

from the desk of . . .

Hannah T. Holmes

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March 24, 1979

Mr David Ishii
Bookseller
212 First Avenue South
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear David:

Enclose a check and please accept our strong support in behalf of our Issei and Nisei Handicapped group who had many frustrating experiences due to lack of enough education, employment or communication in the hearing world.

Most of us Disabled people in California know that U.S. Senator Hayakawa, himself has a mentally retarded son. We wonder how would he feel if his son were in our same boat.

At least I wish to send you a letter copy that the world famous deaf and blind woman "DID" show her deep concerns for both of us hearing and deaf people in camps. I hope this could help you in the future.

Respectfully,

Hannah Tomiko Holmes
Hannah Tomiko Holmes
Deaf Vocational Instructor
Delegate at large Rehabilitation
Advisory Committee
Los Angeles, California

PS I wonder where can I get the Washington Post copy, please inform me. Thank you.

ARCAN RIDGE
WESTPORT, CONN.

August 2, 1943.

Dear Hannah,

How I love your beautiful, sweet letter and the love that made you write it! Truly it is wonderful that you and the children at the Tule Lake School should think so kindly of me, a stranger, when you must miss your homes and many other things dear to you.

I shall never forget the tribute you have paid me -- giving my name to the Tule Lake Project. I am glad of the chance that the children there have to learn to read books, speak more clearly and find sunshine among shadows. Let them only remember this, -- their courage in conquering obstacles will be a lamp throwing its bright rays far into other lives beside their own.

Often I think of the marvellous, artistic, poetry-filled Nippon I knew and loved. Always I am grateful to all the people there -- blind and seeing, deaf and hearing, great and humble, who showed me every kindness and the most touching hospitality. War, change and sorrow cannot take from us anything really noble, gracious and helpful in our lives.

You live in golden California where I have spent many of my happiest days. I live here in New England where the winters are cold and skies gray, but how lovely the springs are when the birds return from the South, and the old stone walls, pastures and woods burst into rich bloom! I wish I could show the children the garden and the rocks around which I work from half-past five until breakfast,

ARCAN RIDGE
WESTPORT, CONN.

weeding, raking up leaves and clipping grass. The fragrances from roses and evergreens make me feel that I truly see, the morning peace and the sweet, quiet earth bring courage when I need it for tasks hard to accomplish.

With best wishes for the children in their studies and victory over limitation, and with warmest thanks for writing to me, I am,

Affectionately your friend,

Helen Keller



Miss Hannah Takagi,
Helen Keller School
War Relocation Authority,
Tule Lake Project,
Well, California.