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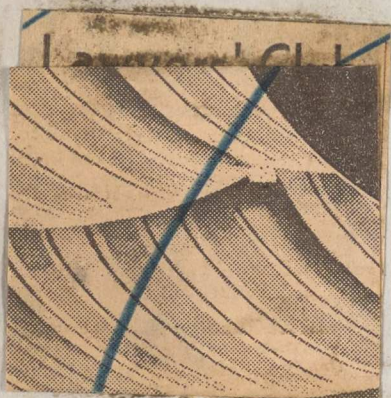
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Thousands of the 36,866 Japanese-Americans evacuated from Los Angeles County and now free to return if they wish have indicated that they have no desire to come back to California and are settling in other parts of the country.

Local authorities revealed this week that 2,600 Japanese families whose possessions are in two storage places here have not yet requested the release of their properties. It was pointed out that 100,000 pounds of Japanese belongings are being shipped from here each month to eastern and middle-western cities.

Meanwhile, the law enforcement committee of the California War Council, meeting with Gov. Earl Warren in Sacramento, warned this week that mis-treatment of returning citizens of Japanese descent might bring reprisals against American prisoners of war in Japanese camps.

*L.A. Herald & Express*

## Intelligence Agent Hits Japs' Return

"I don't see how the Army or the Navy or anyone else can tell whether a Jap is loyal or not and, in my opinion, the mass return of Japanese to California is a dangerous business."

Al Blake so declared in an address yesterday before the Co-operative Club at the Biltmore. Blake, as a Navy intelligence agent, had much to do with a roundup of Japanese spies at the beginning of the war. The order for removal of all Japanese from the Coast, he says, came only after the Army had found a veritable epidemic of espionage and sabotage.

"I knew one Japanese who was involved in espionage for 20 years before I found out that he was disloyal," Blake said. "We must not forget that prior to Pearl Harbor there were 248 Shinto schools, teaching nearly 20,000 American-born children that the Emperor was God and that they owed allegiance only to Japan."

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## Lawyers' Club

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Racial Example

Los Angeles city and county have an opportunity to set a pattern for the rest of the country in the matter of inter-racial problems, Supervisor John Anson Ford said today in a talk to the Los Angeles Lawyers Club at the Rosslyn Hotel.

Both Ford and B. O. Miller, chairman of the inter-racial committee of Los Angeles county which was set up by the board of supervisors, told of the progress being made to relieve tension among the racial groups and obviate possible friction.

Speaking of the Japanese situation, Ford said that he thought the lifting of the ban which kept Japanese-Americans from the West Coast might not be as serious as most people now believe because he thought the Japanese will be "smart enough not to crowd back too rapidly."

Those Japanese who do return, he said, should be measured by the same yardstick as all other groups and that every citizen should be given equal opportunity and treated solely on the basis of merit.

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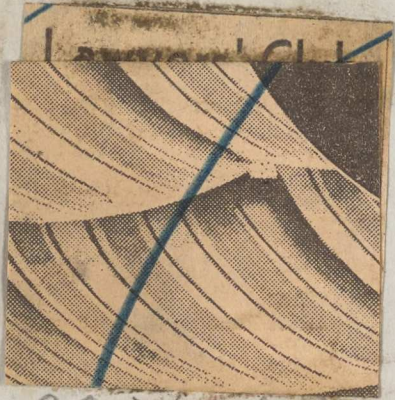
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## Continues Hearing On Land Petition

FRESNO, Dec. 27 (U.P.).—Hearing of a petition for state seizure of 80 acres of farm land illegally owned by four Japanese nationals, today was continued indefinitely by Superior Judge Arthur C. Shepard of Fresno.

Respondents in the action are Tamigoro Chiamori, his two sons and a daughter-in-law, Toyoka Chiamori.

The suit is part of the current campaign to eliminate illegal ownership of Fresno county land by Japanese nationals and was prepared by deputy district attorney Harold V. Thompson, value of the farm was estimated at \$50,000.

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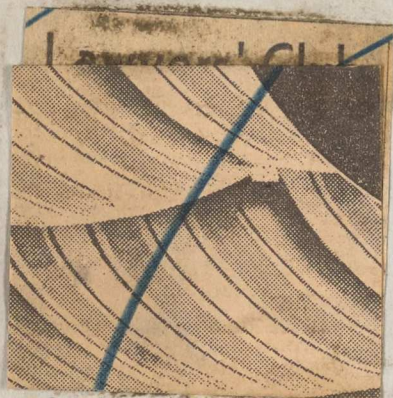
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## Petitions Against Japs Circulated

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 27. — Petitions have been placed at various places in Yuba and Sutter counties and others are being circulated seeking to induce the Western Defense Command to revoke its action permitting return of Japanese people to this area.

Arnold Bear, rancher and leader in the movement, reported many signatures had been obtained.

Meanwhile Yuba County Sheriff McCoy reiterated assurances that provisions of the order would be complied with, while Warren N. Shingle, president of Marysville Chamber of Commerce, deplored the army decision as increasing difficulties in connection with the housing shortage. He said a committee is aiding in study of this aspect of the problem.

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# Church Federation Asks For Jap Tolerance

The Church Federation of Los Angeles, Southern California Council of Protestant Churches, led by General Secretary E. C. Farnham, have issued the following statement concerning proposed return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast:

"In view of the situation with in our State of California, precipitated by the rescinding of the order of evacuation of American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry, we wish to record the Church Federation of Los Angeles, and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches as willing to support the War Department in its action; and in urging that the citizens of our State respond with calmness and generous good-will to the decision and to those evacuees who may return eventually to our State. We believe that the good name of California is under test and that we should be very thoughtful and without passion as we deal with the situation.

"We have held that the return of these people was a matter to be decided by military authorities in the light of military necessities. We have held likewise that the evacuation, however necessary, was a severe wrenching of democratic relationships, particularly for those people who had been born in this land, who were the products of our public schools and churches, and who were desirous of demonstrating true Americanism, and that the evacuation order should be rescinded as soon as military circumstances would permit. We are convinced that the rescinding of the evacuation order will strengthen American prestige and leadership in other lands. In keeping with Christian teachings, and with our experience as church workers, we have held that these people are children of God, personalities having capacity and worth, comparable to all mankind, many of whom have distinguished themselves in scholarship, industry,

science, religion, the arts and humanities, and as members of our military forces. Although of Japanese background, they are of America, the great democratic melting pot, and are therefore to be differentiated from natives and citizens of Japan who are now at war with us because they hold to a different ideology. We have held that the agencies of our government were capable of discovering those with disloyal attitudes, that the disloyal should be kept in custody, and that those who are permitted to return after this investigation process of two years' duration should be received generously. We hold that as Americans they are entitled to a place of dignity and opportunity, and that it is possible to give them such a place in the life of our commonwealth just as much as to any other people.

"Now that the evacuation order has been discontinued and these people will soon be free to seek a place of normal abode and activity, we urge that all civic and community leaders, the press, and all citizens and particularly those of Christian confession take a positive stand for a true demonstration of Christian and democratic principles. We should not countenance the thought of disorder or violence, nor give encouragement to it by suggesting its inevitability, but we should, rather, encourage order and good-will by making clear the principles and duties of American citizens. We should give ourselves resolutely likewise to the solution of problems of housing, employment, and social adjustment.

"A copy of this letter is going to all of the Protestant churches of Southern California, with the recommendation that it be reproduced and sent to every member of those churches. We sincerely solicit your support of the principles set forth herein."

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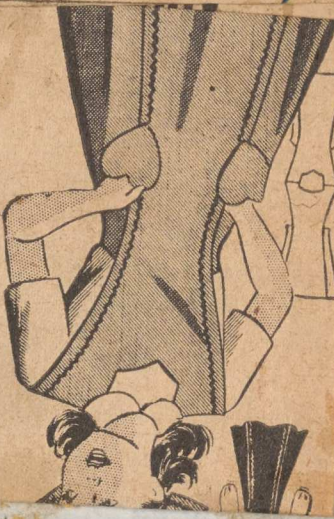


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Japs Transferred to Alien Camp

TULE LAKE, Dec. 27.—(P)—Seventy Japanese men are being transferred today from the Tule Lake segregation center to the Department of Justice internment camp for enemy aliens at Santa Fe, N. M.

