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REPORT TO THE AREA

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No. 2.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Nov. 5,
1945

Department of the Interior
War Relocation Authority
Southern California Area
1031 So. Broadway
Los Angeles, Calif.
Phone: PRospect 4711, Ext. 757.

Copies of this report on the
Progress of the Human Relations
Committee's work in coordination
with all outside affiliated
groups are mailed to every name
on all Reports Office Lists.

For all District Relocation Officers,
samples of all newly created mailing
pieces and circulars are attached.

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SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S.E.S.

HIGHLIGHTED BY LECTURES, FILMS AND SPECIALIZED LITERATURE

Lt. Col. Wallace H. Moore has made several gripping addresses to So. Calif. groups, including two to U.S.E.S. (Pasadena and L. A. offices.) The latter talk was taken down by a stenographer and is available in mimeographed form. It emphasizes the need of considering Japanese-Americans and other racial minorities for all jobs, on a basis of ability, especially for skilled jobs where they are qualified -- instead of referring them to just domestic jobs and other unskilled work.

Accompanying Col. Moore's talk was a 16-mm. sound film of 20 min. length combining the "Army-Navy Screen Magazine" (depicting Nisei in action in Italy against the Germans) and "Challenge to Democracy", the latter cut, thus being condensed to shorter length. "Challenge to Democracy" portrays evacuation in 1942, life in the WRA centers, and relocation. This reel was prepared especially for USES.

A mimeographed introduction was passed out to the audience at U.S.E.S. to give the background of Col. Moore's talk.

FIRST OF SERIES OF SPECIAL POSTERS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION;

EXCELLENT EYE-GRIPPER FOR LABOR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT BULLETINS

"AMERICANISM Never was a Question of Race or Ancestry" -- "We Welcome ALL AMERICANS." So reads this new poster, size 20 x 27 in., printed in red and blue. It is "Sponsored by The American Veterans Committee and The Committee on Christian Democracy."

It is the first of four posters.

Telephone your order to PR-4711, Ext. 757. As many posters as you can use will be sent on request, no charge of course. They are excellent for windows, bulletin boards, and other displays.

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RETURNEES THEMSELVES WILL PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING BY ACTING
AS LIAISON NEWS "RELAYERS" BETWEEN WRA AND HOSTEL RESIDENTS

One of their own who has been through the mill of evacuation, camp life and relocation can best present the message of cooperation to Japanese-Americans now in Southern California.

Toward this end, each of the 27 hostels in greater Los Angeles has just appointed a Nisei or Issei (in most cases the hostel manager) to regularly contact WRA for specific news on housing, employment and other matters that concern returnees.

Then by heart-to-heart talks with their fellow hostel residents, these liaison representatives can put the facts before them in their own way, and personally answer their questions explicitly and clearly.

The first meeting of this group has been called by the hostel committee for Nov. 7 at the Evergreen Hostel at 506 North Evergreen Ave., Boyle Heights.

Then, by personal visit and phone and mail, each member will be kept constantly posted on current conditions.

Those who have news to put before returnees can get it to them by phoning Mr. Selsky, at PR-4711, Ext. 763 in L. A.

"HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP" --

NEW MIMEOGRAPHED LEAFLET FOR USE AT TALKS

A brief outline of 12 specific, constructive suggestions on "preventing racism, defeating discrimination and clearing the fog of prejudice" is available for speakers to pass out to the audience as a reminder of how they may cooperate.

This 2-page leaflet suggests what each citizen can do toward promoting inter-racial harmony. No special race is mentioned; it applies to all.

Let us know how many you can use. Gratis, of course!

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CONCENTRATED EFFORTS TOWARD CONCENTRATED AREAS

Much of the progress during the past week had to do with concerted public relations plans for those areas where the returning American-Japanese are being given temporary shelter in Army barracks.

This means special lines of procedure in the Harbor district, El Segundo, Santa Monica and Burbank. If you have any ideas which will alleviate the situation in these or similar areas, phone PR-4711 Ext. 757. Or write WRA, 1031 So. Broadway, L. A. 15 (Reports Office)

LT. COL. WALLACE H. MOORE'S TALK BEFORE U.S.E.S., L. A.

The mimeographed copy (10 pages) of the talk mentioned in previous issue of "Report to the Area" is now being distributed. If you haven't had a copy and would like one, contact us as above.

1,000 NEW WINDOW CARDS NOW BEING PRINTED

Here is the message on the 11x14" black-on-white, dignified window cards sponsored by Council for Civic Unity:

"We believe that
In Tolerance there is Progress...
In Good Will there is Prosperity....
In Unity there is Strength.....
We Welcome All Americans"

These are excellent for windows, counters, bulletin boards. How many can you place? Phone or write as above.

KIT AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVE CONTACTS

Here is a new aid, especially fine for placement of window cards mentioned above, and for other contacts. It's a neat little folder-type kit giving the story on anti-discrimination. You will find it enables you to get over your message by simple visual presentation. It backs up your calls and provides ready reference. A few are available to those who can give their time to making a concentrated campaign toward mass placement of the window cards and "slug copy" for cooperative advertising. Phone PR-4711, Ext. 757.

