

"WHEREAS, 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were involuntarily removed from the Pacific Coast military areas last year, regardless of citizenship and loyalty to the government of the United States, and are now confined in relocation centers under the supervision of the War Relocation Authority, and

"WHEREAS, the War Relocation Authority is carrying out a program of helping the people so confined to find gainful employment outside the centers, and

"WHEREAS, this program helps to utilize more fully the nation's manpower during this period of national war emergency and sustains the democratic rights of residents of this land, and

"WHEREAS, a smear campaign recently undertaken by the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities and the Hearst press against the War Relocation Authority and every American resident of Japanese descent has the effect of arousing fear and hatred of the American people against persons of Japanese descent, regardless of loyalty to this country and to the democratic way of life, and of diverting attention from a Second Front in Europe this year, and

"WHEREAS, a number of persons of Japanese ancestry released from Relocation Centers have found employment in the District of Columbia, some of them members of local unions of the Congress of Industrial Organizations;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By the Industrial Union Council of the District of Columbia that we go on record as endorsing the relocation program of the War Relocation Authority and welcoming to membership in our local unions the Japanese-Americans released from Relocation Centers by the War Relocation Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we vigorously condemn the invidious activities of the Dies Committee and the Hearst newspapers as being irresponsible, hindering the prosecution of the war, and--by pitting one group of people against another--deliberately promoting the false Nazi doctrines of race, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be mailed to the President of the United States, to United States Senators Chandler and Reynolds and Representatives Dies and Tolan, to the Director of the War Relocation Authority, to the newspapers of the nation's capital, to the Secretary of every C.I.O. local of the District of Columbia, and to the National Executive Board of the Congress of Industrial Organizations."

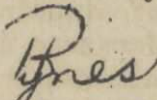
June 9, 1943

Dear Fellow-Worker:

The attached resolution was adopted by the Washington Industrial Union Council of the C.I.O. on June 7, 1943. Not only was the resolution passed by unanimous vote of all delegates present--shoe workers, office workers, transport workers, federal workers, cafeteria workers--but it received their enthusiastic acclaim. This powerful body, representing all C.I.O. members in the nation's capital, is the first large group in the city to come out in positive support of the relocation program and to welcome American people of Japanese descent into its ranks as fully participating members of a democratic organization.

Just as the city-wide C.I.O. welcomes evacuees into membership, so we in the WRA branch of the UFWA cordially invite our fellow-workers of Japanese or any other racial origin to join with us in making democracy work on the home front.

Sincerely,



Richard Tynes, Branch Chairman
WRA Branch, Local 203
UFWA-CIO

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Release for Memorial Day Editions (1945)

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Memorial Day Statement by James B. Carey, Secretary-Treasurer, Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Chairman CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination; and Consultant to the American Delegation

Memorial Day this year holds a deeper significance than ever before as we honor those who have given their lives on the field of battle in defense of principles we hold to be self-evident. Life and liberty, and their legitimate use to better the conditions of all men in mind, body and property, constitute these principles.

The universal wars in which we have been engaged stem in their entirety from disregard of these principles. We, together with the other free peoples of the world, have waged one of these wars to victory in Europe; we and our loyal allies are determined to carry the war with Japan to a similar victorious conclusion. Our fight is for the innate rights of human beings.

These rights must not be confused with man-made decisions. The rights derive from the natural law, and hence any individual or group of individuals who denies or restricts the right of life and liberty to any other individual because of differences in race or color, or because of opinions concerning man's ultimate spiritual goal, destroys universal peace. Man-made decisions, on the other hand, possess no such natural attributes. The right to make a decision is one thing; the decision itself is another. When such decisions affect adversely the general welfare, they may and must be restrained.

It is violation of innate rights, therefore, not the reasonable restraint by society of actions under man-made decisions, that constitutes discrimination in its real sense. Fascism is such a man-made decision to violate human rights, and so it became and will continue to remain imperative that free men resist it with all their strength. Fascism is merely another name for super-discrimination.

