with in our midst,is the real truth regarding them.

Cunning and hatred of us is bred in every one of them from infancy.

Why all these little gardens in such strange places that one accustomed to tramping about the country comes upon; plots often so small that it would not seem possible that a family could make a living upon them.

You are a busy man ,I do not expect you to answer me,just keep right on talking.

Yours truly,

Olive Ruth Abbott

January 5, 1942.

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Yours truly,

(DR)

Bellflower Calif Jany 5-1942

Mr John. B Hughes
c/o K. H. J.
Los Angeles Calif.

(Fred Miller
6100 E. Orange Thorpe Ave
Bellflower Calif)

Dear Mr Hughes:-

I want to thank you for being the only Commentator on the air who has the Courage to tell the Californians what they are up against with their So-Called American Japs.

I have been in Los angeles County for 38 years and for nearly as many years I have been trying to get the natives here to see what I could see ~~of~~ even as long ago as that, and to convince them that a Jap is a Jap. whether he was born in Japan or in California. I have dealt with them and I know whereof I speak.

About 3 months ago I met a young naval Officer on our Battleship Saratoga This young fellow told me that he knew that the Official Photographer at Pearl Harbor was a Jap. This was 2 months before Japan Struck. (No wonder they knew all the Inside.)

Now. Mr Hughes. for the real plan to finance the war.

I may be nuts but I am passing the Idea along to you to use as you see fit.

The Idea occured to me that a grand idea to finance the war could easily be handled by asking our president to head a list of all persons in the U.S. who are on a salary of $3000.00 or over per year to give and really donate to the Treasury Dept. at least one week of his or her salary, this to include all Aliens who are here living on the fat of this land, and never pay as we Americans do; I think after all we will have to pay ourselves back eventually even though we buy Defence Bonds, Since we the people really sell these Bonds to ourselves. why not Everybody give something which need not be returned maybe you can start something maybe it will be a terrible Explosion, but its worth trying. fuel and some of our high price Rep. likewise Congress Etc. I'll be listening. Yours with best wishes

Fred Miller

2904 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto California
January 5th 1942.

John B. Hughes
Mutual Network
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Hughes,

Your program this morning was of great interest to me and my only regret is that I did not hear all of that part about which I write.

May I ask a few questions?

How are we to go about "waking up" to the Japanese danger here on the coast and then what should we do? Does that mean a stronger home guard? What should the citizen do to be on his guard and continue to be alert at all times? Do you mean extremes of sabotage or perhaps an armed uprising of alien Japanese against us? Is it a too vivid imagination working that causes me to ask if there may not be such a plan? Is the Federal Bureau of Investigation efficient enough to deal with all this, that is, is there danger of small numbers of Japanese landing at isolated parts

of the coast until they are of sufficient strength to attack without the F. B. I. or some like department being aware of it?

Any person of average mentality knows we must arouse ourselves from this paradise of the not-to-bright. What happens to people of the democracies all over the world happens to us, here. I hope that the american people still have enough of that stuff to meet the ordeal when it comes - here in this soft, fat, luxury-loving United States. It seems to me that we shall be much the worse for it if we are not called upon to experience some of those hardships, those cruelties which have been the common lot of millions like us, who were not to blame. It seems to go beyond war, even war on these proportions.

I've written far too much even to a favorite commentator. I don't go for the stentorian tones of the orator, nor the sugar candy of the too-optimistic, but you're neither.

The article on treatment of Japanese in this country versus American citizens in Japan burned me up. Good gentle kind Uncle Sam. He needs a mailed fist equipped with brass knuckles to deal with Nippon instead of a benificent raising of the hand in blessing.

Is it possible that I may have an answer to a few of my questions?

Very truly
Forrest B. Parrish
(Mrs Joseph B. Parrish)

Would you take children out of West Coast? I have three. Two of my sisters in the East would take them if I want to stay here.

Jan. 5, 1942

Mr. John B. Hughes
Mutual Broadcasting Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your warning at 9 o'clock this morning against the danger from the Japs in our midst was very timely but please don't stop there.

I have sensed this menace for some time but like many others feel that "something ought to be done about it" and let it rest there because the individual doesn't know what he alone can do.

For Heaven's Sake get some group or organization to press the proper authorities to really curb all Japs here on the Coast before it is too late. Events in Hawaii should be all the warning needed.

Americans better wake up to the fact that they cannot continue to "muddle along."