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U.S.E.S. COOPERATES WITH NISEI INTERVIEWER FROM W.R.A. ON STAFF

A successful new experiment now under way at U. S. Employment Service's home service division in their Los Angeles main office, 11th & Flower Sts., may be extended to other cities.

Helen Hirata, Nisei employment interviewer on WRA staff, has been loaned to U.S.E.S. to interview Japanese-American job seekers. She helps the regular U.S.E.S. interviewers a few hours each day in placing Nisei and Issei in jobs. You may wish to bring this plan to the attention of your local U.S.E.S.

"FLASH -- FOR RADIO USE!"

That's the head on a new service the Human Relations Committee is mailing to the 57 radio commentators and news analysts broadcasting from Los Angeles and Hollywood. It gives them pungent, brief items especially written for inclusion in radio news programs.

You may run across items that will fit in this. News on inter-racial harmony that is pointed and of general interest will be mimeographed and mailed immediately to all newscasters. Phone it to PR-4711, Ext. 757.

RELIGIOUS BULLETINS SERVICE AND CHURCH PUBLICATIONS PARAGRAPHS

In addition to reaching retail trade, radio news programs, employment offices and other contacts, a new regular release is being sent to all churches in and around Los Angeles.

This is a 2-page weekly mimeographed leaflet especially written for religious use. The first page is usually a "flash news" item of 10 or 15 lines suitable for church bulletin boards or pulpit use. The second page is made up of short, pithy paragraphs such as would fit well into printed church literature.

(The window cards described in preceding page are also suitable for church bulletin boards.)

Perhaps you have some suggestions for this -- Biblical quotations that are apt, relating to topics of discrimination or racial fair play, appropriate from the viewpoint of the church. . . or thoughts of your own.

Please write them and mail to The Human Relations Committee, Room 956, 1031 So. Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California.

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Nov. 26
1945

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

B I G N E W S . . . BE ON THE ALERT FOR

MASSIVE AMERICANS-ALL RALLY IN SANTA ANA,

PEARL HARBOR DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 7, AT 8 PM

Commemorating All Americans who perished at Pearl Harbor -- men of every race, creed and color -- there will be what doubtless may be classed as the biggest rally against discrimination and intolerance ever staged.

It will take place at 8 PM on Dec. 7th, the Anniversary of "Pearl Harbor". It is tentatively scheduled for the Santa Ana Bowl. There will be present nationally-famous celebrities from many walks of life. Almost every race, creed and color will be represented. The Army, Navy and Air Force will be on hand. Motion picture stars -- entertainment -- drama -- outstanding speeches -- all aimed at the surest route to World Peace by overcoming racism at home, will provide a program you won't want to miss.

And, as a great climax to this resounding rally, on the following morning, Dec. 8th, . . .

GENERAL JOSEPH W. STILWELL WILL MAKE MASUDA AWARD
POSTHUMOUSLY TO GREAT NISEI SOLDIER'S SISTER --
AT MASUDA RANCH NEAR SANTA ANA, SATURDAY, DEC. 8

. . . General Stilwell is flying from Washington for this special purpose -- to present the Distinguished Service Cross awarded Kazuo Masuda to his sister, Mary Masuda. Kazuo was cited for repelling repeated German counterattacks by firing a mortar tube braced against a steel helmet. At the time he was with the 442d Infantry Combat Team, operating from a forward observation post. Rather than risk the lives of members of his mortar crew, Staff Sgt. Kazuo Masuda went 200 yards through enemy fire with his mortar tube, and fired 20 rounds of ammunition against the Nazis, repulsing them. His single-handed action was so effective the enemy withdrew after subjecting him to intense mortar and artillery fire. Several weeks later in the Italian campaign he was killed as he emptied his sub-machine gun against the Germans, only five yards away.

C H E R R Y V I S T A S

The Herald-Express, Nov. 24; Times, Nov. 25; Daily News, Nov. 26, all gave good news coverage to "Cherry Vistas", a new Nisei veterans' idea to solve housing without taking housing away from others.
(cont. on next sheet)

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"Cherry Vistas" will consist of small ten-family bungalow courts (possibly prefabricated) in the vicinity of Van Nuys, Roscoe and Chino (these localities already optioned). Each unit will have garden-truck acreage and also small-business shops adjoining, so that residents may make a living right at home -- but work in agriculture outside, if desired, or in industry further away. The Nisei will finance construction themselves on the cooperative plan. The only Japanese touch will be cherry tree landscaping; houses will be American and modern, though not expensive. It is estimated that a family can purchase house and acreage for not to exceed \$4,000 total. With several "Cherry Vistas" spotted around the valleys of Los Angeles there will be no concentration in a "Little Tokyo" section.

Doubtless you have some suggestions for consummating or enlarging upon this housing plan. You may know of some farm acreage or other suitable site. Please phone PROspect 4711, Ext. 757, so we may have the benefit of your ideas.

WINDOW DISPLAY CARD #2, ESPECIALLY
ADAPTED TO BULLETIN BOARD USE, NOW PRINTING

"We Stand For The Practice of Democracy. . .
"FAIR PLAY, FAIR EMPLOYMENT, NO DISCRIMINATION."

