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Hon. Earl Snell, Governor,  
State of Oregon,  
Salem, Oregon

Governor Snell:

At the joint meeting of the Post Executive Committee and the Citizens Committee of the Post, last night, the matter of the evasion of the Alien Land Law was again discussed. There is a widespread belief among the people here that this law has been cleverly bypassed for many years. We here are as much at fault as any community because in peace times we just did not do anything about it. Now that the question is very hot we are asking for help. We sort of hoped that you would see fit to help us, we don't know just how, but, thought that with the assistance of your legal staff you might point out a way to remedy some of the harm.

We are sort of pleased that so far there has been no violence and we hope that there will be none.

Kent Shoemaker has gone over the record of sales of Japanese owned land very carefully and it is encouraging that so much has been sold. If the various agencies would lay off for a while it might be possible to get most of the titles out of their hands.

Trusting that this request will not add too much to your burdens in this busy time, we are

Respectfully

Citizens Committee,  
Hood River Post #22,

*G. R. Frey*  
G. R. Frey, Secy.

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