Very earnestly,

H H Murray

2636 El Caminito
La Crescenta, Cal.

Jan 5, 1942

MRS. FARR B. ROWLEY

214 SOUTH 28TH AVE., YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Mr. John B. Hughes
Los Angeles

Dear Sir,

Your talk this morning concerning Japanese treatment in this country meets with the hearty approval of this particular citizen and I hope that you continue to be articulate for those of us who have neither the facilities nor the ability to express themselves so widely.

Very truly yours
Clara M. Rowley
(Mrs Farr B Rowley)

Snohomish, Washington
January 5, 1942

Dear Mr. Hughes,

After listening to your broadcast this morning I felt impelled to write and thank you warning of the Japanese menace on this Pacific coast.

We always listen to your news broadcast every day and have noted your keen analysis of the situation in the Orient. Can we as individuals do anything to arouse our government officials to the danger of leaving these people at large? Or must we wait until they wreck our water supply, other public utilities, and our factories working on defense before we wake up and do something.

My husband would never patroize a Jap or let them buy of him while in business in Seattle. Neither of us would knowingly buy Jap goods. If only every one had done this, they could never have gotten such a hold on this coast area.

Please keep hammering at this most serio serious situation until something is done about it.

My daily prayer for our officials whose duty it is to do something about this, is "Open their eyes that they may see."

Sincerely yours
Mr. & Mrs. E. G. DeLong
Route 4 Snohomish, Washington

Jeanette DeLong
E. G. DeLong

DL

116 Greenbank Ave.,
Piedmont, Calif.,
Jan. 5, 1942.

My dear Mr. Hughes,

I'm the person who always says, "I must write a letter about that." To Ernie Pyle. To the newspaper about Tony Martin and his easy berth in the Navy. To Mrs. Roosevelt, etc, etc. But I've never written one of those letters. However, at nine o'clock this morning I heard your warning about the Japanese menace in California.

My house is all upset — only as it can be upset when I take down Christmas decorations. However, I have stopped in the midst of everything to tell you that I was so impressed by the message referred to above that I am at last really writing a letter.

I am one of those people inclined to feel a little sorry for Japanese, tho' even in the past I haven't hired any to do any type of work. Your announcement made me sit up.

I am writing to suggest that you

give that message daily for some time so that all may hear it and also that it may be printed so that those who miss it on the radio may ~~hear~~ see it. We are much too complacent.

As I have finally written a letter of this type, I may as well conclude by saying — and sincerely — that we all enjoy and profit by your broadcasts.

Very truly,

(Mrs. A. S.) Vern A. Boulware.

RUTH AMELIA SMITH

233 WILLIAMS STREET · MERIDEN, CONN.

Jan. 6th

My dear Mr. Hughes:-

WE like the way you talk and believe in what you say. Please keep on hammering. Please tell us how we can protect ourselves and in-particular how we can get at the politicians and wake them up to the fifth column menace in the country.

We were in Honolulu the summer of 1940 and we knew they were there-

WE were in California in 1940 also and know they are there.

What is this country thinking of to permit these dirty, yellow devils to fish, and grow vegetables - they could use poison, they could spy; they could and will do all kinds of damage - Why do we permit them such rights while our people suffer in Manila?

You keep on telling why - maybe it'll help.

The idea of these Japs living at Hot Springs - put the lot of them in concentration camps - treat them as near like they treat us as possible in accord with our Christian, gentle ways. View them for what they are - cruel, cunning monsters deserving of no consideration.

We've gone all out for defense - let's get in for defense, also.

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I understand the politicians want to keep aliens in defense industry — are looking the other way while the Communists have meetings and go on a membership campaign — just because Russia is fighting Germany doesn't make us agree to communism — we've got to be vigilant in that direction, too. We citizens who will be taxed and are spending all we can on defense — tonds want this attended to. Thank you

Ruth A. Smith

STAHLBEHL REALTY CO.

SALES SPECIALISTS

~~230 A North Main Street~~ 4463 McPherson,

~~St. Charles,~~ Missouri St. Louis,

Jan. 6,1942

Mr. John B. Hughes,
c/o The Mutual Broadcasting Co.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Wish to compliment you on your wonderful broadcasts of Monday and Tuesday, referring to Japanese situation in California. I called Mr. Ray Dady, Mgr. of station K.W.K. here calling his attention to your broadcast and asked him that it was in the interest of public safety, that our government be forced to act at once to correct this situation. It is up to men, who are able to bring pressure to bear on our congress to get busy immediately to stop ~~stop~~ this Japanese menace. And by that I mean the commentaters who can reach the greatest number of people are best in position to help.

I wrote our Senator from this state yesterday, calling attention to your broadcast, and asked him to use his influence to help for an immediate plan for greater action by the F.B.I.