Memorial Day, therefore, should stand out in the minds of men as the day on which we honor signally those who have fought and died in defense of innate human rights. Every restatement of the Bill of Rights down through the centuries has been written in blood, shed voluntarily in stamping out discrimination.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations, from its inception, has led and will continue to lead the battle for human rights. This Memorial Day of 1945, dedicated to those who have died so that others yet unborn might be free, should be a special reminder to CIO members that discrimination and fascism alike mean human degradation.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS GUILD

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN,

AUGUST 9, 1944

PROPOSED BY WILLIAM OLIVER, PRESIDENT LOS ANGELES NEWSPAPER GUILD
SPONSORED ON FLOOR BY: G. WARREN MORGAN, WASHINGTON D.C. GUILD

JAPANESE AMERICANS

WHEREAS, American soldiers of all ancestries are fighting and dying on war fronts throughout the world to preserve the human rights and institutions of this country, and

WHEREAS these American soldiers of all ancestries are fighting and dying to eradicate for all time the blot of racial and religious discrimination and persecution which helped to foment the present global catastrophe, and are fighting to restore to all men the dignity of freedom, and

WHEREAS 74,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry--many of whom are still behind wire fences--were removed from their Pacific Coast homes to War Relocation Centers because of a military necessity, and

WHEREAS the Fourteenth Amendment of our Constitution guarantees full rights of citizenship to every person born in this country, therefore:

Be it resolved that the American Newspaper Guild request the Federal Government re-examine its position with regard to loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry with the view of returning to their homes at the earliest possible moment.

Department of the Interior
War Relocation Authority
Room 202, Sheldon Building
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"Unwarranted persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry" was condemned in a resolution passed by the national convention of the American Federation of Labor, a copy of which resolution was received here yesterday by Robert B. Cozzens, Assistant Director of the War Relocation Authority.

The resolution adopted by the AFL in its recent New Orleans convention is as follows:

"WHEREAS: in 1942 by Presidential Order 9066, all persons of Japanese origin resident on the West Coast of the United States were ordered evacuated inland in the interest of national security and,

"WHEREAS: of 126,947 persons of Japanese origin, more than 85,000 are citizens of the United States by birth, and of these more than 8,000 Japanese American youths are serving our Country splendidly in every theater of war and,

"WHEREAS: the strong tide of just hatred against imperial Japanese barbarism and brutality has been turned without reason against loyal Japanese American citizens resulting in innumerable incidents of unjust persecution and unjust discrimination,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this 64th convention of the American Federation of Labor in session in New Orleans, in reaffirmation of our great tradition of struggle against intolerance and oppression, strongly condemns the unwarranted persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

"Your committee recommends that the resolution be referred to the Executive Council for thorough-going study, for such recommendations and action as seem most appropriate."

Department of the Interior
War Relocation Authority
309 Walker Building
2nd and University
Seattle 1, Washington

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
OREGON STATE C.I.O. COUNCIL
IN AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT
PORTLAND, OREGON, APRIL 7, 1945

RETURN OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY TO OREGON.

"The Oregon State C. I. O. Council in executive session in Portland, April 7, 1945, recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

"In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the American Legion, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the honor roll of World War II veterans, should be condemned as regrettable and unjustifiable.

"This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people and further indicates a lack of confidence in the judgment of our War Department.

"The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the war. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

"The Oregon State C. I. O. Council wholeheartedly supports the action of the War Department and condemns those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

"The Oregon State C. I. O. Council further calls upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life."

To all Local Unions
in Oregon,
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Fraternally submitted,
/s/ Stanley Earl

Stanley Earl
Secretary-Treasurer
Oregon State Industrial Union Coun.,
505 Woodlark Building
Portland 5, Oregon

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Portland, Oregon OREGON GRANGE BULLETIN
August 20, 1944

JAPANESE

(A resolution adopted by the State Grange Masters of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana, Aug. 19.)