That is the keynote of this new display card, sponsored by the Committee on Christian Democracy. Dr. Clarence S. Gillett has OK'd the copy, and as soon as printing is completed you may obtain some by phoning Human Relations Committee, PR-4711, Ext. 757. It is fine for windows, bulletin boards, counters and similar use.

POSTER #2 ALSO BEING PRINTED NOW

Similar to the Window Display Card #2 above, but larger in size, is this new poster. The display card is black & white; the poster is in red-white-blue. Like the display card, the theme is suggested by the creed of the American Veterans Committee. PR-4711, Ext. 757 will bring you copies of this poster -- gratis, of course.

CHRISTMAS IN EL CENTRO

The returning Japanese-Americans will not be forgotten in the border city. A real Christmas party will be staged by service clubs for the children. You can do this in your community. It's not a form of "charity" -- it's Christian good-will.

COOPERATION WITH THE CHURCHES

Much can be done in addition to what is already being done by church organizations. At a recent discussion at Human Relations Committee twice-weekly morning meetings, it was agreed that specific know-how is the key to effective understanding. Plans are under way to present definite programs to interested religious groups. What are your ideas? They will be welcomed by the Committee.

RELOCATION OF THE NISEI AND ISSEI SUCCESSFULLY DRAWING TO CLOSE

Poston and Manzanar have closed. Only one WRA center (outside of Tule Lake, closing Feb. 1) is still open -- Rohwer, Ark., which closes Dec. 1. But housing and employment are problems. More anon.

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1945

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757).

RESOUNDING AMERICANS-ALL RALLY AT SANTA ANA . . .

D A T E C H A N G E D ----

SO THAT GENERAL STILWELL WILL BE PRESENT.

NEW DATE --

U N I T E D A M E R I C A D A Y

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Santa Ana Municipal Bowl, Santa Ana

SAT, DEC. 3TH

1:30

P.M.

I N T H E A F T E R N O O N

a t t h e M U N I C I P A L B O W L (12,000 seats)

(NOTE: IN CASE OF RAIN WILL MOVE TO SANTA ANA AUDITORIUM)

THIS "UNITED AMERICA" RALLY
will bring together celebrities
of many races from Hollywood
and other fields.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
--without charge--

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CELEBRITIES -- MUSIC -- SONGS . . . Racial Unity,
ARMY COLOR -- SHORT SPEECHES -- World Peace &
a n d "VINEGAR JOE" STILWELL . . . Domestic Harmony

(who will fly from Wash. D.C.
to be in So. Calif. this day!)

The L. A. Daily News said Nov. 30:

"This rally, announced by the Council for
Civic Unity in cooperation with all civic
organizations of Santa Ana, is expected to
set the pace for similar celebrations in
other cities." * * * * *

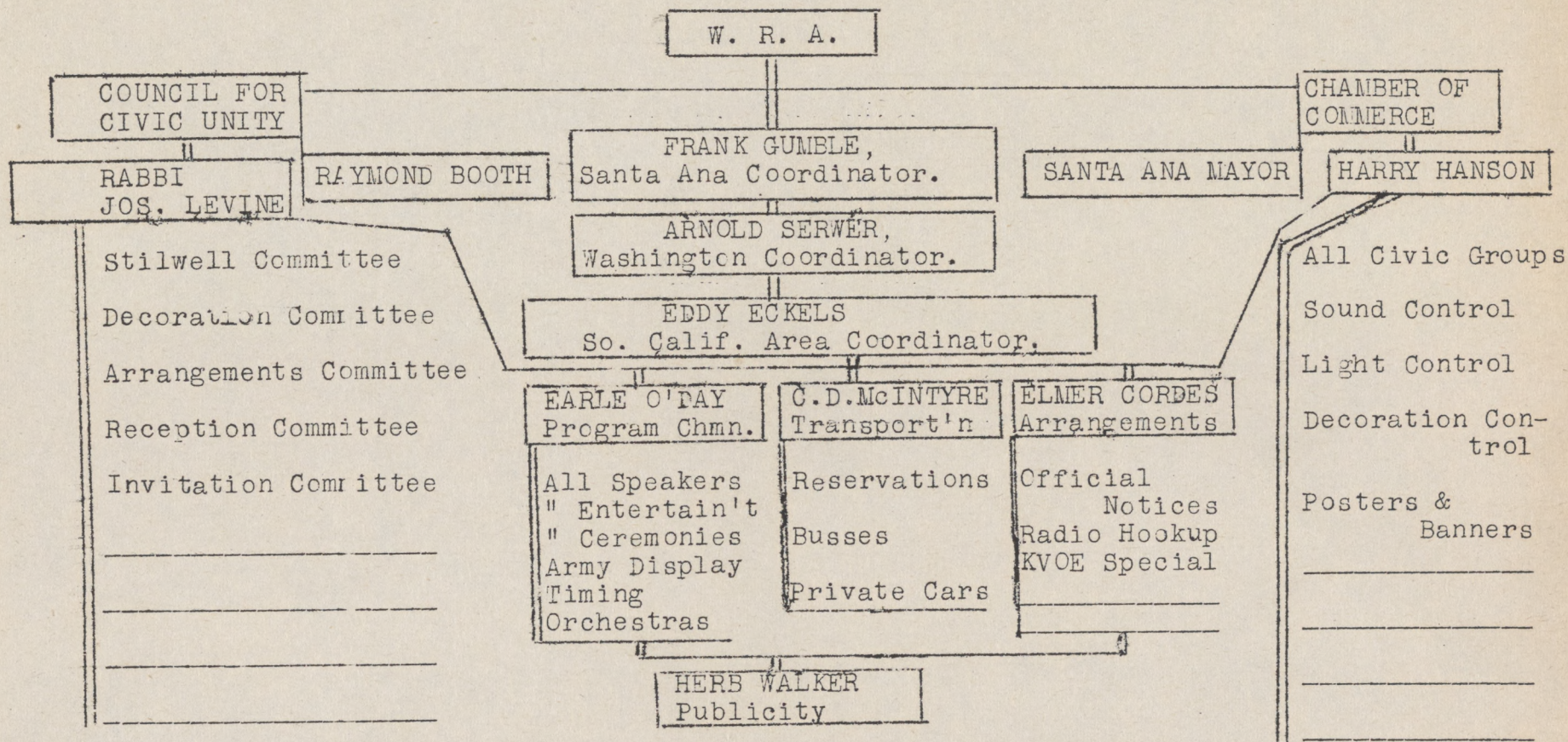
Please post
this notice
as a handy
reminder...