Our Boys are at the front fighting against odds, and why should this danger at our very door be permitted to continue. Surely, the American people must do their part to help here at home. Fifth Columnism must be destroyed without fail.

You are doing wonderful work to publicize this in your broadcasts, to bring home to the American people this dangerous situation. I hope sincerely that other commentators will cooperate to do this also.

With my best wishes for your continued efforts and success, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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I. STAHLBEHL

QUICK SALES FOR YOUR BUSINESS OR PROPERTY

Box 40
Richmond. Mass.

January 6th 1942

Mr. John B. Hughes
c/o Mutual Broadcasting Co.
San Francisco. Cal.

Dear Mr. Hughes.

Your "News & Views" has been one of the high lights of our radio program for years and we greatly admire your clear, concise, and courageous presentations of the news. We regretted the loss of your "Viewing the World from the West". that was one of the best air columns of either coast.

The Japanese Fifth Column danger has been much in our minds for

some time and your broadcast of yesterday Jan 5th was most timely. Is it possible to get a transcript of that broadcast? I would like to send it to various government people I know.

It seems to me that that is one way a stay-at-home mother can serve, as well as knitting and making dressings. Less of both may be needed if we stop some of the trouble before it starts. Have you any suggestions how a private citizen can ~~make~~ draw attention to this Fifth column danger? We are westerners too and know how vulnerable the west coast aircraft factories are, and light & power & water lines, to a cunning enemy. Most Americans look down on the Japs as somewhat sub-human which is true but they forget the unbelievable cruelty such creatures are capable of. I shudder to think of the brave men of Wake Island when they fell into the hands of the enemy.

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If the evidence of that missionary you spoke of on your broadcast (Jan 5th) would start working on the churches and others on the women leaders of the country and how about sicing Mr. Dies on to it. Some one must build a fire under the FBI. I have been told by Chinese friends that the loyal Chinese in this country are organized into a counter fifth Column to watch the mutual enemy.

If Walter Winchell started to beat the tom-tom on this coast as you do on the west, that might help. As you are aware - the atlantic Coast is as regional in its interests as the middle west and most of them do not realize the enormous stake we all have on the Pacific coast. Just think of Signal Hill - When I

Please tell us how we can help & send a transcript of your broadcasts on this subject. Truly yours. Anna D. Riley (Mrs R.C. RILEY)

15 Murray Lane,
Fort Monroe, Va.,
January 6, 1942.

Mr. John B. Hughes,
c/o Mutual Broadcasting System,
San Francisco, Calif.

My Dear Mr. Hughes;

Your "News and Views" broadcast at noon EST yesterday was of immense interest to me because of your treatment of reports from the Philippine war theatre concerning treatment accorded members of the white race by the Japanese armed forces.

I am by no means an authority on things Asiatic but some ten years ago after a residence of some seven years in the Philippines and South China I made a prediction; based upon personal observation and an alleged understanding of Japanese psychology; that any future war between the Japanese and any of the white races would be, from the Japanese standpoint, a war of proportions calculated to annihilate the white race if possible. In the intervening years I have seen developments which point directly to this theory and I firmly believe that we are now witnessing the beginning of a Japanese attempt to fulfill the destiny which every Japanese believes implicitly to be the ultimate achievement of the Japanese race. Namely, that the time will surely come when the existing world will be populated exclusively by the Yellow race and the Japanese will be overlords of all.

Fantastic as this may seem to we of the White race, I know from a word gathered in one place and a phrase gleaned in another that the Japanese people are psychologically inculcated with the theory of planning the future of the race not for a decade, a century, or five centuries but that every Japanese today is living, working, and striving for the future benefit of the race ten thousand years hence. If we are able to approach present conditions from the Japanese angle of thinking we may possibly be able to get some insight into the unimportance (from their point of view) of such dastardly acts as the Pearl Harbor attack, the bombing of the open City of Manila, and barbarous and inhuman treatment of white prisoners. Obviously, these acts will register as of no consequence to the Japanese when considered in the light of the ultimate "Karma" of the race some ten thousand years in the future.

A minimum of thought and logic on the subject should convince those of us who are capable of thought that the atrocities which are being perpetrated by the Japanese with no thought of concealment are comparatively minor as compared to those which are, almost certainly, being perpetrated where no living eyes save those of the Japanese are present to observe them. Is it possible, in view of the stubborn resistance which American and Filipino ground troops offered the Japanese advance, that there have been no AMERICAN prisoners taken in this war? Reports have reached us of Filipino prisoners who were marched to prison ships and then beaten across the feet with rifle butts to render them incapable of travel in the event they escaped.

