

June 24, 1994

Dear Frank,

Glad I found you at home. Finally got hold of Art Hansen yesterday. Notified him of James' funeral this a.m. and of his huge responsibilities now. He readily agreed to take it on and will be calling the two sons. James, Art and I had been speaking about such a contingency for some two years.

I emphasized to him how fleeting life is, that James never got the real recognition he deserved - an honorary degree, which had also been discussed for sometime. I urged him to submit your candidacy to the Col. State Board of trustees. He thought it a great idea, as your resume' is truly impressive - and it doesn't even mention your seminal role in establishing BOR commemorative ceremonies, your watershed role vis-a-vis Heart Mountain Resisters and in rewriting Mikkee history. Please send me updated resume when you find the time.

The last letter I received from James Omura is timely and a treasure. If I could get a portrait of him (does anyone own a fairly good picture of him?), I could frame the letter with the photo and auction it off to benefit the Resisters film project of yours. Bidding might start around \$4,000, what do you think?

Let's get everyone to start looking around for letters received from Omura.

Sad that James' wish "to [live^{to}] see an organization of this nature award a similar plaque to Mr. Chin" never came true. His inexhaustible outrage will be sorely missed.

Love from us both.

Michi

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June 13, 1994.

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Dear Michi:

It was nice to read in the June 3rd Hokubei Mainichi of San Francisco of Mount Holyoke College conferring on you an honorary doctorate of letters for your seminal work YEARS OF INFAMY. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor. I join with Walter in your approbation.

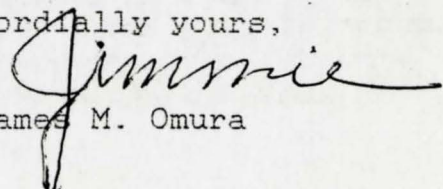
To your question if I know of anyone who subscribe to the Asian Week, the answer is yes. I am a longtime subscriber but since the editorial turnover a couple of years back, the new editor has consistently suppressed any contribution that I make. I was, of course, very grateful for the November 1990 article in that publication as the Deborah Lim Report is now up for discussion at the JACL biennial convention upcoming in August at Salt Lake City.

I am troubled about the Salt Lake City convention because the discussion on Deborah Lim Report is subject to manipulation by JACL officials, as indicated by adverse remarks appearing in the vernacular press. The convention is a captive audience and the discussion will be held in a totally controlled atmosphere with no principals, dissidents, nonconformist and critics present. Have written to Clifford Uyeda that he attend to defend Miss Lim. As you are aware, damage to myself is not widely known and I would think the JACL National Board can make no proper evaluation or judgment. In actual fact, I did not request a personal resolution on this matter but instead I requested a public apology to the Japanese American ethnic society for wartime conducts that approximate ethnic betrayal.

I do not have a copy of the book you refer to and hitherto had not been aware of its existence. I would be curious to see it.

On June 8th, I suffered a setback and have stopped work on the manuscript since. All basic notes have been coordinated in the computer and the way is clear for the last half of the text. I had hoped it would be finished by the end of the year and still am confident of its completion. Its been a long time but a few people have remained constant in their belief that the product will be completed. I will probably be restarting it next week. At the moment, I am still a bit under the weather.

Cordially yours,


James M. Omura

LOYALTY QUESTIONNAIRE STATISTICS

1. Results:	Question #28	Yes	Qual Yes	No	Qual no	No reply
	Male citizens	15,011	340	4414	375	128
		affirmative	73.7%		Negative	21.7%
	Female citizens	15,671	376	1919	210	226
		Affirmative	85.%		Negative	10.4%
	Male aliens	20,197	137			
		affirmative	96.4%		Negative	0.7%
	Female aliens	14,712	263			
		affirmative	96.5		Negative	1.8%

2. After exchange was effected total number of "disloyals" segregants in Tule

repatriates and expatriates	5,127
registration segregants	4,222
other segregants	4,191
TOTAL	13,540

3. Per cents of total population 17 years or older giving non-affirmative replies

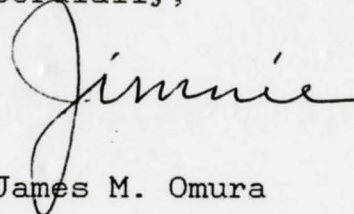
1. all projects	16%	7. Minidoka	9%
2. Tule	42	8. Rohrer	8
3. Jerome	28	9. Ht. Mt.	7
4. Manzanar	26	10. Poston	6
5. Topaz	15	11. Granada	2
6. Gila	13		

house guest of a prewar friend, who made her living as a concert pianist and music teacher. She has won Who's Who recognitions in both England and America. People came from San Francisco, Oakland, Fremont, Los Altos, Mountain View to take me out to lunch and dinner. It surprised my host. As it were I missed one party who had lent me her house while she was away in Washington, D.C. and her husband tied up in Dallas. She has now two children and I have only pictures to remind me. I did call her and she said next time for me to come over. "The house is yours," she said. In fact I had hoped to have a "last seafood dinner" at Fisherman's Wharf but somehow that got detoured. If there is another chance, perhaps.....!

I did not tell you that when I spoke about Frank Chin in Los Angeles, there was a strong applause. I could not see the audience because lights had been turned off with only a spotlight on the podium. Later, Brooks Iwakiri said he started to clap and the audience stood up and clapped. I had to stop until the applause died down. The applause was an indication that the remark went well with the audience. The Rafu reporter asked whether I was close to Frank Chin and I said hardly.

The Eichi Suyama thesis was that published? I don't recall seeing it before. I have a note from a Los Angeles person who stated having seen the Ike Hachimonji op-ed and thought of responding but did not do so because prior the Pacific Citizen withheld his offering. He argued over the phone and it was then published. He is highly skeptical whether P.C. would publish his comments. The op-ed letter published by The Rafu was first sent to P.C. but at present time it probably appears not to have been printed. The Pacific Citizen has censored any article or comment that I might make for some years now. No one believes the P.C. has turned over a new leaf.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmie".

James M. Omura