

August 25, 1943

Edward V. Berman
Relocation Officer
War Relocation Authority
304 North Main
Pocatello, Idaho

Dear Mr. Berman:

I regret to say that we are no longer able to accept non-resident Japanese-American students for enrollment in the University of Idaho. Our present intention is to allow those already enrolled to continue here and we will follow that plan at least for the time being.

We had several of these students here during the spring semester and I believe there are six enrolled at the present time. They have conducted themselves in exemplary fashion and their student work has been above the average. That has been our experience in general with the Japanese students who attended here in the years prior to the war.

The situation has been complicated here to some extent in recent months by our being chosen by the Navy as a V-12 officer training school. There are now some 450 of these V-12 students on the campus in addition to about 75 aeronautical trainees.

It is the general opinion that some prejudice against Japanese students is manifest among these Navy enlistees and conditions are unquestionably not as favorable for their attendance here as in times past. Unfortunately war tends to create prejudice and tolerance of the enemy is not emphasized by either the army or the navy in mental conditioning the soldier or the

sailor for the job he has to do.

We have had none but satisfactory contacts with the Relocation Authority. In our opinion they are having a hard job to do and are doing it well.

Sincerely yours,



E. J. Baldwin

Ernest J. Baldwin
Acting Executive Dean

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cc J. H. Andersen, President
State Board of Education

Asher B. Wilson, Chairman
Southern Branch Executive Committee

Harrison G. Dale, President
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