Are we to believe that any American troops who fall into the hands of the Japanese will fare any better? It is my firm conviction that any American who should be so unfortunate in an engagement against Japanese troops as to find himself in a position so untenable that surrender was indicated should be prepared to sell his life as dearly as possible since he may be certain of death even after surrender. The Japanese are neither economically nor psychologically prepared for the maintainence of extensive war prisoner facilities and, if it were possible to know the facts, they would undoubtedly show that American soldiers are being slaughtered in the act of surrender or, if accepted as prisoners, are being executed at the leisure of their captors in ways no Occidental mind could conceive.

In view of what seem to be logical deduction, does it not seem to you that the American people should be educated (Propagandized, if you prefer) to the fact that we are engaged in a RACE WAR in the Pacific which may decide the ultimate fate of the human race? Your broadcast of yesterday was a step in the proper direction but there is much more that can and should be done to convince our people of the folly of the smug, self-sufficient attitude which is the national heritage of a large percentage of we Americans. I do not suggest that we should become worried about the ultimate outcome of the struggle but I do suggest that we should rise up in concerted national anger and disgust at our attackers and should be prepared to deal with them in a manner calculated to instil a genuine fear in their collective hearts.

Mr. Hughes; yours is an enviable position. I know of no man in the United States who is in a better position to make the country FIGHTING MAD than the position you now occupy. Literally hundreds of thousands of persons depend upon your "News and Views" broadcast to keep them in touch with important happenings and to supply them with explanatory comment. Isn't the situation such that this position could be effectively used to great advantage in the education of the American people to the really grave conditions which face us?

LET'S MAKE AMERICANS FIGHTING MAD. When we do, our enemies will find themselves in the unenviable position of the man with a wildcat by the tail. They won't be able to hold on and they won't dare let go. Lets not forget that there's nothing quite so hard a fighter as a MAD AMERICAN.

In the event that you have read this far before consigning this letter to the waste basket, perhaps a short sketch of my own position might help to allay any suspicion that this was written by a professional crank or a dyed-in-the-wool calamity howler.

I am a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, hold a responsible position therein, have served a totsl of twelve years, and confidently expect to serve another eighteen years before retirement. I have never before written to any newspaper personality nor do I ever again expect to do so. In view of the signature and address attached to this letter you may be assured of my good faith and my confidence in your discretion since a letter of this type would undoubtedly meet with the disapproval of the War Department should the writer come to the attention of the Chief of Staff.

Hoping that what I have written above may bear fruit and assuring you of my sincere appreciation of your broadcasts, I am

Faithfully yours,

"PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER"

Harry A. Love.

HARRY A. LOVE
MR. SGT., CASD,
FORT MONROE, VA.

F. G. HAMILTON

JAMES F. HOEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA

January 6, 1942

Radio Station K.F.R.C.
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

I am desirous of securing a copy of the masterful address delivered by John P. Hughes over your radio on Wednesday evening, December 31, 1941, and I would appreciate it if you would forward me a copy.

I, of course, will be happy to remit any charges connected in securing it.

Yours very truly,

James F. Hoey

JFH:VG

PL

Mr. John B. Hughes-

Dear Mr. Hughes-

I have been listening to your broadcasts for some time past, and wish to commend your insistence as to our danger out here on the coast & especially in California.

Since I came out here to live twenty-two years ago, have been very much interested in this Japanese question, and I can

truthfully say that I agree with you wholeheartedly, in your estimation of the dangers involved, and what should be done to combat them.

Please keep on doing your best to wake up a sleeping public, a squabbling bunch of politicians, and a procrastinating G.B.D.

Over a year ago I went to them and drew their attention to what appeared to me a rather dangerous situation over in the Valley, and at last accounts that situation seemed to be the same, and nothing had been done about it.

We are right in the middle of a condition that is filled

with dynamite, and I
am no alarmist either.

Thanking you for your
enjoyable and comprehen-
sive work on the radio,

I remain,

Sincerely

May C. Tugwell

1326 N Virgil Pl
Los Angeles

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Dear Mr. Hughes;---

I was astounded to learn of thecriminal negligence of th F.BI in rounding up the enemy Japs on this coast. More astonished to hear that the Jap fleet ~~we~~ would be allowed to resume operations. To whom can we send our protests? Can you not get some influential organization to back you up ere it is too late? Are the Newspapers doing anything? How about the Mayor of L.A? Or the women's organizations?

