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June 4, 1942.

Dear Roger:

Mr. Roger N. Baldwin,

New York City, N.Y.

170 Fifth Ave.,

Our Committee today voted to intervene in the Base of Fred Toyosaburo, a Japanese 24 years of age, born in Oakland, who violated the evacuation orders. A copy of the material portion of the complaint is enclosed herewith. I am informed that an information will be filed against Korematsu on Monday. Mr. Collins will represent him in the proceedings.

The Committee also voted to seek a dismissal of the complaint against John Hidio Ura, charged with violating the ourfew regulations. Ura is a citizen. In the event that such dismissal cannot be secured, then the Union will provide defense for Mr. Ura. Let me be more accurate. The foregoing is merely an offer to Mr. Ura. I expect to see him today or tomorrow to determine whether he will accept our aid.

The Korematsu case has one or two human interest angles. While his family was evacuated to Tanforan, he wanted to stay here because he is in love with an Italian girl who is ready to marry him. Indeed, he went to the extreme of having a plastic surgeon try to change his Japanese features. The surgeon wasn't very successful (although he did extract \$125 from the pockets of his pa-'tient), because he still looks very Japanese.

The Committee voted 6 to 4 on the evacuation resolutions: 6 votes for #1, and 4 votes for #2. Unfortunately, many of our Committee members, including Bishep Parsons, are out of the city THE receivement was some and could not vote on the many important issues that confronted us

I am also enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Morris C. Graves, which speaks for itself. Mr. Graves, an artist from Seattle (see Time Magazine, February 2, 1942 "Art") took French leave from the Army where he refused to serve as a non-combatant. His draft board classified him as such. Our Committee has agreed 1, that Mr. Graves should be surrendered; and, 2, that the same procedure should be followed as in the Gallatin case. The latter, you know, was court martialed for refusing to obey orders but finally given an honorable discharge and re-classified 4-3. I intend to surrender Graves tomorrow. I haven't written to Selective Service or anyone else as yet. I intend to do that and to call the case to the attention of interested groups. Will you also please get busy on it. Of course, I have no way of knowing where Graves will be taken.

Sincerely yours,

Dear Bracets

Thanks for yours of June 4 about those test cases.

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Sincerely your

RKB/sa

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