WHEREAS, the War Relocation Authority is conducting a propaganda campaign to arouse public sympathy for persons of Japanese extraction, and

WHEREAS, this government agency is carrying on a program of locating Japanese in our Western military areas and also establishing them permanently in American communities, and

WHEREAS, the Japanese people who settled in the Pacific Coast states in past years have failed to assimilate themselves, it is our firm conviction that they can never be assimilated into American community life, and

WHEREAS, the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation show that alien and citizen Japanese alike have purposely located in strategic areas, possessing short wave radios and military equipment, and that they carried on secret organizations against the welfare of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the records of jurisprudence show a persistent evasion of American land laws by alien Japanese in collaboration with American-born Japanese and whites, and

WHEREAS, the War Relocation Authority is carrying on its program of resettlement against the wishes of the majority of our farm people whose interests are most directly affected,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we protest this program as being an aggravation rather than a solution to the Japanese problem, and we request our Congressional delegations to take whatever action is necessary to halt this program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request the federal government to keep all Japanese now in this military area in confinement and that no Japanese be permitted to return to the West Coast area from which they were evacuated by military decree following Dec. 7, 1941.

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CALIFORNIA CIO COUNCIL

C.I.O. BUILDING • SAN FRANCISCO, 2
TELEPHONE ORWAY 0181

PRESIDENT . . . JAMES G. THIMMES
SECTY.-TREAS., MERVYN RATHBORNE

MEMO

February 28, 1945

TO: Harold Rossman

FROM: Kate Dell

The following resolutions were passed on the Japanese question since I last reported to you:

- ✓ UERHWA 1412, Oakland
- ✓ USA 1440, Pittsburg
- ✓ IWA 64, White Horse
- ✓ Sacramento CIO Council
- ✓ OWIU 445, Martinez
- ✓ OWIU 19, Bakersfield
- ✓ ILWU Local 6, Crockett Unit

The following Locals have passed the Resolution adopted by the California CIO Council with regard to the return to California of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Oil Workers
Local 19
Bakersfield

Utility Workers
Local 134
Oakland

✓ International Woodworkers
Local 6-64
White Horse

Utility Workers Organizing Committee
Local 133
San Francisco

California CIO Council
San Francisco

Los Angeles CIO Council
Los Angeles

San Francisco CIO Council
San Francisco

United Electrical, Radio &
Machine Workers of America
Local 1412
Oakland

Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
Local 51
Selby

ILWU
Local 6
(Crockett unit)

United Rubber Workers
Local 43
Los Angeles

National Maritime Union of America
San Pedro Branch
San Pedro

United Steelworkers
Local 1440
Pittsburg

Alameda CIO Council
Alameda

✓ Sacramento CIO Council
Sacramento

OWIU 445, Martinez, Calif.

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MEMO

In addition the CIO office (OR 0181) today tells me that Oil Workers Local 19 at Bakersfield; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Local 51, Selby; Utility Workers Local 134, Oakland and ILWU Local 6 (Crockett unit) have also passed the resolution.

OIL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION

KERN RIVER LOCAL No. 19

AFFILIATED WITH C. I. O.



133 HAY BLDG.

247 PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION: RETURN TO CALIFORNIA OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

The California CIO Council in executive session in Oakland, January 14, 1945, recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

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This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people and further indicates a lack of confidence in the judgment of our War Department.

The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the war. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

The California CIO Council wholeheartedly supports the action of the War Department and condemns those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

The California CIO Council further calls upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.

Adopted Unanimously by Executive Board

of California CIO Council

January 14, 1945

and

Kern River Local No. 19,

Oilworkers International Union, CIO,

February 12, 1945.