NOTE: From Los Angeles drive east on either Firestone Blvd. (Manchester Ave.) or Whittier Blvd., to get to Santa Ana.

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ORGANIZATION CHART

UNITED AMERICA DAY at
SANTA ANA MUNICIPAL BOWL
SAT., DECEMBER 8, 1945.



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Dec. 10,
1945.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

"UNITED AMERICA DAY" IN SANTA ANA W A S A G R E A T S U C C E S S !

You've probably read about it (Sunday L. A. Times, Dec. 9, first page of second section; late edition L. A. Daily News -- 10-star -- Sat., Dec. 8; late edition Herald-Express same date; and many other papers including daily front pages in Santa Ana.)

There were four newsreel companies there; two broadcasting networks; and many reporters and photographers.

General Stilwell in a history-making little drama of modern democracy walked up to the weather-beaten front porch of the Masuda home and pinned the D.S.C. on Mary Masuda. She was poised and dignified but there were tears in her eyes, and we might add most of the audience felt a choke in the throat and a tug at the heartstrings.

"LIFE" magazine was there, and if you didn't see the front-page photo in Saturday's late Daily News, or Sunday's Times, you may see it in that magazine -- and others. Indications are that the story and photos went all over the nation.

You already know the story of Kazuo Masuda; how he so heroically saved his comrades on the Italian front as a sergeant in the 442d (Nisei) Infantry Combat Team; how later he was killed at Cassino.

And you know the story of his sister Mary, who on May 1 this year was threatened by another kind of Nazi -- not in uniform. She stood her ground. It was a fitting tribute from the hand of one of our greatest generals of all time that the Distinguished Service Cross earned by her dead brother should be given her.

"I HAVE NEVER YET FOUND A NISEI WHO DIDN'T
DO HIS FULL DUTY RIGHT UP TO THE HANDLE.
I FEEL IT AN HONOR TO BE DELEGATED TO MAKE
THIS AWARD." -- Said Gen. Stilwell on this occasion.

Before he flew back to Washington, "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell appeared at the great "UNITED AMERICA" Rally in the Santa Ana Bowl that afternoon (Sat., Dec. 8.) With him on the program were Will Rogers, Jr., who introduced the General; Louise Allbritton,

Robert Young, Ronald Reagan (three of Hollywood's most progressive young stars); Richard Loo, Chris-Pin Martin, Don Whedlin, Alex Havier and others were down from Hollywood on behalf of the Chinese, Mexican, Negro and Filipino peoples, respectively; Miss Mary Masuda, of course, was introduced and spoke; the church, local celebrities, veterans including the Spanish-American War Veterans' Fife & Drum Corps, were there; Maurice Hazan, Mexican-American leader, and Roque E. DeLa Ysla, Philippine Chamber of Commerce president, also made short talks; Dan Marshall, Ruby Berkeley Goodwin, and Walter Hilborn gave stirring addresses; the Boy Scouts opened the program and the Santa Ana Army Air Base Band (one of the three best military bands in the nation) gave out with stirring music. Army officers (Air Force) cooperated finely.

And, as Master of Ceremonies, Harry Flannery, well-known radio commentator, did a thoroughly capable job. He caught the spirit and held the crowd, and pointed out that four years before to the day America in one day, shocked by Pearl Harbor, achieved unity. And, he continued, on this "United America" day in Santa Ana, when "Americans-All" gathered in Santa Ana Bowl to honor General Stilwell after the occasion of his presentation of the D.S.C. to Mary Masuda, perhaps it was not too early to begin peace-time unity.