More power to you. Should we write to our congressman and senators?

Yours sincerely,

Chas. E. Clark,
132-E. Dartmouth,
LaVerne, Calif.

1-6-42.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

John B. Hughes,

C/o KHJ,

Los Angeles, Calif.

Oceanside Calif.
Jan-6-1942.

Mr John B Hughes.
Dear Sir.

We appreciate the stand you took on today broadcast. against the japs along our coast line, Here so near Oceanside there is a colony of them working very close to a Defense project. Why dont the officials wake up before its to late.

Please do not back down on this your conviction, of moving them. and what more do the sub-boats want than these high powered fishing boats for refueling. and carrying information.

Respt.

S. H. Hensley.
Oceanside
Calif.

304- Spruce St.
Roseburg, Ore.
Jan. 8-'42

Mr. John B. Hughes.
Mutual Broadcasting Co.
Hollywood,
Cal.

Dear Sir.

We have been interested listeners to your broadcasts for a long long time. But your talks of Jan 5 & 6- (yesterday & today) have been so good, - so in accord with our views, - I feel I must tell you how heartily we endorse all you have said. We need more like you. We need more realism & less idealism, in dealing with the Japanese

within our own borders.
Why does Mexico have to be al-so to it?
Maybe we have many loyal native born Japs.-but;- we should be taking no chances. - it is hard to distinguish.
Please keep up the good work.
Very Sincerely,
Mrs. F. M. Emplon.
and Family

Dr

1355 North Gardner St.
Hollywood, Calif.
Jan. 6th.

My dear Mr. Hughes,-

I have just listened to your broadcast at 9 o'clock this morning which is alarming to say the least. I am writing to know if it would be possible for you to repeat it again soon at a later hour in the day so that more people might hear it? If the Japanese menace to us out here on the Coast, is so great, do not our Congressmen know all about, and are not proper steps being taken to safeguard us from it? Also would it not be possible for this Mr. Young whom you quoted and of whom we have heard before, to go to Washington and have an interview with the proper persons? Valuable time should not be lost, and so I am taking the liberty to write

you, as you always seem so well
posted and in no sense an alarmist,
Thanking you, I am
Yours Sincerely
(Mrs. A. G.) Jane Harrison

January 6, 1942

Mr. John B. Hughes
Mutual Broadcasting Company
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

After listening to your last two broadcasts we cannot refrain from writing and saying"Hats Off to you Mr. Hughes"--please, please keep up the good work!. We would like to see every male Jap old enough to think up his treacherous tricks, put into a concentration camp (and not with 'all the comforts of home') or at least put under guard where they can be watched.

We wish that every commentator would do as much as you have to try to bring this terrible condition to the public. It seems to us that people like Mr. Young should know what they are talking about, and that people like us should have something to say about what happens to these enemies in our midst. It is all very well to be "sweet and light" but this is war and I'm sure that if we knew the truth we would never get the consideration under like circumstances from the Japanese. So please keep fighting, Mr. Hughes, and perhaps in time this big country of ours will follow the suit of our "backward" little neighbor Mexico.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs. R. G. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moore
Underwood, Wash.

P. S. We both agree that this letter isn't nearly strong enough!

1-6-42
212-4th St
Marysville
Calif

John B. Hughes
K.F.R.C.
San Francisco -
Dear Sir -

Just another fan letter - I like the honest - "chips fall where they may" attitude you take - Damn these "everything is just dandy" commentators - The ~~stuff~~ 5th column situation is one I'd like to put in my 2¢ worth -

We have lots of good Japs here - Who want to stay - Alright, make them understand they are the 6th column to keep their compatriots in line. And the same with the Huns & the Wops. When the 5th column realizes the danger of speaking its native tongue it will slow down. You can elaborate if the idea is worth a damn -

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And did you read what the army "expert" said after his return from Russia with Hopkins - He had a new? idea on Russia -
In other words up until then he knew nothing.

I served in Russia with the American Relief Adm - feeding the kids who are now the present Russian Army - And my warehouses were guarded by Red soldiers with American Rifles they had captured.
Sure we fought the Reds.
There has never been any doubt in my mind about the Russian Army. And different from all other nations they believed their secret service and acted.
Keep it up
Jameston Grace

P.S. Don't call the Russian soldier a communist until you call the American soldier a New Dealer - the Rulers yes but not the peasant - I was in a town of 100 000 - there were 2 Communists

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Mrs. E. H. Kirby
Box 182
ElCentro, Calif.

Jan. 6, 1942

John B. Hughes,
H ollywood, C ali.
$% K.H .J.