Ray R. Best, director of this war relocation authority center, said the transferees include both aliens and American-born Japanese who have renounced American citizenship.



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# Bans On US Japs Lifting Tuesday

## New Proclam Go Into Effect; 221 Left Here In 1942 Evacuation

Nearly three years since their removal from west coast states as a measure of defense, persons of Japanese ancestry will be officially allowed to return to their coastal homes when bars are let down by the army next Tuesday at noon. At that time public proclamation No. 21 removing restrictions on American Japanese will go into effect. The proclamation by the western defense command which rescinds orders of 1942 barring those of Japanese descent from Pacific coast states was received this week in Forest Grove by the police department and posted throughout the city. The proclamation is signed by Major General H. C. Pratt of the western defense command and issued from San Francisco.

Lifting of the ban will probably see a gradual return of American-Japanese families to Washington county during the coming months. At the time of evacuation from the county May 16, 1942 there were approximately 221 who registered at the center here. This included 70 from north of Hillsboro, 54 from the Gaston area, 38 from south of Tigard, 26 from the Beaverton district, 18 working at a Vernonia lumber camp, two girls who were attending Linfield college, one from Dayton and seven from Cornelius.

137 U.S. Born  
Of the total 137 were born in the United States. There were 40 families and 40 single men listed in the registration prior to evacuation to camps in inland states. A complete evacuation was accomplished by May 20, 1942.

Not all belongings of the evacuees were taken with them at that time, but were stored in anticipation of the day when they would be allowed to return to the coast. In addition many still own property to which they will be returning. In Washington county the large majority of the Japanese-Americans were engaged in agricultural enterprises, owning individual farms.

No mass return of evacuees is expected, but rather a gradual readjustment. Some have found new homes which they will undoubtedly not leave, while many of the young men of Japanese descent are in the armed forces.

### All Records Checked

The western defense command has assured residents of the west coast states that "records of all persons of Japanese ancestry have been carefully examined and only persons who have been cleared by military authority have been permitted to return. They should be accorded the same treatment and allowed to enjoy the same privileges accorded other law abiding American citizens." The proclamation further explains persons of Japanese descent who are permitted to return to the coast may obtain identification cards indicating they may reside and travel within the formerly restricted areas. Exclusions are to be handled on an individual basis in the future.

To assure departure from war relocation project areas will be in an "orderly" manner, proclamation No. 8 and certain restrictive orders will remain in force until midnight, on January 20. At that time last of the orders will be lifted with the exception of those for specific individuals.

"Substantial improvement" in the military situation since the orders were first enacted was given as reason for lifting the ban.

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## Decision Awaits West Coast Reaction

"Go East, and spread thin" is the sentiment of many of the Japanese evacuees who are being released from the relocation center at Manzanar, and most of them say they are waiting to judge the reaction of West Coast residents before they decide to move, the Associated Press has reported.

Despite the fact that numerous people have written from Southern California asking for gardeners and domestic servants, most of the evacuees are delaying return to their former homes to determine conditions of community intolerance, housing shortages and employment difficulties.

Joe Shikami, of Santa Monica, formerly active in the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., P.-T.A., and other organizations, told a reporter he thought the residents of Manzanar have been displaced in their jobs for the duration of the war "and they would make a big mistake to go back."

## Gives Advice

He advised them to take good jobs in the Middle West and East, and said, "I think that is what most of them will do."

Kakumosko Arai, for 30 years an importer in Los Angeles, declared: "I feel that there would be little opportunity for me to go into business in California."

He added that a few talked of going back with the idea of venturing alone without their families to look over the situation and decide if they want to enter hostile communities.

A former Glendale real estate man who did not want to give his name said lifting of the exclusion order raised the morale of the evacuees, but they were in no hurry to return to Southern California.

"They feel that the housing situation is bad and they do not want to make themselves more unpopular by attempting to evict people who are living in their homes," he said.

**Sentiment Favorable**

Another person interviewed who had just returned from an eastern trip said he had found sentiment toward the Japanese-Americans favorable, wages satisfactory and jobs plentiful. He said the only ones who should return to the West Coast are those who own homes they can occupy without creating trouble. He advised the others to go East.

Another said he probably could return to his San Fernando Valley home, but it might cause his landlord trouble and he would not trade "on his friendship."

"Perhaps in a few years after the war is over I might go back to the Valley, but not now," he declared.

Of the 5540 residents at Manzanar, 3117 are United States citizens.

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**Legion Post Asks  
Japanese Not to  
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In an advertisement addressed to former Japanese-American residents of Imperial Valley, the 173 today called upon those citizens not to return to the valley at this time.

At a meeting, this week the Post drafted an open letter which they felt would be received cordially by the internees since that post had taken an "understanding" position during the days immediately following the Pearl Harbor attack. The Post outlined its

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Jap espionage

Los Feliz Women's club will hear Al Blake, former counter agent for the United States naval intelligence, speak on "Me, Jap Agent, for Uncle Sam," at the public affairs day program Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m., at the Griffith park clubhouse. Mrs. Stuart S. Good

Mrs. Stuart S. Goode, president of the organization, will present Blake. He will dramatize the story of the Japanese espionage on the Pacific coast just prior to Pearl Harbor.

At the luncheon program, presented by Mrs. Charles Pons, chairman, members will listen in on "New Trends of Motion Pictures," spoken by Mrs. Alice Field, director of the department of public service of the Motion Picture Producers Assn.

RESIDING IN Santa Barbara after their recent wedding at the Chichester chapel of the Immanuel Presbyterian church are Lt. and Mrs. Leon A. Reynolds Jr.

The bride, former Marjorie Louise Riley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis C. Riley. Lieutenant Reynolds, a member of the United States marine air corps, stationed at Coleta air field in Santa Barbara, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Reynolds of Camden, N. J.

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**JAP FAMILY HAZARDS RETURN**

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**Returning Japs' History Checked**

The effect of lifting the ban on mass exclusion of Japanese from Pacific Coast areas, according to the proclamation of the Headquarters of Western Defense Command, Presidio, San Francisco, is to allow those of Japanese-ancestry whose history and background have been thoroughly investigated to return to this and other states, placed under ban immediately after Pearl Harbor.

The exclusion is now an individual one, the proclamation points out. It starts with the statement that there has been a substantial improvement in the military situation since the order first went into effect which warranted the removal of all Japanese. It also cites this improvement as not now necessitating a mass exclusion, but a careful determination of individual cases, hence an assurance to people of the Pacific area that those being permitted to return will be carefully screened before they are released.

The order was signed by Major Gen. H. C. Pratt, effective Jan. 2, 1945.