Too much credit cannot be given the people of Santa Ana who organized this rally -- Father John P. Callaghan, Rabbi Joseph Levine, and of course Dr. John N. Ashley, President of the Council for Civic Unity. Mrs. Roy A. Corry of Santa Ana, who as is well known was the friend of Mary Masuda in time of great need, spoke from the heart at the Rally. Space does not permit mention of the many others in Santa Ana and Los Angeles who cooperated so fully and finely. Rabbi Levine's address spoke for all of them.

Robert Young gave the Arch Oboler sketch, "I Have No Prayer". Louise Allbritton told how the Nisei of the 442d Infantry saved the Texas "Lost Battalion" -- Texas is her home state! Ronald Reagan spoke on behalf of the American Veterans Committee, of which he is an officer, saying:

"BLOOD THAT HAS SOAKED INTO THE SANDS OF A BEACH IS ALL OF ONE COLOR. AMERICA STANDS UNIQUE IN THE WORLD, THE ONLY COUNTRY NOT FOUNDED ON RACE, BUT ON A WAY -- AN IDEAL. NOT IN SPITE OF, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR POLYGLOT BACKGROUND, WE HAVE HAD ALL THE STRENGTH IN THE WORLD. THAT IS THE AMERICAN WAY. MR. AND MRS. MASUDA, JUST AS ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF AMERICANS SPEAKING TO ANOTHER MEMBER, I WANT TO SAY FOR WHAT YOUR SON KAZUO DID -- THANKS!"

General Joseph W. Stilwell said at the Rally: "The real American is the man who calls it a fair exchange to lay down his life in order that American ideals may go on living. And judging by such a test, Sgt. Masuda was a better American than any of us here today. The color of one's skin is not a measure of Americanism!"

(see next page)

NOW THAT THE "UNITED AMERICA DAY" RALLY is over, new work begins.

But first it might be mentioned that the Santa Ana rally sets a mark for other cities to shoot at, for the nation-wide publicity will bring it to the attention of many leaders of anti-intolerance and anti-discrimination thought.

Surely it was the greatest gathering of its kind ever held in Southern California -- and perhaps the first one in which the minority races so effectively expressed themselves through a positive program with high entertainment value.

That General Stilwell should fly from Washington just to be able to present the D.S.C. to Mary Masuda, was in itself worthy of much news space throughout the country. The United States Army, which removed the Nisei and Issei from California in 1942, is doing noteworthy work today to make amends!

Let us follow through and capitalize on this event by building good-will for all minorities with other positive programs.

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NEW POSTERS

AND WINDOW - CARDS NOW READY . . .

NEW POSTER: Size 20 x 27 in. (same as Poster No. 1);
Printed in Red and Blue on White Paper;
This is Poster No. 2, headed:
"WE STAND FOR THE PRACTICE OF DEMOCRACY --
FAIR PLAY, FAIR EMPLOYMENT, NO DISCRIMINATION"
(Also features radio program mentioned below).

NEW WINDOW CARD: Same wording as poster above (including
"Americans All -- Justice for All"), but
size 11½ x 15 in., printed blue on gray paper).

ANOTHER NEW WINDOW CARD: Very slightly smaller than above,
printed black on white, reading:

"We Believe that
In tolerance there is Progress
In good will there is Prosperity
In unity there is Strength.

"We welcome ALL Americans."
(Sponsored by Council for Civic Unity.)

PHONE PROspect 4711, Ext. 757, in L. A. -- or write Human Relations Committee, Room 957, 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15 -- and these window cards and posters will be sent you promptly. Gratis, of course! Excellent for bulletin boards, windows, counters, etc.....

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TUNE IN KNX (1070 K.C.) 10 A.M. EACH SUNDAY for:

"MY BROTHER'S BLOOD"

Sponsored by West Coast Councils of Churches in connection with C. B. S. (Committee on Christian Democracy handling.)

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

FIRST CHRISTMAS "HOME AGAIN" IN FOUR YEARS!

HOME-COMING for millions of veterans -- and thousands of American Japanese -- finds "no room at the inn."

Relocation, from WRA centers to emergency shelter in hostels, barracks and trailer camps, has been completed except for a few thousand still at Tule Lake (to be relocated during January). But another job of relocation -- to permanent housing -- remains; and finding suitable employment along with it. That's WRA's task for its remaining months. To do this, "direct-action" Housing and Employment committees will be set up very soon.

It is good to see that TOLERANCE has been achieved in Southern California. There is no bitterness toward Nisei or Issei; instead, a genuinely friendly attitude prevails. Nor do the Nisei and Issei feel resentment toward those who removed them from California in the spring of 1942 -- removed them despite their being loyal Americans. . .

From these Americans of Japanese ancestry come the Nisei now in the U. S. Army of Occupation in Japan, helping bring about world peace, for they can show the people of Japan the meaning of Democracy. . . Thus your efforts here are bread upon the waters -- good-will in California may mean no World War III for the next generation. . .

After almost 20 centuries, the words of the Master take on a tremendously practical meaning. The New Year may see a new order of real Brotherly Love. . . Thank you for what you have accomplished toward this.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and yours -- and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, "regardless of race, creed or color!"