Dear Mr H ughes.

May I thank you for your faithfulness in hammering home, by radio, the facts concerning the activities of the Japs on our coast and inner vallies. M any are not yet aware of our danger, not only from the Japs who enjoy unbounded freedom, but the aliens of the other two Axis partners aswell. It is on this group of, as yet, unawakened people that we are praying your messages may fall.

To the rest of us who do guess and know, it is inconcievable that officials who are actualy in the "know" can so unconcernedly continue to give this enemy in our midst, their unrestrained freedom. I would class them as quickly as direct enemies of our country.

Isn't there a possibility that the public could be arroused by personal effort through group meetings and if necessary, door to door calling to get them to write demands to the proper influentials until they will do something about this situation? I mean concentration camps!

After your talk this morning I was so angry and filled with concern that I took it upon myself to talk to a minister and one of the P. T.A. presidents. Both have agreed to help me providing we can get help and advise to start the ball rolling. Rev. R.C.Rogers is going to bring the matter before the Ministerial Board tomorrow and will I think, write you also. P.T .A. president, Mrs F.W. Mitchell tells me the study group is a grand place to bring this thing, and what to do about it. if I can have some definite information for them. Also a very prominent P.T.A. woman is to be here the last of this month and Mrs Mitchell has promised that I get a chance to

Mrs. E. H. Kirby
Box 182
ElCentro, Calif.

get all ideas across to her. I can see it must be the women to carry this thing through and you know how we can work and demand when once aroused.

Please let us help you, tell us what to do. WE CHERISH our COUNTRY, our FREEDOM, our HOMES. We can not bear to sit idly by and see all this endangered by this ruthless group of fanatics in our midst.

Y esterday I took my turn at one of the 38 "listening" posts here in the valley. Day and nite men and women who must leave labors and warm beds stand guard listening, watching and reporting every plane that it might be checked against enemy invasion. To my notion this is all to no avail if we fail to check the ground work just as thouraly.

Please continue your efforts to get all facts into the public mind. Many of us are conscious but no one tells us what to do. I realize this to be a very delicate subject. How can we best handle it?

I understand our D.A. here is all for the camp idea but his hands are, after a fashion, tied. However tomorrow I have an appointment to see him. I am going to offer what assistance I can give, ask for his advise and eagerly await your instructions.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Kirby

P.S.

As you can see I should never attempt typing. Please excuse it. I am in deadly earnest concerning this subject. Just a home-maker but firmly against anyone trying to take it from me.

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My husband is one of the State Guardsmen. We went into it at the first & even tho' we love all because of his being called to service it will be a small sacrifice if it means keeping the U. S. A. a safe & free place in which to live. We have three children. I expect to have to give the oldest boy to the service before this thing is through. Proudly too!

What good would all the planes, tanks - guns, of which Mr Roosevelt spoke, do for a nation fought down through disease. The greater quantity of these Vegetables goes into our Camps and among our Workers - What would money - Sacrifice of any kind mean, if the Japanese should strike at the United

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Tuesday Morning.
6th January 1942

Dear Mr Hughes.

Having heard your broadcast this morning I felt impelled to write to you. It was such a relief to me to hear you express, to the

public, the activities of the Japanese in California. I have thought very dangerous it could be and yet had no way of expressing my thoughts. Please say it over and over and over again until those who should hear and act awake to the danger.

One thought which has so particularly troubled me is that these Japanese of whom you speak 80% going the vegetables. Very easily these vegetables could be polluted and so bring about some terrible epidemic

I hope this reaches you - I believe you will do something about it - it relieves me to have talking of it to some one in whom I have confidence -

Mrs Ralph Helen Stewart -
78 San Luis St -
Los Altos - Calif -

States in this way - We hear so often "They will stop at nothing" - Knowing this we should surely be alert to every form of attack and this proved to a very simple and far reaching way to attack all the peoples of

the Country.

Perhaps this has been in the Consideration - I can hardly believe so - as the Japanese are resuming their work of getting Produce of all Kinds - When I owned 50% of these in the business & loyal to this Country, it would not take many to bring about a great disaster - I do not think for the Sake of the Comparative few when we trust and admire, the nation should be subjected to such danger.

VILLA Riviera APARTMENT HOTEL

OCEAN BOULEVARD at ALAMITOS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

1/6-1942

Dear Mr. Hughes -

All hail to you, dear sir, for your contribution re California Japanese - Keep it up, please, until the forces that be come to realize condition in this State so far as the Japs are concerned.

Respectfully

Max Anderson Jr.

