

424 Wheeler Hall
10 May 1949

Mr. W.C. Peterson, City Clerk
City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Did the City of Los Angeles remove all individuals
of Japanese ancestry from its employment in the spring of 1942,
after Pearl Harbor?

If so, I would like a copy of the order or
resolution; it need not be attested.

Yours truly

Edward H. Barnhart
Asst. professor

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FLETCHER BOWRON
MAYOR

May 19th, 1949

ITEM UA
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JOSEPH W. HAWTHORNE
GENERAL MANAGER

Professor Edward N. Barnhart,
Department of Speech
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Professor Barnhart:

Your letter of May 10th, 1949, to Mr. Peterson,
City Clerk, has been referred to this office for reply.

At the time of the removal of the Japanese from
this area, employees were given a year's leave of absence
from their positions with the city. These leaves were ex-
tended on a yearly basis until it was ruled that no extensions
could be made unless personally requested by the applicant,
which rule had the effect of nullifying some of the leaves.

There was no resolution or order in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Board of Civil Service Commissioners
by

Joseph W. Hawthorne
Joseph W. Hawthorne,
General Manager

JWH:kmm

*Also write
1 July*

424 Wheeler Hall
11 May 1949

Mr. S.F. Bergstrom, City Clerk
City of Palos Verdes Estates, City Hall
Palos Verdes, California

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

I understand that on February 10, 1942 the City Council of Palos Verdes Estates authorized or approved the writing to a letter to the F.B.I. recommending that all Japanese be removed from the coastal areas within the city limits.

Is this so? If so, could I have a copy of the Council's resolution and the letter? They need not be attested.

I am making a study of public opinion on the coast at the time of Pearl Harbor and this information would be very useful to me.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

424 Wheeler Hall
13 June 1949

Mr. Richard Graves, Exec.Dir.
League of California Cities
Berkeley 5, California

Dear Mr. Graves:

Thank you for your letter of May 25, answering mine inquiring about the Japanese evacuation matter.

I assure you that we not at all unmindful of the facts which you present; we are not, furthermore, trying at this late date to second-guess the military and "prove" the evacuation unnecessary. We merely wish to present an accurate picture of how various official and quasi-official and unofficial bodies moved to bring evacuation about and how public opinion changed and formed at the time. We are anxious, furthermore, to present an accurate picture for a book, to be soon published in the east, is presenting what we believe to be a highly distorted and prejudicial account of the motives of Californians in urging evacuation. I do not have the book at hand, it will not be available out here until July 1, but from a MSS it is clear that the author attacks government officials and "business" for the evacuation and lays it entirely to selfish and economic motives; our reading of the facts does not support this interpretation.

This is why we are anxious to find out as much as we can about the motives and conceptions which lead various to advocate evacuation. It seems clear that some persons were actuated by prejudice and animosity; it seems equally clear that there was a legitimate fear of sabotage and espionage, which lead others to advocate action.

In this connection, I understand that you were the executive director of the Defense Councils which were organized in the state after Pearl Harbor. Would it be possible at this late date to get a picture of how many of these local groups urged evacuation? and get copies of their resolutions so that the grounds for it can be seen?

Thank you again for your information.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

424 Wheeler Hall
14 June 1949

Office of CityClerk
P.O.Box 247
Exeter, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing a history of State events in the months following Pearl Harbor. I find that the City Council of Exeter passed a resolution on March 11, 1942 entitled "In the matter of the Evacuation of all Japanese from the Pacific Coast territory." This reads, at the beginning of the second paragraph:

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we again recommend to the Government of the United States" and goes on to call for the evacuation of the Japanese.

I was curious about the "again." Can you tell me if and when the City Council had passed a similar resolution to this one? What had been recommended at an earlier time? What was the date of this earlier resolution?

If there was an earlier resolution, I would like a copy of it.

Thank you very much for your trouble.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

424 Wheeler Hall
16 June 1949

Mayor Fletcher Bowron
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, Los Angeles

Dear Mayor Bowron:

I am writing a history of events in California
in the months following Pearl Harbor.

I have been attempting, without any luck, to
secure full reports of several of your speeches and statements
of that period. I am taking the liberty of writing to you to ask
if, from your files, I might be sent copies in full.

I would like copies of your radio talks of
February 5, February 12, and February 19, 1942, and your
Press Statement of February 6.

Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

FLETCHER BOWRON
MAYOR

June 28, 1949

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
424 Wheeler Hall
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Your letter of June 16 requesting certain copies of Mayor Bowron's speeches of February, 1942, has been received. We are glad to send you those requested with the exception of the one for February 12, of which we have no copy.

Yours very truly,

R. W. Rood

R. W. Rood
Field Secretary

RWR:P

*Write KECA
for speech of
Feb 12*

424 Wheeler Hall
7 July 1949

Station KECA
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

I am writing a history of events in the state in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

I would like to secure a complete copy of the radio address given over your station by Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles on February 12, 1942.

If you have a copy of this in your files, may I have a copy? If there is any stenographic expense in preparing a copy I would be glad to defray it.

Mayor Bowron has been very helpful in providing me copies of his other addresses but does not have a copy of this one.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

July 14, 1949

Kay Lenz
National Broadcasting Company
1540 North Vine
Hollywood 28 California

Dear Miss Lenz:

We are enclosing herewith a letter from Professor Barnhart of the University of California. According to our files, at the time Mayor Bowron delivered the radio talk in question, KECA was the Blue Network station of the National Broadcasting Company.

