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February 9, 1943

Dear Dr. Parsons:

The Secretary has handed me your letter of February 2 and directed that I make reply to it. The Secretary appreciates your comments of the War Department's action in organizing a Japanese-American combat team in the Army. It is his feeling that this action constitutes a real step not only in developing our armed forces, but in effecting a solution of the entire Japanese-American problem.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN J. McCLOY

JOHN J. McCLOY

The Reverend Edward L. Parsons
2901 Broderick Street
San Francisco, California

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BY REV. EDWARD L. PARSONS
February 8 1943
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The Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

May I just send a line to express my own gratification and that of many people with whom I have talked at your decision to open the way to enlistment in the Army to Americans of Japanese ancestry, now in the re-location settlements. The action will greatly increase confidence of many people that we really mean what we say about the objects for which we are fighting. It will also increase the difficulty of those who are trying to deprive these American citizens of their rights. I am sorry that any such anti-democratic movements should originate in California.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Edward L. Parsons

Bishop of California, retired

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RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSIDERATION
M. M. [Signature]
Secretary to the President

1 to the best Upon motion of Supervisor Hill, seconded by Supervisor
2 Pittman, and duly carried, the following resolution was adopted,
3 to-wit:

4 WHEREAS it has been announced through the press:

- 5 1. That the Secretary of War contemplates that some
- 6 28,000 native-born Japanese shall be incorporated in the United
- 7 States Army in separate combat units; and
- 8 2. That the Federal authorities contemplate the release
- 9 of from 25,000 to 40,000 Japanese from relocation camps where they are
- 10 now restrained, with no announced provision for adequate surveillance
- 11 or control; and

12 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County
13 believes that such contemplated action would be inimical to the best
14 interests and to the welfare and effective defense of our country;

15 Be it resolved that we most vigorously and earnestly pro-
16 test against the above proposed actions and each of them; that we
17 convey this protest to the Secretary of War, to the War Relocation
18 Board, to our congressmen and senators and to the President of the
19 United States.

20 That we urge upon these authorities the following reasons,
21 based upon an extensive experience with the Japanese, for more than
22 40 years, an intimate knowledge of their character, and our observa-
23 tion of what occurred on December 7, 1941, and immediately thereafter;

24 (1) Following Pearl Harbor and for the defense of the
25 West Coast against attack and sabotage the Army wisely moved the
26 Japanese from the Pacific Coast. Now to permit them to return to
27 their former habitat would subject us again to the danger of serious
28 sabotage and difficulty in defending our shore line in the event of
29 attack.

30 (2) Due to the temper of the American public since the
31 disastrous attack at Pearl Harbor we feel that it would be detrimental

Genevieve Parlor No. 132, N. D. G. W.

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NATIVE SONS' BUILDING 414 MASON STREET
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March 8, 1943

Honorable Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.,

Honorable Sir:

The enclosed petition was unanimously adopted
by Genevieve Parlor # 132 Native Daughters of the Golden West.

We trust that you will give it your careful attention and that
you will endeavor to enact legislation that will end for all
time the keeping of Japanese out of our Army.

Thanking you

We remain
Genevieve Parlor # 132 N.D.G.W.

Branice E. Peguillan
Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submit

Branice E. Peguillan

Recording Secretary

Genevieve Parlor No. 132, N. D. G. W.

MEETS FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS
ST. FRANCIS HALL
NATIVE SONS' BUILDING 414 MASON STREET
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Resolution adopted at a meeting of Genevieve Parlor # I32
Native Daughters of the Golden West
held Thursday evening March 4, 1943.

Whereas, we have learned from the Daily Press that
the United States Military Forces are inducting into the
Army of the United States, Japanese born in the United States
and its Possessions:

Whereas, in the opinion of the members of this
organization the enrollment of a United States Army Unit
composed of Japanese, will be inimical to the welfare of our
State and Nation: therefore be it

Resolved: That Genevieve Parlor # I32 Native Daughters
of the Golden West protests strenuously the formation of a Unit
in the United States Army composed of Japanese, and respectfully
petitions the Congress of the United States to adopt a bill
to nullify action taken by the War Department, to organize and
enroll such a unit: be it further

Resolved: that copies of this petition be sent to
Senators Hiram Johnson and Sheridan Downey and Congressmen
Richard J. Welch and Thomas Rolph and to Secretary of War Henry L.
Stimson.

Respectfully Submitted

Rena Gaube

Branice E. Peguillon

Claire Moore
President.

Branice E. Peguillon
Recording Secretary

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216 Boronda Rd.
Salinas, Calif.
Feb. 1, 1943.

1943 FEB 8 AM 8:48
Sec. of War Stimpson
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir; The members of Monterey County Pomona Grange, which is composed of farmers from Monterey and San Benito counties would like more information regarding the plan to take volunteer Japanese into the U.S. army.

