

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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W. M. JEFFERS,  
PRESIDENT

February 14, 1942

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Hoover:

In order to complete your file on the subject, I attach herewith original telegrams handed me by General Chairmen of various train and engine organizations, also original of letter from General Chairman Voseipka of the Engineers, having reference to the Japanese situation.

I am giving Mr. Biddle photostat copies of Mr. Voseipka's letter and the telegrams for his information.

Very truly yours,

*Wm Jeffers*

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366 BRANDEIS THEATRE BUILDING  
OMAHA, NEBR.  
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February 14, 1942

Mr. W. M. Jeffers, President  
Union Pacific Railroad  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

The retainment of Japanese aliens in the service of the Union Pacific Railroad Company is a matter of deep concern to the men in engine service. I am advised that such aliens are employed in the Maintenance of Way and Mechanical Departments of the Union Pacific on the Nebraska and Wyoming Divisions.

Rumors of accidents and near accidents in which Japanese alien employes have figured have upset the men I represent to the extent that messages are coming into my office from representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers along the territory in which these aliens are employed, strongly urging that steps be taken to eliminate all enemy aliens from the service on the Union Pacific for the duration of the war.

We feel that some action is necessary not only to safeguard our own members, but also the lives and property entrusted to their care. This is especially true in view of the fact that the Union Pacific lines are now being called upon to transport an unusually heavy volume of freight and passenger traffic for the Government of the United States.

I am attaching hereto original messages received to date and would appreciate being advised concerning the attitude of the Union Pacific toward this question.

Very truly yours,

*J. W. Voelker*  
Acting General Chairman.

J.W:dl  
Encl.

Omaha Nebraska

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# WESTERN UNION

1201

**SYMBOLS**

DL=Day Letter
NT=Overnight Telegram
LC=Deferred Cable
NLT=Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiogram

A. N. WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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RUMORS OF ACCIDENTS AND NEAR ACCIDENTS IN WHICH JAPANESE ALIENS HAVE FIGURES IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ENGINEERS ON 1ST DISTRICT. YOU ARE URGED TO IMMEDIATELY DEMAND THAT UNION PACIFIC MANAGEMENT TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ELIMINATE ENEMY ALIENS FROM UNION PACIFIC SERVICE FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR.

**PAUL GETZSCHMAN LOCAL CHAIRMAN.**

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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# WESTERN UNION

1200

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DL—Day Letter
NL—Night Letter
LC—Deferred Cable
NLT—Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiogram

R. S. WHITE  
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J W VOSEIPKA, 366 BRANDIES THEATRE BLDG=

18TH AND DOUGLAS OMAHA NEBR=

ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF DIVISION 44, DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF ALL ENEMY ALIENS, WORKING IN ANY CAPACITY, FROM UNION PACIFIC PROPERTY. YOU TO HANDLE THIS WITH MR. JEFFERS PERSONALLY. AFTER EPISODE AT HOWELL, WYO. RECENTLY IT IS EVIDENT REGARDLESS OF YEARS OF SERVICE, THAT THERE ARE ANY GOOD ENEMY ALIENS, JAPS, NAZIS OR DAGOES, AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE PAMPERED ANY LONGER. THERE ARE NO AMERICANS RUNNING LOOSE IN ENEMY COUNTRIES WORKING IN DEFENSE INDUSTRIES. WE ENGINEERS WILL NOT CONDONE KEEPING THEM IN SERVICE UNTIL THEY WRECK A TROOP OR AMMUNITION TRAIN, TYING UP OUR UNION PACIFIC MAIN LINE. AND KILLING ARMY PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES WHICH ARE SO VITAL TO OUR WINNING THIS WAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE=

CHAS EARNER LOCAL CHAIRMAN DIV 44.

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- NLT - Cable Night Letter
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A. N. WILLIAMS  
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AARON FLOYD=

ELLIS CLUB HOTEL OMAHA NEBR=

WE DEMAND REMOVAL ALL ENEMY ALIENS FROM SERVICE AT ONCE=

LEO N SCHUMACHER LC NO 86 LARAMIE WYO.

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# WESTERN UNION

1930

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NL - Night Letter

LC - Deferred Cable

NLT - Cable Night Letter

Ship Radiogram

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENTNEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDJ. C. WILLEVER  
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A FLOYD=

GENERAL CHAIRMAN B OF L F AND E ELKS CLUB HOTEL

OMAHA NEBR

I HEREBY REQUEST THAT ALL GERMANS ITALIANS AND JAPS THAT ARE NOT 100 PERCENT AMERICANS BY REMOVED FROM THE EMPLOY OF THE U P RAILROAD. AS A MATTER OF SAFETY AND PEACE OF MIND TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC AND THE OTHER EMPLOYES ON THE SYSTEM. AND WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT ALL EMPLOYES BE INSTRUCTED, IF THEY HEAR ANY DISPARAGING REMARKS ON THE PART OF ANOTHER THAT IT BE REPORTED SO THAT IT MAY BE INVESTIGATED AND THE UNLOYAL ONES REMOVED FROM SERVICE=  
C E BEEDER LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

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AARON FLOYD=

ELKS CLUB OMAHA NEBR=

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HELD TODAY RESOLUTION  
 PASSED INSISTING ON ALL JAPANESE AND OTHER ALIEN ENEMY  
 EMPLOYES BEING REMOVED FROM COMPANY PROPERTY ON THIS DISTRICT  
 SOON AS POSSIBLE=

H C LUSTY R L STARR.

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