

SEPTBBMER 10, 1981-Seattle-

Dear Bill,

Enclosed a copy of Inada and Chin's testimony before the commission. And a copy of the Great Camp Novel section of the "Big Aiiieeeee!"

Our thoughts and notes on the hearings, with the hope they will set off lights, flash ideas, and ~~spx~~ inspire strategy ...

To make the case for ~~damaging~~ lasting and transmittable damage to the succeeding post camp generations. A KID. ~~The~~ The Nikkei honor students write a ~~statement~~ statement and send a rep to present it as their testimony before the commission.

~~See~~ Something along the ~~x~~ lines of: ~~Wx~~ I'm not here because I have anything to say about what happened in camp. I don't know. That's why I'm here. My parents--our parents won't speak to us about camp. They are talking to you. We need to know what they're telling you. Please, for the sake of our history, our identity, the young of the Nikkei write the whole truth in your report, and be satisfied with nothing less than the whole truth in your ~~x~~ hearings, ~~an~~ investigation and research....

The loyalty oath has not been developed in the hearings. A No-No boy coming on strong. A ~~Wx~~ WWI vet in uniform.

The WRA and Leland Barrows have cited ~~the~~ the WRA policy of dispersal as a beneficial and successful program that did the Nikkei nothing but good and won them acceptance.

Chicago can produce the proof that ~~x~~ dispersal intimidated ~~in~~ embittered, humiliated rather than benefited. I love Chicago and all my friends here. But the government has no business telling me where to live.

Lawson's thought on proving dispersal wasn't great, is ~~in~~ the testimony of Sansei born in the new home, born in dispersal. ...I'm all fucked up cuz my folks won't talk to me. They won't talk to me about camp or anything Japanesey. I'm all fucked up cuz my folks act like they hate themselves, all Japanese and hate themselves, ~~in~~ even though most of our friends and relatives ~~are~~ are or look Japanesey. Nothing happening between me and the folks. Now zing. This commission. I see my folks cry. I don't know what they heard. I heard it, but I don't know what it is. You made ~~up~~ them keep everything secret from me. ~~in~~ ~~the~~...A kid doesn't have to come on this strong. Lawson says he doesn't have to mention the folks. He can stay in his little ~~x~~ egocentric life, but admit to a deep sense of missing something. An inability to justify or identify with the yellowness of his skin...you know, identity problems. Racial identity problems, the result of an unnatural forced dispersion after a catastrophic humiliation...

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Lawson's good idea: A father/son team. A family. Kid sings all positive notes. Everything's fine and dandy. No problems. Know nothing about camps. Never talked about them. Don't identify with the issue. Don't favor redress. (Kid does not have to be a full blood)

Pop: See the kid's all messed up. ~~Never~~ Never been around so many Japanese before. I came here ~~with~~ with him to make up for coming out of camp determined ~~not~~ not to taint him with any bitterness or ~~foreignness~~ foreignness. I came out of camp not wanting to live around be near or have my children associate with other Japanese Americans. I was gung ho dispersal. I dispersed. I dispersed away from my parents. I ~~disperced~~ disperced my entire past, and now my children, I see have been dispersed to where they are inaccessible to ~~their~~ ~~stheir~~ stheir history, and disinterested in their people. Well, kids, these are your people, like it or not.

Be nice, if everyone ~~give~~ ~~in~~ ~~their~~ Chicago ~~identifi~~ ~~gave~~ gave their place of ~~the~~ birth, and city from where they were evacuated, in their testimony. Most will be born in West Coast cities...not Chicago...That fact alone ~~and~~ will ~~make~~ dramatize dispersal's effect.

Be nice if all would at least mention, in passing, the effect of the loyalty oath on them.

Be nicer for someone...a victim Yes yes or No No...to divulge, ~~an~~ fondle and describe their hard on for the loyalty oath, in a long long shot.

...Government has cnceded the constitutional case and the amount of property ~~and~~ and money lost. They have mountains of sob stories written in dollar signs. I think people can talk of other things and mention property loss and financial ruin in passing. The focus of the testimony can get a little finer, go a little deeper.

The media ~~is~~ is a beast. A few notes on the nature of the beast. The media send their ~~young~~ cubs, their young and ~~stupid~~ stupid out on this story because they see no hard news in it. These kids ~~will~~ will look for a pro-con, a for and against kind of story. Those ~~in~~ in for redress say, while those opposed argue...

Be nice if someone noticed for the press that there is no organized open, public opposition to redress. No sane whites are defending the need or ~~justifi~~ ~~legality~~ legality of the camps. ~~They~~ They are not arguing for or against the camps. They are arguing how to ~~accomplish~~ accomplish redress. What form it should take. All agree the camps were wrong....Then the press might see what you're talking about.

3/chin/

The media leave at three in the afternoon.

Prime time before the commission is 11am to 2:30pm. ~~xxxxx~~

From 9 to 11 am, it's politicians. Maneuver for a time before three if you have bombs and info ~~for~~ you'd like to ~~make~~ make the news, and influence the commission.

WHAT HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED IN TESTIMONY TO DATE:

The ^{loyalty} oath: it's effects, its victims.

Dispersal: it's effects and victims.