461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

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FEB 27 1945

W. E. McCord, Secretary
Avon Local No. 445
Oil Workers International Union
P. O. Box 301
Martinez, California

Dear Mr. McCord:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the good resolution adopted by your local union with regard to the return to the Pacific Coast of citizens of Japanese ancestry.

There are too many persons who forget that loyalty is a matter of the heart and mind and not of race, creed or color. Some of them are blinded by greed, some have never opened their minds to both sides of any question and have not cultivated the habit of deciding issues on their merits.

We are deeply gratified that some of those on the home front, such as the members of your union, have not lost sight of the principles on which our great country was founded and that they have taken a forthright stand in the interests of equality, liberty and justice.

If at any time this agency can be of service to your organization in the way of supplying information, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Victor L. Furth
Acting Assistant Director

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Oil Workers International Union

C. I. O.



REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

Avon Local No. 445

Martinez, California

P. O. Box 301

February 16, 1945

War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

This Local Union, in regular meeting assembled, has adopted the following resolution:

"The return of citizens of Japanese ancestry offers us an opportunity to clarify our war aims: We are not fighting any race, or any people living in some geographical region. We are fighting an ideology called Fascism which can be found among any race or in any location -- wherever intolerance and prejudice and aggression are encouraged.

"Resolved that we support the War Department in authorizing the controlled return of citizens of Japanese ancestry of proven loyalty because this action is eminently just and in harmony with the Bill of Rights. Anything less would be a perversion of the purpose for which we are fighting this war and of the ideals and traditions of our nation.

"Further resolved that we welcome our fellow-citizens upon their return from a war-necessitated absence from this area and oppose all efforts to use their return to stir up ill-feeling or to disrupt our united concentration upon our main job of winning the war and establishing justice and peace."

Sincerely yours,

W E McCord

W. E. McCord,
Secretary

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Date ans.

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To file

(NAME)

WHITE HORSE INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKERS OF AMERICA, C.I.O. PONDOSA

LOCAL UNION NO. 6-64

WHITE HORSE, CALIFORNIA



Feb 6, 1945

Sub Local 6-64

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Pondosa Calif.

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War Relocation Authority

461 Market St

San Francisco

Calif.

Date ans. _____

No reply nec. _____

To file _____

(NAME)

Dear Sirs

This Local wholeheartedly goes on record supporting the action of the War Department in their plans to return loyal Japanese Americans to their rightful & established homes.

We feel positive that with the waning of War hysteria, that the 14th amendment will again be recognized as a vital piece of legislation that very few will overlook.

The Ford River incident is unprecedented in American history, & cannot be commanded by any good American.

If this is of any help to your office, we feel well repayed for the effort.

Yours respectfully
Rec. Secty

G.W. Winkelman



Organize The Unorganized



UTILITY WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE of the C. I. O., Local 133

150 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO 2, CALIFORNIA

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RAMON PARTIER, FIN. SEC'Y
DAVID MASASSO, REC. SEC'Y

PHILIP KORITZ, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

February 7, 1945

REFER TO

Date ans: _____

No reply nec. _____

To file _____
(NAME)

Governor Earl Warren
Sacramento
California

Dear Sir:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Utility Workers, Local 133, CIO.

"The Utility Workers, Local 133, recognize the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast as a commendable and correct step - one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

"In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the American Legion, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the honor roll of World War II veterans, should be condemned as regrettable and unjustifiable.

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"We wholeheartedly support the action of the War Department and condemn those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

Governor Earl Warren
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"We further call upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything in their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life."

Very truly yours,

UTILITY WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,
Local 133

David J. Masasso

David Masasso, Secretary

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Cc- War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

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PRESIDENT . . . JAMES G. THIMMES
SECTY.-TREAS., MERVYN RATHBORNE

February 8, 1945

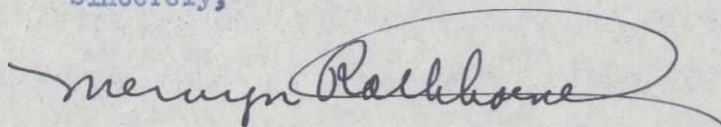
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Mr. Pat Frayne
War Relocation Authority
461 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

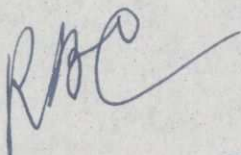
Dear Pat:

For your information I enclose a copy of the communication on the return of Americans of Japanese ancestry to California which was sent to all CIO organizations in California by the State CIO Council on January 29.