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JW (1) 11. 2 Jap

The Broadmoor,
431 Broadway,
Tacoma, Wash.

My dear Mr. Hughes:

As one who lived in Japan for 30 years, please permit me to make a slight correction.

"The number of death" is not 7 which is shichi in Japanese, but shi, which means four. As shi is the word for death, it is avoided as far as possible in counting and another forme is used. A child of four is yotsu.

Ichi ni san shi go
1 2 3 4 5

or

Hitotsu futatsu mittsu yottsu itsutsu
1 2 3 4 5

are two ways of counting.

I am a daily listener to your broadcasts, and consider them most reliable.

Yours sincerely,

Bessie Mead.

Jan. 7, 1942.

MAUDE C. LACKEY
2247 Prosser Avenue
Los Angeles, California

January 7 - 1942

Dear Mr Hughes:-

Permit me to compliment you, on your nine o'clock broadcast of January 7. It was one of your very best. It was ominous, but a much needed warning. We are so smug and complacent!

I listen to your daily comments! The charm of your diction and the dignity of your programs appeal to me. Since learning that one who has been very dear to me in the past, is now associated with you, I am of course, still more interested. If that certain person had anything to do with the program, I can only say, I was proud of him.

Please accept the thanks of one of your sincere and appreciative listeners

Maude C Lackey

MRS. FRANK J. JONES
BROOKSIDE ROAD
DARIEN, CONN.

January 7

My dear Mr. Hughes,

I wonder if you could find time to give me more information about the Japanese in California, whom you describe as operating fishing fleets, and owners of property along the coast.

What is the status of these men? Are they not American born, or American citizens, through any other process? Is the F.B.I. allowing them to go free, and not be under the constant surveillance of their eagle eye? Truly yours, Harriet N. Jones

Rockford, Ill.
Jan. 8-1942.

Dear Mr Hughes:

We listen to your comments daily, and appreciate them very much.

We notice today you mention that Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles is to be sent to the Pan American Congress to be held soon in Rio de Janeiro, and we wonder why our trusted and wise Secretary of State Cordell Hull was not sent.

For some time we

that that Sumner Welles was too prominent in the news, and that our Secretary of State Cordell Hull was being pushed into the back ground. Then came the article in "Look magazine" which has explained much. And it provokes us to see how the poloticians will get around the people even to appointing such unknown positions as "private envoy" to the Vatican and "Under Secretary of State" and Lord only

Knows what else has been done without the peoples' knowlege.

To us, Secretary of State Hull, stands out as the one remaining person at the head of our government, who exemplifies our old government - "for the people, by the people etc" - and in contrast, Sumner Welles exemplifies the "New Deal" -

And another thing Why on earth don't we send help to Wake Island & the Philippines

Thank you again

Mrs. W. W. Hanna.

Specially answered

5515 Melrose Ave.
Hollywood, California

January 16,1942

Dear Mrs. Hanna,

Thank you very much for your letter of January 8th, and for your comments all of which are interesting and worthy of consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. W. Hanna
1606 Ridge Ave.
Rockford, Ill.

D.T.

KEITH VAWTER
MARION, IOWA

Dear Mr Hughes -

Every day at Eleven o'clock I listen to your broadcast.

The one on "Hines Solomon" was of unusual interest - I would like to have a copy for my Grandson who is just begining the study of History -

If there is a charge I will be glad to remit -

Thank you

Mrs Keith Vawter

January 8-1942

5515 Melrose Ave.
Hollywood, California

January 19,1942

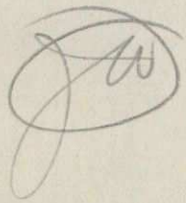
Dear Mrs. Keith Vawter:

Thankyou for your letter and for your interest in my program.

I am very sorry not to be able to send you the script you desire, but there are no more of them to be had.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Keith Vawter
890 Central Ave.
Marion Iowa



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JOHN B HUGHES, DELIVER=
NEWS COMMENTATOR NBC HOLLYWOOD CALIF=

THANKS FOR YOUR COURAGE IN KEEPING AT THE JAP SITUATION OUT HERE WHERE THE WEST BEGINS. WITH A FEW MORE LIKE YOU MAYBE WASHINGTON WILL DO SOMETHING SOON ASK THE QUIZ KIDS IF THE RUSSIANS WOULD EAT FOOD AND VEGETABLES GROWN BY THE GERMANS

YOUR CONSTANT ADMIRER=
L C EDWARDS

Seattle Wash 2/9/42

John B Hughes

Dear Sir.