We have heard nothing regarding this except an article in our local paper and as a result of this we protest this move vigorously. We feel there would be no way of being certain of the loyalty of any Japanese under the circumstances, and as we are from an area where many of the Calif. Japanese were located we know whereof we speak.

We sincerely hope that such a plan will never be carried out.

Respectfully,

Jessie A. Plaskett
Sec.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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March 4 1943
1943 MAR 11 AM 8:43

Hon. Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Long Beach Parlor No. 154 of The Native Daughters of the Golden West is grieved and shocked to learn of the proposal to enroll in the United States Army a unit composed of so-called "citizens of the United States of America of Japanese ancestry."

The members of Long Beach Parlor are firmly of the opinion that the Constitution of the United States of America does not confer citizenship on any person of Japanese descent born in this country, therefore there are no "citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry"; they also are of the belief that all Japanese, regardless of protestations otherwise, inherently are loyal only to Japan, and they are thoroughly convinced that the enrollment of a United States Army unit composed of Japanese will be inimicable to the welfare of the State of California and the Nation, and will undoubtedly create a dangerous threat to a proper and adequate defense of this country, Therefore,

Resolved, That Long Beach Parlor is strenuously opposed to the formation of a Japanese unit of the United States Army, and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to exercise its prerogative and nullify the declared intention of the War Department to organize and enroll such a unit, And be it further

Resolved, That copies of this petition be sent the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee and others.

Grace B. Poole

President of Long Beach Parlor

Oliver V. Smith
Committee chairman

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GRAND PARLOR

Native Sons of the Golden West

OFFICE OF THE

GRAND SECRETARY



JOHN T. REGAN, GRAND SECRETARY
414 MASON STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PHONE EXBROOK 1223

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Persons of Japanese ancestry born in the United States are subjects of and owe allegiance to the Emperor of Japan and cannot therefore become loyal citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS: Their presence in the United States has been recognized by the President of the United States as a possible menace to the efforts of the United States in the present war; and

WHEREAS: Their membership in the armed forces of the United States would be extremely dangerous to the United States and would subject the members of the armed forces of the United States to treachery at the hands of our common enemy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Board of Grand Officers of the Native Sons of the Golden West in meeting assembled in San Francisco, California, on February 27, 1943, do hereby petition the Honorable Secretary of War and the Honorable Secretary of the Navy of the United States to prohibit persons of Japanese ancestry from enlisting or being inducted into the armed forces of the United States.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Grand Officers (Board of Directors) of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West, this fifth day of March, 1943.

John T. Regan
Grand Secretary, N.S.G.W.

ASST. SEC. 37218 S.O. Comments. Regan, John T.

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WHEREAS: Hollywood Parlor #196 is a Member Parlor of the Order
of the Native Sons of the Golden West and is vitally concerned
not only with the Preservation of our form of Government but
also with the Promotion of all matters
and

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Los Angeles, California

February 6, 1943

WHEREAS: Information has come to this Organization of the pro-
posal to amend the United States Army a unit of so-called
Honorable Henry L. Stimpson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Sir: The members of Hollywood Parlor #196 of the Native Sons
of the Golden West are thoroughly convinced that all Japanese, by
Your attention is respectfully directed
to the enclosed Resolution unanimously adopted by
Hollywood Parlor #196, Native Sons of the Golden
West, February 1st 1943.

Very sincerely yours
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the undersigned is stren-
guly Opposed to the formation of

Wm. I. Hortenstine

States Army and hereby respectfully request the Secretary of the
United States of America to exercise his executive and to
ify any proposals of such a nature

Wm. I. Hortenstine
Recording Secretary
#5400 Hollywood Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Copies of this Petition be sent to
the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of
the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military
Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives
Military Affairs Committee and Others.

WHEREAS: Hollywood Parlor #196 is a Member Parlor of the Order of the Native Sons of the Golden West and is vitally concerned not only with the Preservation of our form of Government but also with the Promotion of all matters beneficial to its interests; and

WHEREAS: Information has come to this Organization of the proposals to enroll in the United States Army a unit of so-called "Citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry"; and

WHEREAS: The Members of Hollywood Parlor #196 of the Native Sons of the Golden West are thoroughly convinced that all Japanese, by their teachings, philosophy, ideology and physiology, are loyal only to Japan regardless of protestations otherwise and that the enrollment of a United States Army Unit composed of Japanese would be inimical to the Welfare of this Nation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Hollywood Parlor #196 is Strenuously Opposed to the formation of a Japanese Unit in the United States Army and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to exercise its prerogative and to nullify any proposals of such a nature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Copies of this Petition be sent to the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representative Military Affairs Committee and Others.

CLAYTON HEAVEN, SECRETARY
1718 LINCOLN BLVD.