We shall appreciate any help you can give Doctor Barnhart.

Yours truly,

Frank La Tourette
Manager
News and Special Events
Western Division

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cc Professor Barnhart

424 Wheeler Hall
19 July 1949

Mr. E. W. Rood, Field Secretary
Office of the Mayor, City Hall
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Rood:

Thank you for your letter of June 28 and the
copies of the speeches of Mayor Bowron which we requested.

As I wrote in my letter, I am writing a history
of events on the Coast in the months following the attack on
Pearl Harbor and interested in covering the actions of prominent
persons during that period.

I am informed that sometime during the last
of January, 1942, sometime about January 26, Mayor Bowron
addressed a meeting of the newspaper publishers of southern
California. Do you happen to have a copy of his speech on
that occasion? If so, I would like a copy or any information
you can give me about it.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor

Chambers of Commerce - Los Angeles

Erodz

26 - Agric. Committee - under federal control

(Feb) - favored evac. Chamber as a whole.

Operations of Ingrbretsen

Others

28
Calif: 9
Wash: 4
Ore: 1
Ideah: 1
New Mex: 1

Freem (Feb 24) FILE
Loguna Beach FILE
San Antonio (Feb 11) FILE
Astoria FILE

Staco.

Interview with Reed

no econ. motives

gr does not mention *

424 Wheeler Hall

19 July 1949

Editor
"Los Angeles Times"
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

On either January 25, 26 or ¹⁹⁴⁸~~27~~ I am informed that
Mayor Bowron addressed a meeting of the newspaper publishers
of southern California.

I would like to know if there was a newspaper account
of his remarks at this meeting published in your paper, and
if so, on what page and issue?

Thank you.

Sincerely

Edward W. Barnhart
Edward W. Barnhart
Assistant Professor

Pacific League

Grodz

29 - resolution - Feb 2 - supervised work groups

FILE

*In No 34
letterhead
with members &
firms*

*Letter of April 23 '43
showing stereo*



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

FLETCHER BOWRON
MAYOR

July 28, 1949

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

I have made a search of our files but am unable to locate a copy of the speech which you understand was given by Mayor Bowron in January 1942.

There were numerous meetings held that month. Unfortunately, no one in the office can recall the event you mentioned or the content of the speech.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Rood

R. W. Rood
Field Secretary

RWR:RM

Other actions taken by cities; apart from resolutions for evacuation:

City of Los Angeles, ~~at the time~~ at the time of the removal of the Japanese by evacuation, gave them a year's leave of absence.

"These leaves were extended on a yearly basis until it was ruled that no extensions could be made unless personally requested by the applicant, which rule had the effect of nullifying some of the leaves."

(Letter from Hawthorne, attached, Item *UA*)

Let

(a)
Rossi -

Feb. 21 Tolan Hearing 10965

1. Enemy alien measures have caused hardship
Most are elderly people; most have citizen children;
Most are loyal, especially Germán, Italian population
2. Japanese situation should be given immediate attention
Activities of spies and saboteurs in Hawaii
Every Japanese alien removed
" " citizen investigated
--if not loyal, remove from area.
3. Germans and Italians in business, have children.
To move would cause hardship and distress.
Evacuation of axis aliens should be avoided unless imperative
--appear before tribunal
--investigate individual cases
--permitted to return to work.

Other City and County officials.

Summary of 9 East Bay officials:

(1) fear of concerted attack and sabotage.

(2) Re loyalty of Japanese

1: most Japanese are loyal.

1: some aliens are trustworthy.

(3) Re: evac

(discussion on date after E. B. had been asked to move, apparently; next day (28) was period end.)

- Enemy alien Japs put in farms in custody: 1

Series

- All male Japs interned

: 1

Series

- all Enemy aliens & all true citizens whose loyalty is questionable

: 1

Series

- Loyal Japs should voluntarily leave: 1

Series

- Against mass evac of aliens: 1

Series

- if mass evac, should be planned: 1

Series

(4) Assumption of sabotage at P. H.

CHAP IV

F. PRESSURE GROUPS

1. Food and Agricultural Trade Associations

and Organizations

{ Western Growers Assoc ✓
grower Shippers Veg. Assoc ✓
Pacific League ✓
March. & Wfgs Assoc of C.A. ✓

2. Non-agricultural business organizations

3. Chambers of Commerce ✓

4. Farmers organizations

Farm Bureau ✓
Grange ✓
Associated Farmers ✓

Others: Salinas Valley Veg Ex

Seattle Pot flr Assoc

5. Service Clubs ✓

6. Fraternal and benevolent societies ✓

Valley Prot Assoc
Wash. Prod Sh. Assoc.

7. Patriotic

1- Legion ✓

2- Native Sons of Golden West ✓

3- Various military groups

8. C.J.I.C.

V.F.W. ✓

Purple Heart

United Sp War Vets

Disabled Amer. Vet of War

9. Labor Unions ✓

~~Various other groups~~
Civic Clubs ✓

10. Civic & Misc. Clubs

Los Angeles Times

202 WEST FIRST STREET
LOS ANGELES 53, CALIFORNIA

July 23, 1949

Edward N. Barnhart
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

In our paper of January 28, 1942, we
carried a story on Mayor Bowron addressing the
Advertising Club.

Yours truly
Los Angeles Times
R. Carraro
R. Carraro
Librarian