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Special missionary speaker, Mr.  
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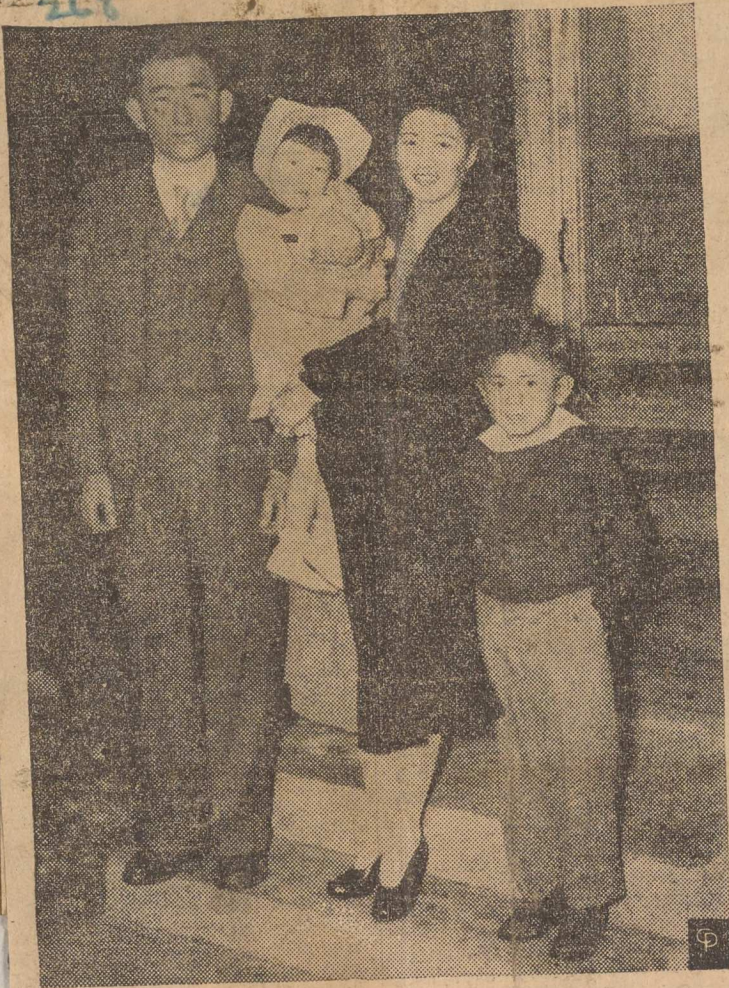
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Approval and commendation of Gov. Warren's recent action in urging public officials to assist in bringing about cheerful and adequate compliance with the Army's revocation of the evacuation order directed against American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident Japanese aliens has been expressed by several religious organizations of Southern California.

They have termed the new order a test of the principles of democracy in this state, and urged people living here to give it full support.

Names of organizations declaring their approval include the Church Federation of Los Angeles, Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, Free World Association of Hollywood, Friends of the American Way, Inter-racial Council of the Catholic Church, Negro Inter-denominational Pastor's Alliance of Pasadena, Pastor's Union of Pasadena and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

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The organizations were the Church Federation of Los Angeles; the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play; the Free World Association of Hollywood; Friends of the American Way; the Interracial Council of the Catholic Church; the Negro Inter-Denominational Pastors' Alliance of Pasadena; the Pastors' Union of Pasadena; and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

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Joseph C. Ferro, commander of the Gardena's Veterans of Foreign Wars, known as General Rosecrans Post No. 3261, yesterday issued an emphatic denial to the charge that names of Americans of Japanese descent would not be included on the post's Honor Roll of local service men which it has erected at the City Hall. Ferro's statement was issued following a flood of letters received by the post from people all over the country who read an item by columnist Drew Pearson, syndicated nationally, in which Pearson charged that the local post would not permit the names of Japanese Americans on its Honor Roll.

Pearson cited one former Gardena resident, Kiyoshi Muranaga, who was killed in action on the German front and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, and stated that the local VFW would not include his name on its list of local heroes.

Commander Ferro, in asking The News to publish his statement, also said that a communication would be sent to Columnist Drew Pearson, but that he doubted if Pearson would take the trouble to give it the same publicity that he did his original statement.

Ferro's statement in which he says that the names of such men will be included on the Honor Roll is as follows:

Three years ago when the tension was great toward the Japanese, the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars felt that names of Japanese should not be placed upon the Honor Roll at that time. Most of the Japanese Americans who went into the armed services then, were selective service men who were in the service more or less because the government ordered them in. Since that time some of them have volunteered and a number of them have distinguished themselves in action.

"Today there are many Japanese from Gardena Valley that have proven themselves to be loyal Americans. Many of these boys have gone into battle with the odds against them, and have come out of some of the battles in this war real heroes.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Gardena feel that these boys are entitled to the same recognition as any other American who is serving in the Armed Forces. All efforts will be made to secure their names and place them on the Gardena Honor Roll.

"It is unfortunate that so much controversy has been made over this issue. In fact the local post never intended that these boys would not be recognized when the time came. W. R. Cass, commander of the Post at the time the Honor Roll was started and presented to the city, said that he felt that those that were fighting were certainly entitled to all the honor that could be given them," Ferro concluded.

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## Laud Warren for stand on Japanese

Commendation of Gov. Earl Warren's and Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz' stand on return of Americans of Japanese descent to the west coast was voted yesterday by the county committee for church and community cooperation.

A dozen leading churchmen of the community, members of the committee, met at the First Congregational church to discuss practical means of cooperating with law enforcement agencies in maintaining order when the Japanese return.

Guests at the luncheon meeting were Sheriff Biscailuz and county supervisors William A. Smith and John Anson Ford. Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin presided.

Biscailuz said he expected "no organized resistance" to return of the Japanese, and believed that the public had accepted the edict of the military.

A gradual return of the Japanese to the community is important, he pointed out, and would prevent inflammatory incidents that might result from return en masse.

The vote of commendation also included expressions of confidence and pledged full support of law enforcement agencies.

Dr. James W. Fifield Jr., told his fellow members that the war relocation authority has made careful plans for the return of the Japanese and assured them that nothing would be done in a "haphazard" way.

Two other groups took an opposite stand on the matter.

A statement was issued by the Korean colony in Southern California asking authorities to reconsider their decision to allow Japanese to return on the ground that "some violence toward the Japanese is inevitable."

The American League, organization of Southland businessmen, advised the Japanese not to return for the duration because they would become "natural targets of public indignation" in case of acts of sabotage.

## s This Americanism?

(The Dallas Optimist)

During the week it was reported that the names of several Japanese-American boys from Hood River had been erased from the roll of honor erected at the city center. This was done, according to the newspaper accounts, as a result of action by the American Legion post of that city. The action, of course, reflected the action of that post only. We hope that it does not indicate the attitude which may be taken by other units of that organization, for in the opinion of this column it strikes a body blow at the fundamental principles upon which any nation of free men is established. For it reflects a narrow racial prejudice which is unworthy of any

true American. It condemns these young Japanese-American soldiers solely because their ancestors happened to come from Japan. By the same token, the American Legion, or any other organized group, may next choose to outlaw the Jews in this country, or the Negroes, or the Italians, or Russians, or any other group as the crass emotions of the moment may prompt. Hitler practices it in Europe and sends, men, women and innocent children of "inferior races" to his charnel houses of organized murder. That is the logical end to which organized racial hatred leads. It is contrary to the principles for which our sons are fighting—many of them have said so. Misguided individuals and groups in this country, who think that the fostering of racial prejudice and hatred here at home will promote the war effort and lead to an enduring peace ought to be put right.

## Jap Return

### Church Group Praises Police Plan for Order

Plans of Los Angeles area peace officers and law enforcement agencies to maintain law and order when the Japanese-Americans return to California today had won the commendation of the Committee for Church and Community Co-operation.

And at the same time representatives of the American League and the Korean colony urged the Japanese-Americans themselves and the War Department, respectively, to further deliberate on the remigration here during the war.

The committee of churchmen, after hearing Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz pledge co-operation with Governor Warren and other state officials in guaranteeing a peaceful return of the Japanese-Americans, passed a resolution commending the officials for their attitude.

Rev. Dr. James W. Fifield Jr., pastor of the First Congregational Church, presented the resolution. Among those approving were Bishop Bertrand Stevens of the Episcopal diocese, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph T. McGucken of the Catholic archdiocese.

Dr. Fifield declared that the War Relocation Authority has laid careful plans for the return of the Japanese-Americans and that the community could be assured nothing would be done "willy nilly."