Sincerely,



Mervyn Rathborne
Secretary-Treasurer



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PRESIDENT . . . JAMES G. THIMMES
SECTY.-TREAS., MERVYN RATHBORNE

January 29, 1945

TO ALL LOCAL UNIONS AND COUNCILS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Enclosed is the following material:

1. A resolution concerning the return to California of Americans of Japanese ancestry, which was unanimously adopted by the Executive Board of the California CIO Council, meeting in Oakland, January 14.
2. Memorandum from the War Relocation Authority of the Department of the Interior, containing pertinent facts about relocation centers and Americans of Japanese ancestry.
3. A booklet "Nisei in Uniform", which tells a part of the story of the Americans of Japanese ancestry who are serving in the armed forces of the United States.

The Executive Board of the California CIO Council recommends that your organization favorably consider the enclosed resolution, and if adopted, copies to be sent to:

- (1) Governor Earl Warren
- (2) War Relocation Authority, 461 Market St., San Francisco
- (3) The California CIO Council

Additional copies of the enclosed memo and booklet can be secured either from this office or direct from the War Relocation Authority.

We urge your favorable action on this important issue.

Fraternaly yours,

Mervyn Rathborne
Secretary-Treasurer

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Adopted Unanimously by Executive Board

of California CIO Council

January 14, 1945

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
CALIFORNIA CIO COUNCIL
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT OAKLAND ON JAN. 14, 1945

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RESOLUTION ON THE RETURN OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND
RESIDENT ALIENS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY TO THE WEST

COAST

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Secretary of War, after consultation with the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, as well as other officials and agencies of the Government, authorized the evacuation of citizens and aliens of Japanese descent from the West Coast area under authority of Executive Order No. 9066. The objective was to evacuate the entire Japanese population from a threatened military area at a time when the emotions of most American people ran very high. This act was a precautionary measure and carried no implications of individual disloyalty against citizens of Japanese ancestry.

The experience of the country since that time has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proved themselves responsible and loyal Americans participating in all phases of the war both in armed combat of the enemy and in the manning of the industrial machinery which supplies the armed forces. Many tales have been told of the heroism of the American-Japanese soldiers. Very few have proved themselves disloyal to our country. Statements by J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as many other government officials support the assertion that as a whole the Nisei constituted no threat to the well-being of the nation. It is for that reason that the Los Angeles CIO Council welcomes the order of the War Department permitting the relocation of American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry to the State of California.

Our constitution does not distinguish between citizens of Japanese ancestry, or German, or Italian ancestry or citizens of English, Scotch, Russian or Norwegian ancestry. Loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry have the same rights as any other loyal American citizens. The rights of citizens to live as free men are part of the "Four Freedoms" for which we are fighting this war. Certain elements within our community are attempting to fan the flames of race hatred as a result of this recent order by the Army. Some leading citizens are innocently lending their names to this.

This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people. Every American must reject this attempt to crucify individuals on the basis of their race. This is Hitler's technique; this is the technique of fascism.

Fully 75% of those who were evacuated were the products of our own public schools and churches. They are as much Americans and are entitled to as much protection under our Constitution as any American regardless of race, creed or color.