About four years ago I was talking with a Jap who had just returned from Alaska with a great meny pictures he had taken up there. we started talking about the war in China And about the suicide Squad we than drifted on to the human torpedo and he told me how it could be controlled by a person on the inside but the person had to give his life he than told me that about Japs giving up their life in dive bombers and he said there were hundreds who would give their lives in a bomber.

I than said to him that the Japes in this country that were born here They would not do that kind of suicide, And he said there were meny right here in Seattle that would be glad to do it. no matter if they were born in this country or out it made no difference. when a Jap born here goes to our schools and when he finishes. he than go to Japan

for further study. and I suppose this study would be in the Japs way of life. under the Japan teaching. I would not trust even any Japs born in this country they would just as soon posion us as look at us. if they thought they were obeying their God. I cannot under stand why the people of this country put so much faith in them knowing well what they would do for the sake of their beleaf. and when I was told by the Jap that the american Jap would die for Japan as well as for America. I am of the beleaf that we will be sorrow that we put so much trust in them before this war is over.

Yours Respect
E S. Leonard
4726 University Way.

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with the nationals of our mortal enemy I cannot fathom. (Slapping on the wrist is naughty, - it seems.)

One of my first memories of Jap spying was thirty or more years ago. In Orange County a Jap "house boy" died of a stroke, and among his effects they found complete traps of the nearest bit of coastline. He was a graduate engineer.

I have seen more cockiness and sneering glances at their "fellow-country men" - (white) or women, at least, since Pearl Harbor, than I ever saw before or believed possible, in the young Jap.

Most of them are eager to help over this coast, I believe.

461 Pico Way

Sacramento, Calif.
Jan. 9th 1942.

Dear Mr Hughes -

I think you are doing a fine thing for our Country, if you can help wake up those in charge of things to the sickening danger of allowing the Japs to strong around all strategic and Military parts of the California Coast, - and with their fishing boats - endanger the Navy by spying.

Just why we should be so tender

and they write, if we don't put their enemies in jail, - Send them out of Country at once.

Yours truly
Mrs. G. E. Gene

Mrs. Harry C. Jones
4018 Arizona Street
San Diego, California

Jan. 9. 42

My dear Mr. Hughes: —

My husband and I are both deeply interested in your comments on the Japanese situation, as it exists on the West Coast, and sincerely hope that you will continue on the subject until appropriate steps are taken by the proper authorities.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. H. C.) Agnes Jones

5515 Melrose Avenue
Hollywood - - - Cal
January 16 - - 1942

Mrs. H. C. Jones
4018 Arizona Street
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 9th containing favorable comment on my work.

Sincerely,

N.Y. Jan 11/42

Station K. H. J.
Los Angeles Cal

Gentlemen:

On Tuesday Jan. 6 John B. Hughes broadcast from your station a story about Washington's army at Valley Forge and spoke of the great Americanism of Haym Solomon.

Will you please mail me a copy of this broadcast. Am enclosing postage

Thank you.

Yours truly
E. S. Becker
236 Naples Terrace N.Y. City

MILES J. DUNCAN, M.D.
449 O'CAMPO DRIVE
PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIF.
PHONE S. M. 55993

Pacific Palisades, Calif.
January 11-1942

Mr John B. Hughes,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir,-

We wish to express our appreciation of your news broadcasts. Have listened and enjoyed them for a long time but much more the last months, because of your knowledge of the East.

We agree with you, and would like to do something to add our influence to get <u>something done here</u> about moving the Japs back away from our coasts. They can grow vegetables some place else. Please keep up your good work.

Sincerely

Dr & Mrs Miles J. Duncan

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. John B. Hughes
News Commentator for
Studebaker & Aspertane

K H J.
Los Angeles
Calif.

Please forward

January 1, 1962

Please keep pounding away at this Jap menace. Washington is deaf & can only hear loud, bilious voices; & worse than being deaf Washington is too busy robbing, cheating us American taxpayers, telling us to mind our lies, too absorbed in grafting our dollars & "plowing under" our boys, too afraid of curtailing the rights" of such rats as the Japs, Reuters & So please keep up your good work.

E. Eaton

Mrs. Ray Simonds
Arlington and Mendocino Aves.
Berkeley, California

Jan 12-42

Dear Mr Hughes -

Thanks for including me in your mailing list of Mr Jennings' letter -

It need much more of such to awaken California to its "menace of the Japs."

The enclosed may or may not have met with your notice -

My Red Cross mite seems so little - can you suggest another mite for me as well -

Sincerely
Gladys Simonds