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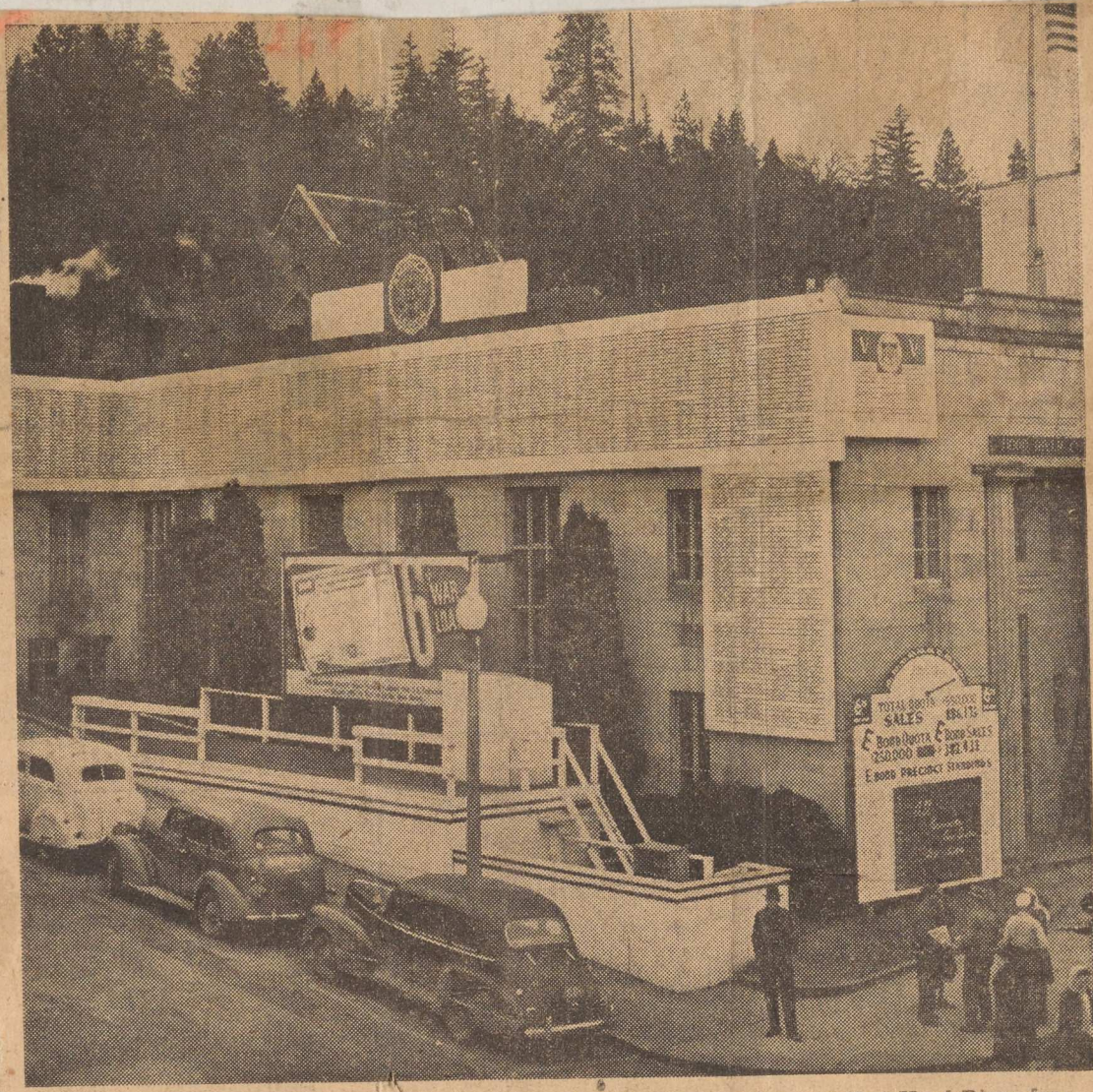
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CAUSE OF DISPUTE—The white spaces on this American Legion honor roll at Hood River formerly contained the names of Japanese-American youths now serving in the United States army. They were blocked out by the Legion members of the Hood River post, declaring the boys had not renounced their allegiance to Japan. (Photo by Ralph Vincent.)

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Ja returned to the Puyallup  
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The resolution was passed  
last night at the organization's  
meeting in Sumner. Nearly  
300 persons, many of them  
non-members, attended the  
session slanted at recruiting  
supporters—particularly from  
the ranks of service men.

"We are fighting an enemy—not  
a race," President Benjamin F.  
Smith of Kent said.  
Requests for new units have  
streamed into league headquarters  
from Seattle, Tacoma and other  
Western Washington cities, Smith  
said.

President Harold Foster of  
the Sumner school board sup-  
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will be held at the grammar school  
auditorium tonight, December 29th,  
starting at 8 o'clock, to which every-  
one is invited, and farmers are es-  
pecially asked to attend.

Those behind the movement are in  
hopes of forming an Anti-Japanese  
League here similar to ones formed in  
Winters and Suisun Valley.

A large delegation from Winters  
has promised to be present and will  
bring with them speakers who are  
well versed on the subject. A dele-  
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Portland (Or.) Journal

## WRA Head to Address Rotary Club on Japs

Keen interest is being manifested by citizens interested in problems confronting Yolo county communities with possible return of Japanese evacuees after the first of the year in a scheduled address here of Dillon Meyer, national director of the War Relocation Authority, Tuesday, January 9 at a Rotary club meeting.

Meyer, a storm center of the WRA alleged pampering of the evacuees in relocation centers is one of the most prominent governmental agency heads. His appearance here was arranged by Howard Snyder, Woodland YMCA secretary.

### State Heads Invited

The meeting at which Meyer is slated to speak is set for noon in the Elks club. Members of the local Lions club, state officials in Sacramento, representatives of the Winters Service club and representatives from Esparto have been invited to attend, Snyder disclosed. Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey has been specially invited and men interested in the subject will be welcome if they make known their desire to attend in time to provide seats, Snyder said. Those wishing to attend should notify Dr. Homer Woolsey, program chairman.

### Explain Situation

Meyer will explain the entire situation of Japanese relocation, Snyder indicated. He stated that Meyer's appearance here, according to information he had received, would be "only rural meeting which he would address on the Pacific coast."

Snyder revealed that Meyer's appearance here had been arranged through Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, executive secretary, Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. The committee's headquarters is in Oakland.

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SAN FRANCISCO — ILWU  
President Harry Bridges hailed  
the War Department order per-  
mitting Americans of Japanese  
ancestry to return to their homes  
on the West Coast as "clearly in  
line with the anti-fascist purposes  
of the war," in a statement re-  
leased December 18.

"Our union has never believed  
that the test of loyalty should be  
the color of a man's skin," said  
Bridges. "Our brother Ameri-  
cans of Japanese descent have  
shown their patriotism the hard  
way, as evidenced by our own  
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## EAST BAY NOTES

## 5 Nisei Vets Visit U.C. Campus; Oakland Plans for Postwar Flying

By VIVIAN MCGUCKIN  
(People's World East Bay Bureau)

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—Five Japa-  
nese-American soldiers, all vet-  
erans of the famed Fifth Army  
in Italy, visited the University  
campus in Berkeley the other day  
—said there was no such thing as  
discrimination on the battlefield.

As one of them said, the other  
American soldiers "know and we  
know what we were fighting for.  
American soldiers and officers on  
the Italian front were fine to us  
and said they were glad to be  
fighting by our sides."

Staff Sergeant Jack Kawawota  
said, "The sight of American-Japa-  
nese fighting besides their Cauca-  
sian comrades was a surprise to  
the Germans who found the situa-  
tion difficult to understand."

All five men said they had been  
confronted by some discrimina-  
tion here on the West Coast since  
their return. They found it diffi-  
cult to understand.

Postscript: All five, Staff Ser-  
geants Masae Tamaye and Jack  
Kawawota and Private First Class  
E. Yenashire, B. Watanobe and  
George Kakazu—are wearers of  
the Purple Heart.

Another addition to the postwar  
agenda here is a private fliers'  
airport. Surveys have brought out  
an estimated 50,000 private planes  
for Californians, 5000 of which  
are on the list for Bay-Areans  
alone.

A committee of local fliers'

groups is now considering the  
following points: a survey to de-  
termine the most suitable loca-  
tion for such an airport, the mat-  
ter of keeping airport charges low  
to encourage flying and including  
Oakland in the Civil Aeronautics  
Administration improvement pro-  
gram which will make Federal  
funds available.

It looks, too, as if Oakland will  
get a stadium of its own in the  
postwar. Plans call for one with  
a seating capacity of 40,000.

Mothers with a child-care prob-  
lem in Hayward should contact  
the local high school. A survey  
is now being taken to determine  
whether or not a child-care cen-  
ter is needed in that community.  
If it reveals that a sufficient num-  
ber of mothers would be free  
then for war work, it is likely  
that one will be opened.

