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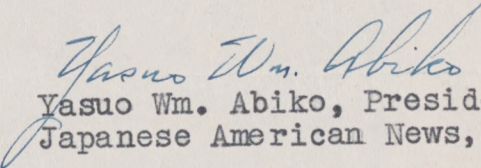
Dr. Galen M. Fisher
Institute of Pacific Relations
260 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Fisher:

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum on our situation, copies of which have been sent to Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, Mr. Richard M. Neustadt and State Assistant Attorney General, Warren Olney.

I wish to thank you again for all your efforts in our behalf.

Very sincerely yours,


Yasuo Wm. Abiko, President
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Dec. 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Thank you very much for your holiday greetings. We had hoped that by this time we would be out from this Relocation Center but with travel frozen for several weeks to cooperate with the ODT it seems we will be required to wait a while longer.

I was very sorry to have missed seeing you during your visit here. My job required that I be in Delta very suddenly although I had planned to attend the meeting.

Thanks to the many Japanese and Caucasian friends on the outside, the children here had a better Christmas than we expected possible. Mrs. Kingham of Berkeley who came here especially to assist in the Christmas program also did a grand job in directing the Christmas pageant.

My wife joins me in extending our thanks and our very best wishes for the holiday season to both you and Mrs. Fisher,

Yours very truly,

Yasuo Wm. Abiko

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Dear Mr. Fisher,

I have checked up on Mrs. Miyo Nakashima and have found that she is the wife of Kichiro Nakashima, San Francisco businessman. They lived in Berkeley on Milvia street, and I believe were members of the Berkeley Free Methodist church.

Registration here is a matter of the past, but unfortunately has left many scars. It was too bad that so many factors entered into the picture at the critical moment and created the confusion that existed during the registration period. Many of us feel that registration for leave clearance should have been held separately from

the selective service registration for male citizens. We feel that the WRA made a serious mistake in holding them jointly inasmuch as the presence of the military team gave an air of compulsion which was entirely unnecessary.

Armed guards around the fence being our only contact with men in uniform for nearly a year, it was difficult for the military team of four headed by the ex-actor Lieut. Wm. Lee Tracy to put over the idea that they were sincere in their attempt to assist the ~~immigrant~~ nisei.

Two issues-draft and application for leave clearance (which many do not want)-coming at the same time brought out questions which never would have seen light if presented separately. If the army team ~~had~~ which after all concerned themselves with the male citizens had conducted their draft registration and some weeks later the leave clearance regis-

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tration had been held for the entire camp, I believe we would not have had one-tenth if any trouble. Certainly none for the ~~insane~~ nisei.

As it was many were called upon to make decisions under great emotional strain, giving answers which they will regret or are already regretting. Many gave qualifying answers which they thought would be acceptable, but which may affect their status in the future.

Looking back over the events of the past month and a half, I wonder if a Japanese language paper with more of an understanding of WRA centers and the general setup could not have helped to ease the situation.

At least we are resolved that we
will try even harder to push for our release
and seek to re-establish our paper as soon
as possible.

Yours very truly,

Yours Wm. Ables

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Sanborn Assembly Center
San Bruno, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:-

How can I thank you enough for all your kindness to me! First coming ^{over} all the way from Orinda so early for us, and then bringing such a lovely gift of sweets, and also going over in a Larry for me to Col. Boehl's office! I did appreciate it all. I was indeed so sorry to have to leave without waiting for you but I felt I have to follow the rule when the ^{last} bus started so I came to Sanborn ^{at 1 P.M.}. Mr. James ^{had} telephoned me the night before that Mr. Neustadt tried to arrange for me to get permission for me to stay at Friends Center so that I can have a necessary X Ray treatment which Dr. Wilgore recommends me. While I stay at Center for a few weeks, I thought it a good chance to try to get individual clearances for our staff. If at least, the half of our men about 20, ^{could not} out of the military area with our Japanese type we could resume our paper. We had been trying to get each member an invitation ^{from} different friends and affidavits from ^{local} American friends. When we had them ready at May 15, the final order to leave S.F. came. However, we hope that the permission can be secured to go out of this camp. Clearances from W. C. C. A. written ^{notes} will be all that is necessary. Mr. James and Mr. Neustadt I hope will get them, please help them get those, for it seems rules are getting even stricter from now on ^{better hurry now} in Passmore Elkinton is here in Berkeley now on business, at Philadelphia Quartz Co. of Calif. Mr. James is going to bring him over to see me here on Sunday. If they can bring a written permit ^{on any prof.} from W. C. C. A. (which you were trying to get for me yesterday) perhaps I can be out from here on Sunday. My warm thanks to Mrs. Fisher please for the delicious candy with much application.

Gratefully yours - Yone Aiko