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All the newspapers here accorded much publicity to the Japanese-American problem yesterday, supporting the strong attitude of the American Government. The Gallup Poll also shows support for the strong attitude, though it is suggested that the door is not yet quite closed. For the present, public interest appears to be focussed on Japanese-American relations rather than on American-German relations. Though it may be possible for the tension to be allayed, it depends partly on the European war situation, and nothing can be forecase with respect to future developments. Reports will be submitted by Wakasugi and Iwakuro on their return to Japan; but, as the situation is changing every moment, time is the most important factor. I deeply fear lest I should make a miscalculation at this moment, and besides there is a limit to my ability. It is therefore earnestly requested that you dispatch at your earliest convenience some senior in the diplomatic service who is well versed in affairs in and out of Japan (for example, Ambassador Kurusu), to coöperate with me. I am unable to perceive the delicate shades of the policy of the Government, and am quite at a loss what to do. I should be very much obliged if you would give special consideration to the matter and realize it promptly.

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