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He also tol me that there would not be any big trouble ~~until~~ until after  
camp celebration of Meiji Setsu - ~~Emperor's~~ birthday -- on Nov. 3 -  
*anniversary of Meiji dynasty*

Nevertheless on Oc.t 30 a young Nisei was knifed by a ~~fanatical~~ ~~man~~  
~~xxxxxx~~ an Issei - a fanatical supported or Mr. Kira.  
son of man who had ~~spoken~~ spoken against Kira.

Visited M. Tokunaga - I rather feel sorry for those who attacked me because  
they do not know what they are doing --

Other folks - afraid to talk about knifing -

~~xxxxxx~~

*Meiji Setu camp*  
By N.v. 10 - I instittively felt time was ripe so visited Mr. Kato.

He gave me a detailed description of plans he had. Here is only ~~part~~  
small part - 159

*He wanted me there when trouble occurred -*  
~~Sometime~~ I went to see Mr. Kato - ~~last~~ *Long River I trust* -  
I did not know what to do -- went to see Mr. Kurihara-- 160 --  
~~xxxxxx~~

- who did not make me  
feel more cheerful bu saying that he was glad to see me because, the  
situation being what it was, he has purposely staying at home -

read 160 - A

He clearly anticipated that he might be beaten or murdered -

Then I became an inu - without mentioning names I told K. about Kato's *(with out)*  
plans - p and the threats Kira had made -- *xxxxxx* *xxxxxx*  
Wouldn' it be better to denounce Kira before his gang beat up or  
murdered anymore people?

No - said Mr. K. showed me a curious weapon club - pipe joint -  
intended to use in self-defense -

Then I said: IT's a shame no one in camp has the courage to stop those *beatings* people.  
Mr. K. looked at me - but said nothing --

BUT I HADU UNDERESTIMATED MR. K. read 161.

*Conclusion - Little die -*

*The memory of a person's fine deeds -*



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I, of course, did not know of this meeting or threats -  
visited Mr. Kira on 23 --

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he sound and dangerous -

I felt very angry - also very anxious

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Visited quite a number of my friends - did not want to talk about beating but several told me of other threats --

Ready - To Go  
no but to write  
Killed  
by Kirat's mananar

Another very good friend - had been threatened by Kira's mananar gang - because would not give them suga r --

Oct. 27 -- Got more anxious - pulled myself together decided to visit Mr. Kato  
-- young activist - who liked spirited and courageous women like me -  
-- fortunately his wife was present - hanging clothes on the line -  
--~~xxxx~~ read book - 158 --- A







2.

The people who were confined in the Tule Lake Segregation camp -- as persons disloyal to the U. S. ... were, in fact, ~~any mixed race~~ by no means united in opinion -- views, or plans.

First there were the Old Tuleans <sup>6,000</sup> ~~some of whom had sasi NO -BI~~ - primarily because they did not want to ~~be moved again - and perhas, be forced to relocate --~~

*Of them*  
Then - in Tule Lake - there were at ~~least~~ <sup>over 10,000</sup> almost 2000 people who had said they were loyal ~~Yes~~ <sup>Yes</sup> called Yeses - again did not want to move or be pushed out --

People ~~segregated~~ <sup>bracket the for other</sup> segregated into center also mixed in mind -- <sup>first 2,600 - later 4th May 3,000</sup> ~~Had said No No for many different reasons - some~~ <sup>12,200</sup> ~~openly expressed - some concealed~~ <sup>did not talk about</sup>

Said NO ~~NO~~ for many diff. ~~reasons~~ <sup>expressed and concealed reasons</sup> -  
~~Some~~ some Nisei objected to being drafted from behind the ~~barbed~~ wire  
Some held that could not swear loyalty unless U. S. would make amends  
Some believed Japan was winning the war - ~~which~~  
a reasonable assumption at that time - and if Kibei - Issei -  
with family in Japan -- better to be on winning side -  
Many - did not want to be pushed out of camps or drafted --  
Took what they called "a wait and see" attitude --  
*11. self protection family unit majority*

