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October 4, 1950

General Douglas MacArthur,
Supreme Commander of
United Nations Forces.

Sir:

On June 25, 1950, nearly five years after the termination of World War II, an upheaval was suddenly caused by the invasion of the North Korean army into South Korea. We, Japanese people, who were just about to enjoy the blessing of a much-awaited peace, were again seized with serious misgivings lest the hostilities might again plunge the whole world into another war, World War III.

It is not too much to say that human history, which shows a number of wars repeated in the past centuries is, in a sense, a history of war. Now, human beings, who have made rapid and remarkable progress in science, have come full-face to the crisis of ending their own lives by their own hands--through the means made available to them by this very progress in science, as has been predicted by Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite. Therefore, should no efforts be made to check this crisis, there is no denying that the whole world will be reduced to ashes by the havoc and devastation of wars; and if such an event actually takes place, it is inevitable that human culture will be completely destroyed once and for all.

At this juncture, the United Nations Forces, with the U. S. army as their nucleus, took up the challenge in order to defend the cause of world peace and went on an expedition to Korea, where they have already won a brilliant victory restoring Seoul to the Republic of Korea. Thus, the War has now entered upon a new stage of development for the future. We deeply appreciate the brilliant achievements that have been attained by the U. N. Forces as the result of a gallant and intrepid fight and at the cost of a number of priceless lives and a huge volume of materials.

We pray, from the bottom of our hearts, that such a cruel war will be put an end to as soon as possible and that the blessings of God may always rest upon the courageous soldiers of the United Nations who are devoting themselves to a full and satisfactory performance of the noble mission of establishing a permanent in the world; and at the same time, on behalf of the 6,200 members of the Town and Village Assemblies in Hyogo Prefecture, we, the undersigned Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Association of the Speakers of the Town and Village Assemblies in Hyogo Prefecture, pay our profound respects and offer our sincerest gratitude to the brave soldiers of the United Nations Forces who are now fighting at the front.

We also wish to express our deepest sympathy and regret to the United Nations soldiers who were killed or wounded or taken ill while engaged in the operations over in Korea as well as their bereaved families in their home countries.

Yours truly,

Tayemon Oku,
Chairman,
Hyogo-ken Town and Village
Assembly Speakers' Association;

Saichi Ishii,
Vice-chairman,
Hyogo-ken Town and Village
Assembly Speakers' Association;

Gihee Maruo,
Vice-chairman,
Hyogo-ken Town and Village
Assembly Speakers' Association.

October 2nd 1950

TO: General of the Army Douglas MacArthur,
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

We pay deepest respect and appreciation to the gallant action of the American forces under the flag of the United Nations for the sake of protecting freedom and justice against the invasion of the North Korean Army.

Nothing has ever so deeply moved us as the setting up of the first step towards the construction of a peaceful Korea protecting our country from the fear of communism by the recent victory of recapturing Seoul with an overwhelming power of your army.

At this juncture, we take liberty of extending our most sincere sympathy and condolence for the wounded and dead of your forces who have fought and sacrificed themselves in a land far from their homes as the shields of safeguarding humanity and peace of the world.

On behalf of the seventy thousand citizens, we hereby wish to convey their heartfelt thanks to you and to all the members of your armed forces upon the decision of the municipal assembly.

Takao Keiya, Mayor
Ujiyamada City, Mie Pref.

Kyukichi Kokubo, Speaker,
Ujiyamada Municipal Assembly.

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN KOREA

2 October 1950

TO: General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur,
Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Forces
in Korea.

The Communists, while advocating peace on the one hand, have been constantly engaged in the diffusion of communistic subversive ideas on the other. As might well be expected, they had cast aside their disguise and suddenly caused the North Korean Reds to launch an unlawful armed invasion of South Korea. It is impossible for us Japanese, who have outlawed war by our constitution and who are now struggling for world peace based on democratic principles, to overlook the inhumane activities of the North Korean troops and of those supporting communism.

Immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities the Security Council ordered the North Korean Reds to cease fire and withdraw to the 38th Parallel. When this order was unfortunately ignored, it called upon the United States and all other members of the United Nations to give such assistance to the Republic of Korea as may be necessary to restore and maintain peace and order in the area.

The United Nations forces were faced with an extremely difficult uphill battle at the outset because of the overwhelming number of the North Korean forces and abundant supplies available to the red troops. However, the United Nations forces with the American forces taking the lead, fighting for justice and humanity, have retaken Seoul the Capital among other successful gains made on all fronts. The encouraging news was received with profound gratitude by all the peace-loving peoples of the world.

However, we are convinced that we cannot expect lasting peace in Korea merely by driving the Reds back beyond the 38th Parallel for the Communist creed states that there can be no world peace until communistic world revolution is carried out. So not until Communist activities based on this creed are stamped out can we expect lasting peace in Korea or in any other part of the world.

On the occasion of the Fall General Meeting of the Management Association of Miyagi Prefecture we wish to express not only our full-hearted support and confidence in the United Nations and the United States, but also our deep respect and sincere gratitude to the officers and men fighting to restore peace and order in Korea as well as to establish and insure world peace, and we earnestly hope and trust that the United Nations will continue to direct its noble efforts for the righteous cause.

Eiichi Yoshida,
Chairman
Management Association of
Miyagi Prefecture,
Sendai.

General Douglas MacArthur
General Head Quarters

Rotary Club of Imabari
c/o Shikoku Gas Company
Imabari City
Ehime Prefecture
October 1, 1950

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Dear General MacArthur:

We esteem it as the most honour and gladness to have the opportunity sending you this letter with the great thankfulnesses of our club members.

We can surely believe that you and your state's attitude toward the event in Korea is very most admirable and impartial. This caused an adoration to you and your country from all the people of the world loving a peace.

And you often commanded at the battle front in the dangerous condition, investigated the important situation with details, and mapped up a plan about the campaign leisurely, although the north Korean Red Army gradually to the south under the support of another countries with quantities taking a long distance of your difficulties of supply.

Of course we convinced that you should gain the last victory, but we were at least stroken something of terror into our hearts. We have never dreamed that you should get these enforcements of tactics which were so brave and exact as having never seen for us in the history of the world. Now you have led the situation to the key point of whether surrender or complete defeat against the Red Army.

This superior attach to the enemy not only broght decisive result, but also collaborated with the extension of the real ability of the United Nations, and yet the contribution to the ever lasting world peace and welfare of mankind which is indeed greatful and confirm.

When we guess that you had many difficulties to contend with the establishment and enforcement of these strategies, we should believe you have broght the mankind of all over the world a great light for ever.

We Japanese, not having any weapons for defence, indulge in our much more emotion.

Here we deeply express our many many thanks to you.

Very truly yours,

Shigeru Kihara
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President
Rotary Club of Imabari