The Los Angeles CIO Council holds that the return of these people is purely a military matter to be decided by military authorities in the light of military necessities. The military authorities have acted. We are convinced that the rescinding of the evacuation order will strengthen American unity at home and our prestige and leadership in other lands. We maintain that responsible agencies of our government are fully capable of discovering those among us who harbor disloyal attitudes and who commit disloyal acts, and that traitors who fall into this category must be placed in custody regardless of race, color or creed. We further hold that the American citizens who are of Japanese ancestry who are returning to their native state to the homes and lands in which they have lived for years are entitled to a place of dignity and opportunity within the community.

We urge members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations in Los Angeles to wholeheartedly support the action of the War Department and to condemn those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

ADOPTED BY: LOS ANGELES CIO COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 5, 1945

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

AFFILIATED WITH THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

LOCAL UNION 1412

PHONE OLYMPIC 8707

5844 SAN PABLO AVENUE

OAKLAND 8, CALIFORNIA

February 27, 1945

RESOLUTION: RETURN TO CALIFORNIA OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

The UER & MWA, Local 1412 in membership meeting in Oakland, February 23, 1945, recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority, permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

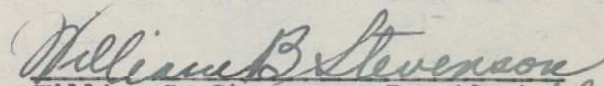
In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the American Legion, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the honor roll of World War II veterans, should be condemned as regrettable and unjustifiable.

This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people and further indicates a lack of confidence in the judgment of our War Department.

The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the war. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans, regardless of race, creed or color.

The UER & MWA, Local 1412 wholeheartedly supports the action of the War Department and condemns those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

The UER & MWA, Local 1412 further calls upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of those loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.


William B. Stevenson, President

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, February 23, 1945

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MINE, MILL AND SMELTER WORKERS

CARQUINEZ LOCAL No. 51

P. O. BOX 776

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W. J. Simmons

RECORDING SECRETARY

February 5, 1945

War Relocation Authority
201 Sheldon Building
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

The membership of Carquinez Local #51 International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers wish to take this method to inform you that the War Department and the War Relocation Authority have their full support in the action of permitting the return of Loyal Americans of Japanese Ancestry to the Pacific Coast.

We further pledge our support to all public officials of the State, County and Municipal governments in working out the problems that arise in the readjustment of all loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.

Respectfully yours

W. J. Simmons

W. J. Simmons
Recording Secretary

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Date ans.

No reply nec.

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RUBBER WORKERS

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LINZIE VAUGHAN, President
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R. L. BILSKIE, Secretary
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LOS ANGELES 22, CALIF.

RESOLUTION: RETURN TO CALIFORNIA OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

Whereas:- Local 43 U.R.W. of A. at the regular meeting held in Los Angeles on February 5, 1945, recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

Whereas:- In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the the American Legion, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the honor roll of World War II veterans, should be condemned as regrettable and unjustifiable.

Whereas:- This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people and further indicates a lack of confidence in the judgment of our War Department.

Whereas:- The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the war. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

Therefore be it resolved:- That Local 43, U.R.W. of A. whole heartedly supports the action of the War Department and condemns those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

And be it further resolved:- That Local 43, U.R.W. of A. call upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the Readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.

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Adopted by Local 43, United Rubber Workers of America

February 5, 1945

Ray L. Bilskie
U.R.W. of A.

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Date rec.

No reply nec.

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Cable Address: "ENEMU," N. Y.



National Maritime Union of America

AFFILIATED WITH THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
346 WEST 17TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

SAN PEDRO BRANCH
512 SO. PALOS VERDES STREET
SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

February 8, 1945

War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a Resolution adopted by the membership of the San Pedro Branch of the National Maritime Union of America, at a membership meeting held on February 5, 1945.

This resolution concerns the return to California of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Very truly yours,

Oliver Boutte
Oliver Boutte
Port Agent

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RESOLUTION: RETURN TO CALIFORNIA OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

The National Maritime Union of American, San Pedro Branch recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the American Legion, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the honor roll of World War II veterans, should be condemned as regrettable and unjustifiable.

