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Governor Homer Adkins
 State of Arkansas
 Little Rock, Arkansas

February 16, 1943

My dear sir:

Last Sunday I came across the following short item in a Washington, D.C. paper:

"Japanese and their citizenships will be prohibited from owning land in Arkansas under a bill signed today by Gov. Homer Adkins. This law is aimed at thousands of West Coast and Hawaiian Japanese in Arkansas."

We men now in the service earnestly believe that such legislation strikes hard at democracy and at those principles we are attempting to defend. Surely this does not give equal rights to all. Rather it signifies greed, jealousy, racial and class hatred all of which are the root of war.

Bear in mind that these Japanese Americans are as loyal or even more loyal to our flag than our own people. Those of Japanese descent now in our military training camps are hard intelligent workers making the most of their training.

In conclusion I say we must do that which is fair and right in all things to secure a lasting peace and to preserve our freedom.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Very sincerely yours
 Pvt. Winston M. Laughlin