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AMONG THE MOST GRATEFUL -- Are the relocatees from the WRA centers, for many of them have only the barest necessities of life. The good folks of El Centro, recognizing this, are providing Christmas parties for Nisei children, and food baskets for needy families of Japanese ancestry. Perhaps you too can do something along this line. If you would like to know where, a list of hostels and also of barracks and trailer housing projects will be sent you promptly on request. Just telephone PProspect 4711, Ext. 757 in Los Angeles. -----oOo-----

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Dec. 29,
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW PROGRAM...

HOUSING. . . . } WRA'S BIG TASKS FOR ITS REMAINING TIME!
EMPLOYMENT. . . . }

Both Housing and Employment get more difficult every day as far as the general public is concerned. Housing is described in the press as a "catastrophe" -- Employment hasn't reached any similar stage as yet, but at its present rate, unless trends change, it may soon.

Yet both can be solved, we think. One solution to housing is our proposed "CHERRY VISTAS" plan. This would be several out-in-the-valley sites where Nisei and Issei (vets preferred) can raise vegetables and have their own little home on their acre of land, even running a small store or shop adjacent on the highway. At this time we are working out the details actively and can report more later. Despite construction difficulties, we believe homes can be put up at prices, including land, considerably under \$5,000. Down payments will be very small indeed. WRA, of course, is neither financing nor building "CHERRY VISTAS" -- instead, the relocatees themselves are preparing to do it, with suggestions from WRA. YOUR IDEAS WANTED!

Employment too can be solved. So far there is little unemployment among the relocatees. They are resourceful in finding their own jobs; their friends help; and so, of course, do WRA and USES. But many have stop-gap jobs which must be replaced by steady employment. You can help by telling employers that Nisei and Issei are available for employment -- just phone WRA at PROspect 4711, Ext. 778 or 779.

"RAFU SHIMPO" REBORN

New Year's Day will see the first issue of the Los Angeles Japanese daily newspaper, "RAFU SHIMPO" -- and it will again be a daily -- since 1942. (Translation: "Los Angeles Daily News.")

The address of "Rafu Shimpō" is 104 North Los Angeles St., Los Angeles 12. Phone VAndike 4745. Akira Komai is managing editor and publisher; Henry Mori (formerly of WRA Reports Office) is English-section editor.

"Rafu Shimpō" will be out every day about 4 p.m. Your subscription is welcomed. Also your news items. The editors ask that you call in, or mail in, your items -- they will be gladly received.

This will be the only publication of its kind on the Coast.

N I S E I V E T S O F T H E 442d R E G I M E N T

Over 200 of them are now in So. Calif. -- Camps Haan and Anza near Riverside, and Fort MacArthur near San Pedro. Most of them are soon going back to Hawaii for discharge.

A Christmas party was given 125 of them at Evergreen Playground, L. A., Dec. 22. The L. A. Times, Dec. 24, had a good write-up and 3-col. photo on page 2 (most editions that date.)

Now a number of them -- around 200 -- are being invited to attend a sort of New Year's party Jan. 2, 3 or 4, before they return to Hawaii.

Plans are under way to get them a tour of the picture studios, a radio broadcast as guests, and perhaps a banquet.

Perhaps you have some ideas as to what can be done for these gallant men of the 442d Regiment who fought so valiantly in Italy. If so, phone PProspect 4711, Ext. 757, please. (WRA will be open Sat., Dec. 29; closed Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1; open again Wed., Jan. 2 and the rest of the week including Saturday, for to offset being closed the day before the holiday, WRA will stay open Saturdays the holiday weeks.)

LAUGHTER -- From an editorial in "Niland Newsboy", Imperial Valley:

"The preachments of Gerald L. K. Smith...are detestable... His every appearance in California has caused a great hubbub... efforts to prevent his speaking, and thousands of people picketing his meetings, have played into his hands...giving him freely a rabble rouser's dream of gratuitous publicity, and...the mantle of a persecuted martyr in the eyes of his deluded followers.

"It finally fell to the happy lot of a crowd of high school kids to handle Mr. Smith with a wisdom beyond that of their elders. Recently, he spoke in a San Francisco high school auditorium. The youngsters politely accorded him the right of free speech -- then laughed at him. The more he tore his hair and shouted, the more the boys and girls giggled...Under the fire of adolescent laughter he dwindled from an ominous, dangerous figure to a figure of the ridiculous...Mr. Smith said the meeting was most disappointing..."

R A D I O --

"MY BROTHER'S BLOOD" is on KNX every Sunday at 10 AM. It is sponsored by The West Coast Council of Churches in connection with CBS. This half-hour anti-racism broadcast may also be put on transcriptions. If interested, phone Dr. Clarence S. Gillett, MA-2578, Los Angeles (Committee on Christian Democracy, 1052 W. 6th St., L. A. 14.)

MARY MASUDA --

"Pacific Citizen", issue of Dec. 15, had front page of photos of the Gen. Stilwell DSC presentation to Mary Masuda, and story on second page. If you don't get the Citizen, their address is Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City. It's published weekly. In Los Angeles their representative is at Michigan 5820. Issue date is Saturdays. It's the official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League.