This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people and further indicates a lack of confidence in the judgment of our War Department.

The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the war. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

The National Maritime Union of America, San Pedro Branch, wholeheartedly supports the action of the War Department and condemns those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

The National Maritime Union of America, San Pedro Branch, further calls upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.

Adopted Unanimously by the membership
of the San Pedro Branch of the National
Maritime Union, at a meeting, February
5th, 1945.

United Steelworkers of America

LOCAL UNION No. 1440

LABOR TEMPLE, 121 EAST THIRD STREET
PITTSBURG, CALIFORNIA

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February 5, 1945

War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a resolution adopted
by this organization in regards to "Return to California
of Americans of Japanese Ancestry".

Yours very truly,

W. L. Milano

W. L. MILANO
Financial Secretary

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California CIO Council
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At Oakland on Jan. 14, 1945
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RESOLUTION: RETURN TO CALIFORNIA OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

The California CIO Council in executive session in Oakland, January 14, 1945, recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the American Legion, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the honor roll of World War II veterans, should be condemned as regrettable and unjustifiable.

This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people and further indicates a lack of confidence in the judgment of our War Department.

The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the war. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

The California CIO Council wholeheartedly supports the action of the War Department and condemns those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

The California CIO Council further calls upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.

Adopted Unanimously by

United Steelworkers of America, Local 1440

January 31, 1945

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SACRAMENTO CIO COUNCIL

112 Capitol Avenue Telephone 3-8382
Sacramento, California

RESOLUTION: RETURN TO CALIFORNIA OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

The Sacramento CIO Council in session in Sacramento, February 19, 1945, recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the American Legion, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the honor roll of World War II veterans, should be condemned as regrettable and unjustifiable.

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The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the war. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

The Sacramento CIO Council wholeheartedly supports the action of the War Department and condemns those who are attempting to split the American people by arousing racial prejudices for their own partisan ends.

The Sacramento CIO Council further calls upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.

Adopted Unanimously by the

Walter K. Cullend Pres.
Sacramento CIO Council

February 19, 1945

SAN FRANCISCO - OAKLAND NEWSPAPER GUILD

Local 52, American Newspaper Guild

Affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations

150 Golden Gate Ave.

Phone GRaystone 6833



San Francisco 2



March 26, 1945

Pat Frayne, Information Specialist
War Relocation Authority
Sheldon Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Pat:

We are enclosing the resolution adopted by the Representative Assembly of San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild in their meeting of February 15, 1945.

We hope that our interest in this adjustment of racial equality will be helpful in this area.

With personal best wishes to you and your staff. I remain

Sincerely

Bob Brown
Executive Secretary

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(Text of Resolution prepared on instructions of SFONG Executive Committee).

Re Return to California of Americans of Japanese Ancestry:

Union Resolution file

The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild recognizes the recent order of the War Department and the War Relocation Authority permitting the return of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast as a commendable and correct step; one in line with the principles for which this war is being fought.

In view of the established fact that thousands of our Japanese-Americans are now serving their country with honor and distinction on the battlefield, we believe that such action as taken by the American Legion post, Hood River, Oregon, in erasing the names of Japanese from the Honor Roll of World War II veterans, together with isolated attacks on retrained Japanese families, and attempts to drive them away by terrorist tactics, should be condemned in the strongest terms as Un-American.

This attempt to foster race hysteria must be recognized by all Americans as a threat to the unity of our people and further indicates a lack of confidence in the judgment of our War Department.

The experience of our country since Pearl Harbor has been that these Americans of Japanese ancestry have proven themselves responsible and loyal Americans, participating in all phases of the War. As such they are entitled to as much protection under our constitution as any Americans regardless of race, creed or color.

The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild further calls upon all public officials of State, County and Municipal governments, and all people of this State to do everything within their power to cooperate with the War Department in order to assist in the readjustment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to our community life.