U. C.'s "Occident," a literary  
monthly which has not been pub-  
lished now for many years, may  
make its reappearance next year  
as an art-literary paper. In the  
old days, Jack London and other  
now-renowned writers contributed  
to the magazine during their stu-  
dent days.

City Councilman W. J. McCrack-  
en had blood in his eye at a

recent council meeting where he  
protested against issuing a license  
for the operation of a cabaret on  
Lakeshore avenue. He said the  
avenue is called "saloon row" now  
and that residents of that district  
are "getting very tired of that  
situation." He lives there himself.  
Anyway, after much talk—the city  
clerk explained that the applica-  
tion was for adding dancing and  
a floor show to a bar already  
established and functioning.

Each month about 5000 families  
apply for housing facilities in the  
East Bay. Robert Grant, manager  
of the Alameda and Contra Costa  
Counties War Housing Centers,  
says that this shows there is a  
"definite" housing shortage. That's  
known as "new news."

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## Outlines Functions Of Fair Play Group

"Purpose and Function of the Fair-Play Committee" was the subject of a talk given by Col. P. G. McDonnell to the West Los Angeles District Board members of the Family Welfare Association at their regular December meeting.

Col. McDonnell, who is vice-chairman of the Executive Committee of Southern California said, "The fundamental purpose of the Committee is to support the principles enunciated in the Constitution of the United States and to maintain, unimpaired, the liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, particularly for persons of Oriental ancestry."

They believe that attacks upon the rights of any minority tend to under-mine the rights of the majority, that legislation to deprive Americans of any racial minority of their legal rights would set a precedent for depriving other racial groups of their rights and would weaken the confidence of our allies, since we profess to be fighting for the rights of all peoples; that it is un-American to penalize persons of Japanese descent in the United States for the crimes of the government and military caste of Japan, that the test of Democracy is in the security assured its citizens.

## Jap-American Learns He's Wounded—Officially

BY CHARLES CLEVELAND.

Pvt. Pete I. Yamamoto, Jap-American soldier, lay in bed this morning in his home, 3607 Lake Park av., reading the latest War Department casualty list—and found his own name in the list of wounded.

He was hit in the left shoulder by shrapnel Oct. 17 in southern France and after hospitalization returned to the United States Dec. 16. He has been home since Saturday on furlough from Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich.

"It was my first action," Pete related. "We had been in reserve eight days and moved into the front lines preparing to attack when the Germans started shelling. Twenty-seven men and two officers in my company (the entire regiment was Jap-American) were hit in two hours.

"Three of us were sitting around making up our packs and talking to keep our minds off the shelling when suddenly I felt something hot hit me."

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THE 20-YEAR-OLD soldier lived in California before the war broke out and with his family was moved to an Arizona relocation camp. There he volunteered for the Army, but it took a year before he was sworn in, Jan. 10, 1944. Meanwhile he worked in a Salt Lake City cannery.

"Most of us Jap-Americans prefer to fight the Germans," he said. "It's not because we wouldn't fight the Japs—but



Pvt. Pete I. Yamamoto.

[Daily News photo.]

most of us figure we might get mistaken for them in combat. Then too we've got plenty of cause to hate the Germans. After you see them kill off a bunch of your buddies—"

He said morale was high in his outfit, which had fought in Italy before its latest action in France. He was proud that his company, in spite of the terrific shelling the day he got hurt, had gone on and taken its objective.

THREE OF PETE'S brother are in the Army.

"There was another Yamaoto, too, but no relation," Pete smiled. "He was the Jap admiral who was going to dictate peace terms in the White House and had a hand in Pearl Harbor. He's dead now."

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## JAPS PLEDGED PROTECTION

With issuance today of a state-  
ment by the California State War  
Council, following a special con-  
ference of the state law enforce-  
ment advisory committee, relative  
to the duties of law enforcement  
officers when formerly excluded  
Japanese are permitted to return,  
Chief H. W. Swinney today pledg-  
ed the full cooperation of the On-  
tario police department.

The statement, copies of which  
are being placed in the hands of  
all peace officers, says in part that  
"all persons, regardless of race are  
entitled to the full protection of  
the law" and that as result of a  
careful army investigation, no per-  
sons who are potentially danger-  
ous will be permitted to return.

"There should be no difficulty  
involved in this transition unless  
incidents are provoked by intem-  
perate words and thoughtlessness,"  
the statement continues. "During  
this period of adjustment, the rep-  
utation of each of our California  
communities will be at stake."

### WARNING SOUNDED

In conclusion, the statement  
points out that any mistreatment  
of Japanese here will not improve  
conditions which must be faced  
by American boys in Japanese  
prison camps and expresses the  
belief that cheerful cooperation  
with the program "will be in fur-  
therance of our war effort and in  
keeping with our war purposes and  
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fully in preventing accidents with  
return to civilian occupancy of  
terrain formerly used by the war  
department, two fatal accidents,  
both involving children who found  
unexploded munitions or "dud"  
projectiles, having already re-  
sulted.

"Information as to discovery or  
possession of unexploded projec-  
tiles, ammunition or hazardous  
souvenirs should be reported im-  
mediately to police," Hamren's  
bulletin declares.

## Jap Return Big Mistake Says Ford

"The releasing of the Japanese  
from relocation camps and their  
return to the West Coast is a big  
mistake," declared Leland Ford,  
former congressman, in address-  
ing members of the West Los  
Angeles Lions Club at their  
luncheon meeting Wednesday  
noon.

"Responsibility for any reper-  
cussions from this release order  
should be dropped in the laps  
of the starry-eyed idealists  
through whose efforts the ruling  
was rescinded," Ford heatedly re-  
marked to the group. Ford's  
stand on this question was unan-  
imously endorsed by the assem-  
blage whose interest in his talk  
was reflected in the lengthy  
question period following his  
speech.

The group felt that Ford could  
speak with authority upon the  
Japanese question because it was  
when he was congressman from  
the 16th district that the Jap-  
anese were removed from the  
West Coast and he was chairman  
of the joint senatorial and con-  
gressional committee in charge  
of the evacuation of the Jap-  
anese.

Terming the administration of  
relocation camps under Dillon  
Meyer as "typical WPA style,"  
Ford pulled no punches in criti-  
cizing the government order al-  
lowing the return of Japanese  
to this vital defense area.

However, he said he was not  
in accord with one current public  
sentiment of deporting all Jap-  
anese to Japan and taking away  
their American citizenship. He  
asserted such action would be un-  
constitutional and "if we should  
take away the right of citizen-  
ship from American born Jap-

anese what at a later date would  
prevent the taking away of citi-  
zenship from any other group of  
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back to the repeal of the exclu-  
sion act—they should never have  
been allowed to enter this coun-  
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he concluded.

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## WRA WOULD 'SELL' CITY TO JAPANESE

Report for Relocation Centers Stresses Business and Job Opportunities Here

### LACK OF BIAS IS CITED

Nisei in New York Said to Be Prospering and Ready to Aid Newcomers

New York City was pictured yesterday in a report prepared by the regional office of the War Relocation Authority as an area in which 60,000 Japanese being resettled nationally could find excellent jobs and business opportunities and a not unfriendly population.

This conclusion was reached, according to Leo T. Simmons, acting supervisor of the Middle Atlantic area of the WRA, on the basis of interviews with 30 of 100 Japanese who had conducted successful businesses or held jobs here since Pearl Harbor Day on Dec. 7, 1941.

The report is intended to "sell" Japanese on the virtues of settling in New York, according to Mr. Simmons. It was prepared by the area office of the WRA. After approval by authorities in Washington, copies of the document will be distributed among the eight relocation centers, according to the official.

### Distribution of Group

Mr. Simmons recalled that in the pre-war period 110,000 of the 130,000 Japanese in the United States lived in Pacific Coast States. The objective of the report, he said, was to bring about a more satisfactory nation-wide distribution of a minority group. He added that the virtues of such a project previously had been expressed by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, head of the WPA.