"SOX" KUHLMAYER, COMMANDER
1214 PACIFIC STREET
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Veterans Service League,
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LARGEST VETERANS ORGANIZATION IN THE BAY DISTRICT
MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 8:00 P. M.
1943 MAR 6 AM 8:54 TELEPHONE S. M. 41888
CLUBHOUSE 1447 SIXTEENTH STREET
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

February 28th, 1943.

*Honorable Henry Stimson,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.*

Sir:

The Veterans Service League of Santa Monica, California, at our meeting of February 18th, 1943, unanimously adopted the accompanying resolution.

Members of our organization, who are veterans of all the wars and present war, are of the unanimous opinion that the matter of loyalty to the United States of America on the part of persons of JAPANESE ancestry, whether American or Japanese born is to be seriously doubted. Further, we feel that this sentiment is shared by the majority of the citizens of the State of California.

We, therefore present this resolution with the hope that it will receive your most favorable consideration.

Sincerely.

Robert V. Reilly

ROBERT V. REILLY
1st VICE-COMM.
VETERANS SERVICE LEAGUE
SANTA MONICA, CALIF.



Veterans Service League, Inc.

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SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

-: ADOPTED; February 18th, 1943.

February 28th, 1943.

RESOLUTION:

Members of the Veterans Service League of Santa Monica, composed of 1600 veterans from all the wars, are grieved and shocked to learn of the proposal to enroll in the United States Army a unit of JAPANESE ancestry.

The members of the Veterans Service League are firmly convinced that the enrollment of a United States Army unit composed of JAPANESE will retard the welfare of the State of California and of the nation, and will create a dangerous threat to a proper and adequate defence of this great country, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Veterans Service League is strenuously opposed to the formation of a JAPANESE unit of the United States Army, and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to take steps as may be necessary to prevent this organization and enrollment of such a unit. And be it further

Resolved, That copies of this petition be sent to the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee the Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee and others.

Resolved, that copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting to-night of the Veterans Service League for future reference after this war.

Resolved, this resolution was submitted by the Americanism Committee of the Veterans Service League, and adopted by unanimous vote.

Henry L. "Sox" Kuhlmeier
Commander.

Robert V. Reilly

Clayton Heaven
Secretary.

R. V. REILLY - CHAIRMAN
AMERICANISM COMMITTEE
VETERANS SERVICE LEAGUE
SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

East Los Angeles Parlor No. 266

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

POPPY TRAIL VILLA

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Hon. Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

EAST LOS ANGELES PARLOR No. 266 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is grieved and shocked to learn of the proposal to enroll in the United States Army a unit composed of so-called "citizens of the United States of America of Japanese ancestry."

The members of EAST LOS ANGELES PARLOR are firmly of the opinion that the Constitution of the United States of America does not confer citizenship on any person of Japanese descent born in this country, therefore there are no "citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry": they also are of the belief that all Japanese, regardless of protestations otherwise, inherently are loyal only to Japan, and they are thoroughly convinced that the enrollment of the United States Army unit composed of Japanese will be inimicable to the welfare of the State of California and the Nation, and will undoubtedly create a dangerous threat to a proper and adequate defense of this country. Therefore,

Resolved, That EAST LOS ANGELES PARLOR is strenuously opposed to the formation of a Japanese unit of the United States Army, and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to exercise its prerogative and nullify the declared intention of the War Department to organize and enroll, such a unit. And be it further,

Resolved, That copies of this petition be sent the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee and others.

Sincerely yours,

Eduo Restovich
Recording Secretary



SANTA MARIA PARLOR NO. 276

Native Daughters of the Golden West

INSTITUTED JUNE 3, 1941

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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Feb. 18, 1943.

Hon. Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:-

Santa Maria Parlor No. 276 of The Native Daughters of the Golden West is grieved and shocked to learn of the proposal to enroll in the United States Army a unit composed of so-called "citizens of the United States of America of Japanese ancestry."

The members of Santa Maria Parlor are firmly of the opinion that the Constitution of the United States of America does not confer citizenship on any person of Japanese descent born in this country, therefore there are no "citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry"; they also are of the belief that all Japanese, regardless of protestations otherwise, inherently are loyal only to Japan, and they are thoroughly convinced that the enrollment of a United States Army unit composed of Japanese will be inimicable to the welfare of the State of California and the Nation, and will undoubtedly create a dangerous threat to a proper and adequate defense of this country. Therefore,

Resolved, That Santa Maria Parlor is strenuously opposed to the formation of a Japanese unit of the United States Army, and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to exercise its prerogative and nullify the declared intention of the War Department to organize and enroll such a unit. And be it further

Resolved, That copies of this petition be sent the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Affairs committee and others.

Respectfully submitted,

Santa Maria Parlor #276,
Native Daughters of the Golden West.

President.

Norine Ruperto



