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Dear Friend:

The lot of Japanese Americans during World War II has been a difficult one. On the grounds of "military necessity," they were uprooted from their homes and confined in isolated relocation centers operated by the Federal government. A large number lost everything they had. And now after more than three years, they are being sent out from these centers into the stream of American life.

Now that these American refugees are trying to return to normal life, they find that their future is beset with obstacles. Boycotts, acts of terrorism, misunderstanding, race prejudice, housing shortage, employment problems and many other factors make their resettlement a tremendous task.

The Japanese American Citizens League, which was organized in 1930, actively aided the evacuees and cooperated with the government agencies during the trying months of the evacuation. And throughout the war years, it continued its activities to enhance the welfare of the unfortunate displaced persons of Japanese ancestry. It is the only national organization amongst the evacuees which survived the ordeals of the evacuation and its aftermath.

The reconstruction period for these Japanese Americans begins. It becomes increasingly important that an organization speak for them. This is one of the means whereby self-confidence and self-respect can be regained by the evacuees.

Your active support by becoming a supporting member will be one way of showing your sympathy and interest in the plight of these evacuees who are the American civilian "casualties of war." We solicit your aid in order that a two-fold educational program, one to aid the returning evacuees to adjust themselves to normal American life and the other to inform the American public of the facts in order that this group may become completely integrated into American life.

Sincerely yours,

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