Since relocation was undertaken, Mr. Simmons said, various Issei (alien Japanese) had gone into areas other than the Pacific Coast, many of them settling in Chicago and other parts of the Middle West, many of them settling in Chicago and other parts of the Middle West, but few had come to New York.

"With the good opportunities for relocation offered by a metropolitan area like New York, there are no sound reasons against their coming here," Mr. Simmons declared.

Commenting on the attitude of New Yorkers toward Japanese business men, the report said:

"A marked lack of discrimination, even during the period shortly after the outbreak of war, was reported by the Japanese business people who were interviewed. This is especially noteworthy because many of them are engaged in consumer industries or service trades in which the bulk of their business is with Caucasians."

### Aid to Newcomers

"The Japanese consulted here not only said they believed the New York district to be a good place for Issei evacuees to open new businesses, but offered to advise and otherwise aid newcomers in getting started.

"They invite correspondence from center residents who are thinking of relocating to the New York area and going into business there. A number of the business men suggested that Issei resettlers should preferably go into business with their Nisei children."

Edward V. Berman, WFA relocation officer who conducted the interviews, commented as follows:

"I was impressed by the fact that all the business men interviewed and their families are prospering, and they have been able to carry on their activities in New York with little if any attention paid to their Japanese ancestry."

"All of them wish to remain here and believe that metropolitan New York offers good opportunities for many of the people still in the centers. Every Issei to whom I spoke indicated his readiness to offer advice to newcomers and to help them make a successful adjustment here."

## Japanese-Americans Urged To Settle Down in New York

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—American citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry were urged yesterday in a report prepared by the regional office of the War Relocation Authority here to plan to settle in New York, where, according to the report, the population is friendly and excellent jobs and business opportunities are available.

Part of an effort to encourage a more satisfactory distribution of the 130,000 Japanese-Americans in the United States, the report was made public by Leo T. Simmons, Acting Supervisor of the Middle Atlantic area of the WRA, who added that after approval by authorities in Washington, copies of the document will be distributed among the eight relocation centers.

### Japanese Interviewed

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Nine wounded American veterans of Japanese ancestry will be guests of honor at a dinner tonight at the Delaware Gardens, 58 E. Delaware, given by the Japanese-American Citizens league and the girls' group of the YWCA. Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, regional director of the league, announced that a traditional Japanese dinner will be served. The men all were wounded while fighting on the Western front.

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One year ago, he said the Germans wouldn't be beaten in 1944. You could almost hear the expression on his face today, his 80th anniversary. It said "hah!" And the way Field Marshal Gen. Gerd von Rundstedt has been pushing the Allies back, General March won't even predict victory for the Allies in 1945. He'll only go so far as to say the Germans are going to lose, some time. The Japanese are even tougher," he said.

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## ONE MAN'S OPINION

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN CALIFORNIA ARE PROFOUNDLY DISTURBED BY THE IMMINENCE OF THE RETURN OF NUMEROUS JAPANESE TO THIS COAST. THAT INCLUDES SUPPOSEDLY LOYAL JAPANESE AND JAPANESE-AMERICANS.**

The law enforcement officers are organizing to meet whatever danger may accrue therefrom, which includes possible sabotage by these returning persons of alien blood and by the outbreaks almost certain to occur in various Southern California communities.

### I SEE NOTHING CALIFORNIA CAN DO ABOUT IT.

The authorities at Washington, who seem to know as little about the feeling on this coast as they do about handling governmental affairs WITH THEIR USUAL DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY, have decreed these persons are going to come and that is that.

**THE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE IN THE HANDS OF SECRETARY OF INTERIOR ICKES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS DONALD DUCK, THE HATCHET MAN OF THE ADMINISTRATION.**

Precisely what test will be given these supposedly "loyal Americans" of Japanese blood has not been announced. It can only be assumed that their loyalty will be rated by the answers they give to questionnaires.

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**CITIZENS' PROTEST**—This sign appeared yesterday on the farm of Hill Mohnike near Talbert in protest of the return of the former owner, George Iwakoshi, American-born Japanese, from an Arizona relocation center. Citizens of the vicinity who are opposed to the return of Japanese and who today presented The Register with a petition to that effect denied knowledge of the sign's appearance and equally mysterious disappearance.

## Orange County Citizens Protest Return of Japs

The first outbreak of anti-Japanese sentiment in Orange county when a sign protesting the presence of a Japanese on a farm near Talbert was placed on the property was followed today when a group of Orange county citizens presented The Register with a petition protesting the return of Japanese, either alien or American-born, to this county.

The sign was placed against a telephone pole 100 yards west of the intersection of Talbert and Ward Rds., on property owned by George Iwakoshi, American-born Japanese, who returned a week ago from an Arizona relocation center where he has been the last year. The leasee and farmer of the property during that period is Hil Mohnicke, who yesterday purchased the farm and its equipment from Iwakoshi who left late yesterday for Arizona.

This incident was followed today by the American Legion, Santa Ana Post No. 131, releasing a resolution to the effect that though opposed to the return of the Japanese to California, it would continue to uphold the constitutional rights of those foreign-born citizens who have proven themselves to be loyal Americans.

### CITIZENS' PETITION

The citizens' petition reads as follows: "We, citizens of Orange county, believing we represent the majority of the patriotic population of this county and having continuously protested to the government authorities by resolution and otherwise and hereby band together, resolve and demand that no Japanese, either alien or American-born be allowed to return to Orange county.

"We having lived among them since they first came to this county, feel we are best qualified to judge their actions and attitudes.

"They have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, almost without exception, to be dual citizens, treacherous, untrustworthy and un-American.

"Therefore, we request them, if they wish to keep the peace which we have enjoyed since their re-

moval from our locality to show their patriotism by staying out of this county. What more can we ask?

### DEFEAT OBJECTIVE

"Furthermore we wish to point out to the religious groups who advocate their return, that they are defeating the very thing they are asking for—namely, keeping the peace.

"For if the Japanese come back to this country, we feel it will only lead to mob violence and trouble."

The statement was signed by A. W. Walker, W. O. Eades, Urban Buchheim, Roy S. Head, Harry G. Gardner, P. C. Stroud, Ivan H. Harper, E. A. Wakeham, Max C. Hoystner, Orlando L. Parker, Walter R. Gisler.

Meanwhile it was expected that national publicity would be given another Orange county family of Japanese ancestry when it was revealed today that Shosuki Nitta, 64, Poston, and his son, Hitoshi Nitta, 22, appeared yesterday at the First Methodist church with representatives of the Relocation board in Los Angeles and of both a national magazine and a national news picture service. The Nittas, who have been members of the church for many years, were photographed with the pastor, Dr. John N. Ashley and Rev. Harold E. Johnson, minister for youth.

The American Legion resolution said although opposed to the return of Japanese to this area, the members of Santa Ana Post 131 would uphold the ruling of the high court and U.S. Army authorities who released the Japanese. The resolution declares that "we will admonish all of our members to remember first our duties as citizens and loyal American and to

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## Pacific Coast Groups Rise To Defend Japanese Return

Strong statement demanding fair treatment issued by widely representative organizations—Forces of opposition, still organized and vocal, take new tack of plea to await war's end.

By Rodney L. Brink

Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Public opinion is making itself emphatically vocal in California regarding the return of Japanese-Americans to their Pacific Coast homes.

Not unanimously, but with authority, Vox Populi is saying: "They shall have fair treatment. Law and order must prevail. Their rights as American citizens shall be protected."

A strong statement has just been jointly authorized and issued by these widely representative organizations: Church Federation of Los Angeles; Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play; Free World Association of Hollywood; Friends of the American Way; Interracial Council of the Roman Catholic Church; Negro Interdenominational Pastors' Alliance of Pasadena, and Pastors' Union of Pasadena; Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

### Joint Statement

The statement follows:

"We commend Governor Warren for urging all public officials to assist in bringing about cheerful and adequate compliance with the Army's revocation of its mass evacuation order directed against American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident Japanese aliens.

"We likewise commend and will support the position of all other public officials seeking to maintain the principles of democracy in this State.