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TO SO. CALIF. NEWSPAPERS
(Mailed Jan. 29, 1946)

E D I T O R I A L
S U G G E S T I O N

FARM LABOR,
QUONSET HUTS
AND THE NISEI. . .

Certain farm interests propose that 50,000 Mexican nationals be imported to California this year. Yet today over 225,000 unemployed workers are drawing job insurance checks in California; an all-time peak, and increasing weekly.

Wages are one factor in the unattractiveness of agricultural work to former war workers. A still more potent reason is simply lack of suitable shelter. Such "housing" as most farms offer is unusable by American families.

This is not intended as a criticism of California farmers, but rather to suggest a remedy:

Thousands of quonset huts are available from war surpluses. They made rather good homes at Port Hueneme, San Pedro, and in England, after fitting up as comfortable two-bedroom houses.

Ten years ago the good people of Oklahoma and Arkansas were stopped at the state border -- because Californians resented outsiders taking their jobs. So why not use Californians for these farm jobs now?

Agriculturalists can finance quonset hut housing -- and it will pay for itself, for of course use of a house can be part of wages. More than that, good housing attracts a better class of workers -- and assures their being on hand when needed.

Here in California are several thousand Americans of Japanese ancestry, just returned from WRA relocation centers now closed by Congress. These Nisei seek both housing and employment. They have families. They are loyal Americans, for no Japanese Americans who are otherwise were permitted to return. They have a reputation for industry and skill in farm operations.

They want work -- but after some 3½ years as involuntary guests of the government in relocation centers, they have no money to buy cars or homes. They offer their labor -- to those who can supply housing for them and their families.

Here's an opportunity for agriculturalists who look ahead to prepare for the days when the labor pinch may hurt.

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EDITORIAL SUGGESTION
for use around
New Year's Day, 1946

"NO RACISM HERE"

"A city without racial prejudice." That's what the United Nations home must be. Now it is evident at last that race hatred not only leads to war, but is definitely unprofitable in peace. . . .

The new World City can't be a town where folks refuse service to those of darker skins. Provincialism is out. Brotherly love is in.

Here in California the Negroes and the Nisei have been the brunt of attacks by homefront Nazis. Fortunately most Californians are democratically minded -- but enough of them indulged in witch-burning, if you please, to turn the United Nations away from this state, despite San Francisco's splendid reception.

The world organization is very young. There is still time to resolve for the New Year that world unity begins at home. No, we can't get along with the people of other shades in distant nations if we can't get along with them around the corner of Main and Broadway....

It's easy to hate people. It takes a little more intelligence to say "Brother."

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HERE'S HOW

. . . It Is Planned To Speed
The Progress of Coordination
Between All Interracial and
Interreligious Groups. . .
And the So. Cal. Area of WRA
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WEEKLY REPORT ON CONCENTRATED EFFORTS IN ALL PHASES OF HUMAN RELATIONS
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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An extensive program of human relations has been set up for a special committee representing the Southern California Area of WRA. It will specialize in and work toward closer coordination with all interracial and interreligious groups in the fields of Housing, Education, Religion and Retail Trade particularly.

Further, concerted efforts are being made in the direction of educating and enlightening the general public via radio and the press.

This special committee met on Friday, October 19, with a similar committee of the Council for Civic Unity in Los Angeles for the purpose of carrying out the general program.

ACTIVITIES HERE'S HOW YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP

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The value of such an endeavor at this time is obvious. The outline, stressing activities in these fields, is listed below. Study it carefully. There are doubtless many ways in which you can cooperate. If you believe you can assist, phone the Council for Civic Unity, TRinity-6271. Here is the formula of procedure in each channel:

H O U S I N G -- To work directly with all committees and civic officials involving all minority problems; to prepare copy and provide participants for special radio forums; and to stress the exploration of all possible avenues of non-segregation.

E M P L O Y M E N T -- To concentrate on contacts, meetings and developments dealing with labor relations, such as Unions, Trade Associations, U. S. E. S., and the like; to distribute the special series of posters on non-discrimination; and to prepare copy and provide participants for special radio forums.

E D U C A T I O N A L -- To contact the various Boards of Education throughout Southern California for the presentation of Talks and Motion Pictures in Junior Colleges and High Schools; to stress speaking campaigns before civic clubs, associations and veteran posts; and to provide copy for special mailing pieces to all such contacts.

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RELIGION -- To provide those who command the pulpits of Southern California -- ministers, priests and rabbis -- with suggested material for the education of their followers. All suggestions are first to be approved by an authorized representative of each creed working with this endeavor.

RETAIL TRADE -- To contact merchants for the purpose of gaining the presentation of small, dignified window-cards and insert-copy for cooperative advertising -- all for the single purpose of spelling non-discrimination in the shopping field.

GENERAL PUBLIC -- To stress and carry on constant contact with all radio commentators for the correct presentation of the non-discrimination news; and to prepare and provide for the broadcasting of Human Relations Forums of the Air.

