

Gov #103

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Dear Mr. Omura

I am here at Tulle Lake. Was visited by 2 U.S. Marshalls in my room, asked to accompany them, taken to Robertson's office and there was read to me by Robertson that I was denied leave clearance. For this reason, I am classified as disloyal. He then proceeded with the reading and ordered me to pack enough clothes for 60 days; to leave the Center that very evening and my baggage would be shipped to me at government expense.

Later that afternoon, I was taken to the ~~exit~~ gate guard house at the exit gate where I ~~was~~ was joined by Isamu Horino.

Horino was arrested by the Military for challenging their right to detain him.

I do not know whether this story will reach you without censorship but I will give you the details.

Sam, as he is sometimes called, was a member of the Fair Play Committee. He went out to Cody - without W.R.A. permit - to do what he could for those that were jailed to test their citizenship status. The Sheriff at Cody was ordered to arrest him by Robert but, the judge, attorney, Internal Security Office and three others could find no excuse to do so as he was a citizen. The only way Robertson could do so was to wait for Sam to return to the Center and arrest him for breaking W.R.A. rules. Sam returned; went to the Military gate and, the Military arrested him. (I think Sam has a just ground for a test case - Right of the Military Detention) He accompanied me here to Tulle Lake under ~~the~~ guard of two U.S. Marshalls.

As for myself, I am hazy about the whole transactions. Robertson called me disloyal and a trouble maker. I have had no hearing, no trial. So did Sam. But, we are the ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~W.R.A.~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~.

I just got hold of your Monday & Wednesday edition. Too bad if JAC is employing gangster tactics. I am hoping the FBI will not break down. Also, I ask you to give them your support as long as they deserve.

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Would you have time to see Sylvia? If you do, give her my regards and tell her to be a good girl. I would like her to send those things I asked her to.

I shall write to you from time to time. Whether my mail will be permitted to reach you is a question for I was told I would be under close scrutiny.

To place me into such a situation indicates Robertson's incapacity. My letter to Secretary Ickes and the Councilman's promise to ouster him is sufficient grounds for the average person to see there is something wrong in ~~Democracy~~ Heart Mountain.

I sense a different atmosphere here at Tule Lake. What it is - I still am not sure.

I have no kick coming. I played too honest a game. However, Heart Mountain has been awakened. I hope they will keep awake. We have shown where the rotten spot is. It is up to the Residents to keep their fingers clean.

From present indications, I can be of hardly any help. But, I am worried over the J.P.A. + W.R.A. policy of forcing the Relocation. May the Spirit of Fair Play will be injected under Secretary Ickes.

Sincerely

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