"This episode is a test of the people of this State. We are confident that by their American attitude and conduct they will demonstrate to all nations that democracy has validity and vitality, even in time of war, and will thereby contribute in a most important way to the ultimate success of our armed forces."

### New Tack by Opponents

The forces opposed to the return of the Japanese to the coast are still organized and still vocal, also, but their expressions of opposition have taken a different tack. Denunciations and even threats which were heard in the period before the Army revoked its Japanese evacuation order of 1942 have changed now to pleas to the évacués themselves not to return until the war is ended. The pleas are made on a basis of national security and the safety of the individuals concerned.

A meeting of organizations which have long and vigorously opposed return of the Japanese was held recently. Represented were Native Sons of the Golden West, Americanism Educational League, the Americans' League, Women of the Golden West, United Philippine War Veterans, Sino-Korean People's League, and the "Ban-the-Japs" Committee. Some of the older and better-known of these organizations opposed Japa-

nese residence here long before the war, and doubtless will continue such opposition after the war.

Even this strongly anti group, in formal statement, asserted that they "recognize the necessity of maintaining law and order under any and all circumstances. . . . recognize the inviolability of citizenship rights under our Constitution, but also recognize the necessity in wartime emergencies to curtail temporary unlimited expression of those rights for mutual security and common welfare."

### Sabotage Threat Seen

The statement mentioned the possibility of the landing of Japanese saboteurs from submarines, the probable alerting of vital military districts, the difficulties in securing housing and employment at this time, the intense opposition to Japanese tenancy in certain farming districts.

"Those present," said the statement, "urge upon Japanese planning to return careful consideration of these facts, with the hope that they will voluntarily remain away until the war is ended."

At the meeting of the organizations opposed to Japanese reentry, mentioned above, appeared a spokesman for the other side of the question, representing the Church Federation of Los Angeles and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches, Dr. E. C. Farnham.

Dr. Farnham made a strong declaration on behalf of his two organizations, in support of the Army's decision to permit return of evacuated Japanese. He said, in part:

### "Entitled to Place"

"We hold that as Americans they are entitled to a place of dignity and opportunity, and that it is possible to give them such a place in the life of our commonwealth just as much as to any other people."

"Now that the evacuation order has been discontinued and these people will soon be free to seek a place of normal abode and activity, we urge that all civic and community leaders, the press, and all citizens and particularly those of Christian confession take a positive stand for a true demonstration of Christian and democratic principles.

"We should not countenance the thought of disorder or violence, nor give encouragement to it by suggesting its inevitability, but we should rather encourage order and good will by making clear the principles and duties of American citizens.

"We should give ourselves resolutely likewise to the solution of problems of housing, employment, and social adjustment."

Japanese-Americans urged to settle down in New York: Page 3.

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## U. C. Students Approve Nisei

Japanese-American students returning to the West Coast under the recent Army permit will have an opportunity for full membership in the Associated Students of the University of California. This was assured in a resolution passed by the student executive committee on the Berkeley campus last night. The resolution, introduced by Phyllis Lindley, representative-at-large, reads:

"Whereas, the decree excluding en masse from the Pacific Coast, persons of Japanese descent has by order of General Pratt been removed, and the Superior Court has held that detention or treatment on other than an individual basis is under the circumstances unconstitutional and whereas, the return to the Pacific Coast of Japanese-Americans, among them students, has already begun and will probably accelerate, the executive committee on behalf of the Associated Students of the University of California reasserts its belief in the principle of judging the individual by his personal merit and its opposition to the doctrine of racism.

"It extends to relocated students planning to attend this University its assurance of welcome admission to membership in our student body."

The committee is composed of Dick Bond, ASUC president; Jean Nipper, vice-president; Phyllis Lindley, Terry Baum, Russell Klitzing, Jack Bishop, Jim Shepherd, representatives at large; Dean Edwin C. Voorhies, faculty representative, and Farnham Griffiths, alumni representative.

No Nisei students have as yet applied for admission on the Berkeley campus, it is reported.

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### Governor's Plea on Returning Japanese Lauded

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SUMNER, Wash., Dec. 30.—(UP)—Members of the anti-Nisei "Remember Pearl Harbor" league today were on record as determined to boycott all Japanese returning to the Pacific coast and anyone catering to them.

The resolution was passed at the organization's meeting in Sumner, attended by nearly 300 persons.

"We are fighting an enemy—not a race," president Benjamin F. Smith said.

Requests for new units have streamed into league headquarters from Seattle and Tacoma, Smith said.

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## COAST HOSTILE TO EVACUEES

But Shouts of Protest Expected on Ending of Japanese Ban Fail to Develop

By LAWRENCE E. DAVIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 30 — Communities scattered along the West Coast retained chips on their shoulders this week as the time drew near when all "loyal or harmless" persons of Japanese ancestry would be free to go and come in California, Oregon and Washington, a privilege denied them since the 1942 evacuation.

Still in circulation in a few places in California were petitions asking the War Department to reconsider its lifting of restrictions against the mass exclusion of Nisei and certain Issei, effective at midnight next Tuesday. In Oregon County, Southern California, a Japanese-American who returned to the State under an individual permit was advised by a small group of persons that it would not be "healthy" for him to stay.

Grange leaders are on record as vowing to fight the return of the Japanese-Americans with "all peaceable, but vigorous means."

Nevertheless, the shouts of protest that many observers had expected up and down the Coast when the bars were let down by the Army have not been heard. The fact that protests have been held to a minimum is attributed partly to the announced intention of Federal agencies to discourage the return of the evacuees to this Coast for the present, because of critical housing conditions and community attitudes.

The War Relocation Authority is

planning to establish relocation offices in twenty places along the Coast, but it is committed to aid only those evacuees who have obtained jobs themselves or who have means of support and want to come "back home." The area offices, however, still get their daily quota of telephone calls and letters from prospective employers wanting housemen and cooks.

### Cautious About Return

Although almost two weeks have passed since Maj. Gen. H. Conger Pratt, Western defense commander, announced that the exclusion program was about to end, a comparative handful of residents in the eight relocation centers of the West has announced plans to resettle in the Coast States.

At the Manzanar (Calif.) center fewer than twenty persons have notified WRA officials that they are leaving next week and every one of them said he planned only a "temporary trip" to the Coast before returning to the center to discuss matters with his family.

It seems evident the family heads are determined to see for themselves what the situation is before taking permanent leave of the relocation center, a momentous event for persons who have been in custody for thirty months or so.

"Either that or a lot of silent ones may pick up and leave next Wednesday without notice," a spokesman said.

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## Few Japanese Expected to Return Here

WRA Official Points Out Control Will Be by Army

"Frankly, we don't expect many Japanese to return to this area."

That was the declaration yesterday of Paul G. Robertson, area supervisor for the newly-expanded War Relocation Authority, speaking for fellow officials here.

Robertson, former assistant director at Tule Lake, who recently came to Los Angeles in his new capacity, said there are only 61,000 Japanese remaining in eight relocation camps and not all of these will be eligible for release.

"The Army will have sole jurisdiction in determining what Japanese will be released and what Japanese will be kept in custody as disloyal," Robertson declared.

"Japanese in camps at the present time will fall into three classifications: (1) Those who will be permitted free movement in any part of the United States; (2) Those who will be permitted relocation in other than restricted areas, of which the Pacific Coast is one; (3) Those who must remain in detention."

### DUTIES OF WRA CITED

The WRA, Robertson said, will act simply as a service organization in the return of evacuated Japanese or their relocation elsewhere.

"This point should be made plain to the public," he declared, "that the WRA is not returning the Japanese. Their relocation is the problem of each individual Japanese who first must make a request to his WRA camp director and who, if approved by the Army, then must give evidence that he has means of support and premises in which to live in the community he asks to locate."

"The WRA will then try to be of aid in locating the individual or his family."

### ORDERLY RELEASE SEEN

Robertson disclosed there has been a "generous flow" of Japanese to the Midwest, a trend which he said the WRA would seek to "rigorously encourage."

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own houses here, they would have no housing rights and, in the former case, would have to pursue regular eviction procedures before ousting families from homes.