When they arrived at TL Lake - many told me later - dismayed by man-proof fence - tanks in view - quarters were dirty - ~~stoves~~ wall board and ~~stoves~~ taken by Old Tulean ~~N N's~~ food bad, latrines dirty

*segregants*  
Two weeks after first trainload of ~~N N's~~ arrived - a farm truck ~~crushed~~ over - 30 Map. Americans injured - 1 ~~crushed~~ died few days later.

farm workers - who already had resented being pushed around by sentries - went on strike -- 800 --  
~~crop~~ ~~crop~~ crop valued at many thousands --

~~Present~~  
with speed authorities always seem to find incredible the people ~~organized~~ <sup>organized</sup> - representatives from every block -  
Daihyo Sha Kai and farm workers went on strike --  
elected negotiating committee -- hospitals, foods, ~~unemployment~~ <sup>unemployment</sup> increase in wages, prosecution of persons responsible for the accident.

*decided to go on strike as long as farm*



3.

If Daihyo Sha Kai and Ad. had been able to maintain an interacting relationship history of center might have been different -

They were a genuine rep. body -- many level-headed and sensible men --

*had popular support*

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Internal security -- stop food being taken to strike breakers ( who were loyal Japanese).

Project Director ~~was~~ called in Army to take control of Center -

~~What happened next was a complete breakdown of the center~~

Happened late at night - ~~the~~ people in center did not know

Next morning Japanese ~~about a~~ thousand Japanese ~~we~~ began talking to work as usual in Ad. section -

Encountered a cordon of soldiers - who assumed they were demonstrators

*of attacks*

~~and~~ and thoroughly tear gassed them --

This was it -- now everybody refused to go to work -

*general strike - feed the pigs - living beings*

Army built a fence between ~~the~~ ~~center~~

Things went from bad to worse -- people refused to come to a mass meeting called by the army -

Army began to arrest members of DaihyoSha - ~~other people~~

put them in a stockade - a camp within a camp

~~and~~

fenced off the Ad. quarters from the area where Jap. lived

and even built a fence separating center in two parts -

I'll say this for the army - they were great fence-builders.

After several miserable months - people ~~gave~~ *had no hope* up - submitted to a referendum, Jan 11

keep up or stop the strike - voted to stop by barest majority -

a plurality of 473 out of 8,713 votes --



Most JA I talked to considered these people nuts - or crazy radicals --

Also in Feb. leaders of this rad. group - sent letter to Attorney General Biddle - ~~and~~ requesting permission to circulate a petition - for signatures of people who wished to be repatriated to Japan immediately and meanwhile wished to be ~~re~~segregated - in section of camp separate from those who would not sign - ~~after all the Army had~~ ~~accommodatingly put up a fence~~ right down middle of camp --

My impression that this radical group was at this time very small --  
at largest couple of hundred people --

but Admin. after 2 months of stalling - gave them permission - not to  
circulate a petition but to make a survey -- ~~in mid-1941~~



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Sokoky Kenkyu Seinen Dan  
Young Men's association for the study of  
the mother country

~~During~~

After murder - ~~in~~ ~~hynan~~ ~~agustin~~ for about 2½ months - no dramatic happenings -  
Reseg. covertly continued meetings and exercises - ~~about 2000~~ ~~minutes~~  
but no fuss - most people said - all they wanted was peace and quiet --

~~At this time~~ ~~Mr. Kurihara~~ ~~referred~~  
referred

I had been ~~introduced~~ to Mr. Tokunaka ~~in~~ ~~June~~ in June - by Mr. Kurihara  
he was a slight, gentle, scholarly man of 66 - an Issei  
read 134-5 -- red --  
continued to visit him --

90 lb.

I<sup>st</sup> late August - also first met Mr. Kate -- a Kibei 25  
young man had been confined in stockade -- really like to talk to me  
gave me many documents --  
~~considered himself good looking~~ ~~ambitious~~  
an ardent resegregationist -- ambitious, would-be young leader --  
visited him frequently - seemed to enjoy my visits -  
Tell you about him because he played an important role in incident I  
am about to describe.

Also after Hitomi murder - Mr. Kurihara suggested I might visit a certain  
Mr. Kira -- A Hawaiian born Kibei - ~~146~~ 146 -

46 years old



