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Mr. James M. Omura  
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Dear Mr. Omura,

I received your letter of the 10th today. Regarding the news reports which I sent in and hope to continue sending in, please revise them as you see fit as I have no experience in compiling and laying out news articles. I will send you all information after I have verified the facts contained therein so that all news will be based on facts.

At this time I would like to inform you that I have been assigned to the work of sending out any news or information pertaining to the Fair Play Committee, therefore, in the interests of factual information regarding the FPC, please publish only those news items or information which I send in until further notice.

In the April 10th issue of the Rocky Slope, the article on the FPC carried or rather mentioned the fact that I, together with Okamoto were taken in custody by federal authorities. I would like to correct that part. Mr. Okamoto, together with a Mr. Isamu Horino were taken away to Tule Lake on leave clearance grounds presumably by the federal authorities. I, together with Minoru Tamesa, a FPC member, were put into the military police guardhouse after being arrested for walking out of the center without a pass. We were held in the M.P. guardhouse for two days after which we had to appear before the project director and numerous witnesses for a trial or rather a hearing. I have enclosed a copy of the transcript of the hearing. It may be of interest to you. I believe that it shows very clearly the dictatorial powers the WRA exercises over us citizens. It shows clearly our present status as regards our Constitutional rights. We do not have any.

As you have stated, the Pacific Citizen and Mr. Kido are definitely on the other side of the fence so far as the FPC and our stand for the application of the Constitutional guarantees to us as equal American citizens are concerned. In fact, he seems to be opposed to any action the citizens may take in demanding restoration of rights right at present. He does not have



the courage to stand up for the ideals and principles of our country. I do not believe that he feels himself to be a ~~great~~ real American. I was brought up with Americans and I know that real Americans fight for their rights and beliefs, just as we are fighting for justice and rights at a time when justice, human rights and Constitutional rights have been sorely abused. I believe that people like Mr. Kido and his kind are the real traitors against Democracy and Constitutionalism. All this is beside the point, but those are my feelings, and I am sure, the feelings of many niseis towards the present JACL leaders and their policies.

We are fortunate indeed that there is one nisei editor who has the courage to stand up for justice and Constitutionalism. Lincoln said that the nation cannot be half slave and half free. So too, I believe that we should <sup>not</sup> be content half citizen and half alien. Those things, I believe, should be cleared up by the proper authorities first.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Emi  
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