WHAT IT IS
BASED UPON

All of this program is based upon two primary elements -- Tolerance of the Heart and Respect for the Law. It is set to defeat discrimination and to uphold the Constitution of the United States. It is hoped that it will block racism and religious intolerance. There should be no resistance to it from any intelligent, loyal American.

PROGRESS
TO DATE

Through the cooperation of the Council for Civic Unity, cost of printing of window-cards and the advertising inserts mentioned above has been approved, and now only the mechanics are holding up their completion. Then also a 3-fold piece of literature captioned "Here's How You Can Help" is also in the works through the same channels.

Through the cooperation of the Committee on Christian Democracy, a series of 4 display posters has been approved. The first poster will carry such copy as:

"AMERICANISM Never Was a Question of Race Or Ancestry,"
-- The President of the United States, 1943;
'WE WELCOME ALL AMERICANS. . . ' (Sponsored by the American Veterans Committee and the Committee on Christian Democracy.)

The religious section reported on an integration plan which among other things will provide addresses of all returnees (exclusive of hostels and Army installations) which will be used for the reception and proper assimilation of information important to them.

Coincident with the above, other activities are also being initiated, such as proper contacts to secure the best results and cooperation in Labor Relations, Employment direct, Boards of Education, and the like.

F u r t h e r R e p o r t s N e x t W e e k

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

A Few Timely Suggestions by the UNITED PEOPLES of Southern California

Just How Dangerous Is

R A C I S M

Racism means brutal race hatred -- the very sharp tool of the terrorists.

It is based on fear, intolerance and ignorance.

It directs its appeal to the uneducated and to the uninformed.

It foments discrimination and violence, even riots.

It is un-American because it violates the spirit of American Brotherhood, the very foundation of all of our American ideals.

It could disrupt and dis-unite these United States -- even causing WAR.

Racism can be abolished -- and you can help in your own circle and in the way for which you are fitted.



TO PREVENT RACISM,

TO DEFEAT DISCRIMINATION,

TO CLEAR THE FOG OF PREJUDICE:

- 1-- STOP RUMORS. . . . False statements are usually planted deliberately by racists. Don't pass them on. Spread the truth!
- 2-- PREVENT DISCRIMINATION. . . . Tensions begin in times of housing or employment shortages. Our nation is pledged to "Liberty and Justice for All." If you handle rentals or employment, select not on race but on individual merit!
- 3-- BEWARE OF PROFESSIONAL "PATRIOTS". Under various guises such people proclaim themselves as the only genuine Americans. Don't judge by label. See for yourself what manner of men claim the Flag!
- 4-- RECOGNIZE STEREOTYPES. . . . When you hear someone say "all of such and such a race are thus and so," you are listening to a stereotype. Spike these innuendoes!
- 5-- SPEAK OUT WHEN OPPORTUNITY COMES. Silent citizenship is often no citizenship. The good citizen cannot afford to let the enemies of democracy go unchallenged. Use your voice -- and your vote!
- 6-- HELP FORM PUBLIC OPINION. . . . Such expressions as letters to the editor carry weight. Make your views known!

(Turn over, please)

- 7-- BE FAIR IN YOUR OWN FIELD. . . .
"Incidents" may begin with some slight act of race favoritism. Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. Americanism is a matter of mind and heart. Check over your views!
- 8-- REPLACE DISINTEREST WITH UNDERSTANDING. . . . Young men who left provincial towns return from the war as world citizens. They know that people are pretty much alike the world over. They prefer friendships to barriers. Lend your cooperation to economic harmony!
- 9-- PROMOTE BETTER HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT. . . . Whatever you can do as a citizen to make conditions better for all races, will make conditions better for your race -- and for yourself. Find an active interest in civic improvement!
- 10-- WORK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS. . . .
A friendly chat about matters that concern all -- a small group in front of the fireplace -- a local church gathering -- all are good ways to discuss helpful problems of the neighborhood. Inquire of your veterans', church, luncheon and civic club groups. If there's no suitable committee to join -- form one yourself!
- 11-- HELP INFORM YOUTH. . . . Through power of example, daily contact with radio, newspapers, movies, magazines, and association with adults, youth is being educated aside from the schools. Too, the church and Boy Scouts also have influence. Many groups can join hands here. Help direct youth in the right channels!
- 12-- REPORT HOODLUMS AND "BARFLY COMMANDOS". . . . If there's any neighborhood element deliberately stirring up trouble through gang methods, report them to the proper authorities. Assist the police in enforcing the laws!

A PLEDGE

ALL AMERICANS
Who proved loyal to Uncle Sam in face of war and evacuation will suffer no discrimination here.... We are AMERICANS ALL.

THE BOMB --
that Hitler exploded in Germany....destroying his own countrymen's minds and souls....was infinitely more deadly than the atomic bomb some American dropped on Hiroshima.

V - U DAY
"VICTORY IN UNDERSTANDING"
is still to be attained Be on the alert to defeat discrimination and all prejudices based upon race, creed or color. Truly.... we are AMERICANS ALL.

PONDER THIS!
125 million Americans believe in the democratic way of living....
Less than 5 million harp against race, creed or color -- forgetting that we are AMERICANS ALL.