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## Official of WRA Doubts That Jap Return Will Cause Trouble

By Anne Stewart

Admitting that he may be an optimist, Harold S. Fistere, new Washington-Oregon director for the



HAROLD S. FISTERE

(Post-Intelligencer Photo.) "I don't expect that just because the Supreme Court says certain rights and privileges are to follow that people here are going to be converted from prejudice overnight."

"I have great confidence in the law enforcement agencies of this area and in the fair-mindedness of the people. The army's removal of restrictions actually asks nothing of the people here but that they be Americans."

"I think those persons who applauded the judgment of the military in removing persons of Japanese ancestry from this area should now respect the decision to revoke the exclusion order."

Fistere, who comes to Seattle from New York City, where he has served as WRA relocation supervisor for the Middle Atlantic area, said present indications are "only a handful" of Japanese will return to Washington in the near future.

"I will be very much surprised," he remarked, "if as many as 200 return within the next three months."

Fistere said he expects that many will return for a visit and then go to the East or Middle West to live.

Joining in the interview, Sheldon G. Hagen, new Seattle district WRA relocation officer, and John Bigelow, reports officer, pointed out that undoubtedly those Japanese who have returned to Washington under special temporary or permanent army permits have written their friends and family of the attitude shown them.

Fistere said he was well aware certain groups have already de-

visible means of support and a residence. The WRA will assist with property, transportation and information difficulties, but will take no part in procuring homes or jobs.

and will be shipped abroad, which will contain a wealth of information on occupational subjects distributed to the American people.

Wherever possible, courses are organized in standard units or blocks. This permits the individual to receive a high school education, ranging from college major. Courses are run on a weekly schedule, with two meetings each week. If sufficient demand is evidenced, the instruction is continued for another three weeks.

The post-war overseas education program has drawn upon the experiences gained in the GI schools and colleges that now exist, in one instance, another, wherever American personnel desire to study at a level above the first year of college and who have completed two years of college education, who met the entrance requirements prescribed in contracts with the institutions concerned, who are competent in the language of instruction, and the appropriate courses are not

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## WRA chief here to aid Japs' return

Paul G. Robertson arrived in Los Angeles today to take up his new duties as war relocation administration supervisor for this area, which includes Southern California and Arizona.

"I have the utmost confidence in our law enforcement agencies," Robertson declared, "and expect no trouble arising because the anti-Japanese ban is being lifted Jan. 2."

It is Robertson's opinion that the loyal Japanese are not going to return suddenly in large masses—but that rather it will be a slow trickle.

"A large percentage of them are going to move east and to the middle west," Robertson said. "Many of them have already bought their homes in other states."

"The army is accepting full responsibility for deciding which Japanese Americans are loyal and which are not. WRA will merely be a service organization. Wherever possible we will assist both the community and the evacuees."

He pointed out that those who are ineligible to return are now being served exclusion papers by army authorities which are identical to the papers being served to suspected and disloyal Germans.

As an indication that thousands of Japanese Americans will not return here, Robertson stressed that this month 120,000 pounds of personal property—the most since Pearl Harbor—has been shipped east to relocatees.

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And all that is a preliminary of the news that comes tonight concerning what is going to happen in the near future in the way of a Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin conference. Prime Minister Churchill told

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A close-up photograph of a book cover. The cover is made of a light-colored, textured material, possibly paper or cloth. A large, bold, black, cursive script is printed on the cover, reading 'Blau'. The script is stylized and fluid. The background of the cover has a subtle, repeating pattern of diagonal lines. The edges of the book are visible, showing the binding structure.

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LITTLE TOKYO  
LEASES ENDED

Notice has been given the Negro lessees of the Nishi-Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and the adjoining three-story store and office building at Central avenue and First street, that their lease will not be renewed when it expires January 4.

The Rev. Julius A. Goldwater, Buddhist priest, who holds the power of attorney on this and other Japanese owned properties, said yesterday the fact that the Japanese are now being allowed to return to California was only coincidental.

"Offices and rooms in the temple basement were being rented for living quarters," he said. "There were no bathing facilities, the health department cracked down and altogether it was a very unhappy situation."

"I have not been notified by any of the Japanese that they are returning to occupy the building," he added, but indicated he would not be surprised if they did.

The temple itself has been used as the Providence Baptist Church. The adjoining building has eight store and 16 office rooms.

"I also am custodian for other properties, the lessees of which agreed to vacate on 30 days' notice, but I anticipate no difficulty here," said the Rev. Goldwater.

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# Anti-Japanese Association Is Organized At Vacaville

VACAVILLE.—Organization of the Anti-Japanese Association of Vacaville was perfected at a meeting held in the Vacaville grammar school auditorium Friday night, with the election of George Kirbyson of Vacaville as president; Morris Dally of Elmira, secretary, and Carl Danielson of Vacaville, treasurer. These officers will serve with Ralph Button, Oscar Garlich and Dom Isabella as directors of the new organization.

The organization is opposed to the return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast, and particularly Solano county.

Approximately 200 citizens attended the meeting and all expressed enthusiasm in its organization. A committee of 12 volunteers was appointed by President Kirbyson to solicit farmers in this district to join. Dues were fixed at \$1 per person per year. Representatives of a similar organization organized in Winters attended, as did repre-

sentatives from Fairfield and Suisun.

A. Bealeu of Woodland was one of the principal speakers. He told of his experiences in a Jap prison camp at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese bombed that port. He stated he lost his son and daughter killed during the Pearl Harbor raid. He declared he was among 74 prisoners taken and was one of two of the prisoners to escape from the Japanese prison camp.

Assemblyman Lloyd Lowry of Yolo county also addressed the meeting, giving a forceful talk in opposition to return of the Japs here.

Another meeting of the organization will be held next Saturday night, January 6.

# Japanese Land Owners Prepare To Return Here

GRESHAM, Dec. 29.—Formal notification of the intended return of at least three Japanese-Americans to their Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas county farms has been received by farmers who have letters mailed from Northwest relocation centers stating the Japanese owners want to terminate the leases.

Dale Bergh, Damascus farmer, who Thursday night was elected chairman of a committee of farmers and businessmen, said they are going to protest the move of Japanese-Americans to terminate leases at this time. He received one of the letters.

Bergh reported that Fred Baker, Pleasant Valley berry grower, and H. I. Anderson, Boring, also received letters. Two were written by the Japanese owners and one by a relocation center representative.

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# Legion Post's Japanese Ban Angers GI's at the Front

By **CLINTON B. CONGER**  
United Press Staff Writer

WITH THE U. S. 7TH ARMY, ON  
THE WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 30.—

Hundreds of veteran American soldiers were indignant tonight over an item in the Army Newspaper Stars and Stripes, which said that an American Legion Post in Hood River, Ore., had advised Americans of Japanese ancestry to sell any property they own and leave town.

The dispatch, which moved dozens of GI's to prepare to write letters

of protest to President Roosevelt and Congressmen, said the Legion post had advertised in local newspapers that citizens of Japanese ancestry were unwanted.

There was violent vocal reaction among doughboys of Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's original divisions—the 36th and 45th—who know the gallant record of the 442nd Infantry regiment, composed mostly of loyal Japanese-Americans, and with which the 36th Division fought in Italy.

Reaction was particularly vituperative against the Legion post's ac-

tion, among the first battalion of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Division.

This battalion just two months ago today was rescued from a German trap near Bruyeres by Japanese-American troops who slashed through German lines to the isolated battalion at great cost.

There were 81 men on that encircled hilltop when they were rescued and 23 of those same men still are with the company, including Lt. Joseph Kimble, Scranton, Pa., and Sgt. Hiler Hull, San Antonio, Tex.

Hull already has started writing a letter. Kimble said he also would write one but was undecided whether to address it to President Roosevelt, some Congressman, or the Legion Post in Hood River.

Kimble called in four other veterans who were rescued on the hill, Sgt. Enrique Garcia, Brownsville, Tex.; T-Sgt. Clyde E. Armstrong, Farmers, Ky.; Pfc. Virgil Lindell, Billings, Mont., and Pvt. Edwin J. Krukowski, Chicago.

"Those boys deserve a hell of a lot more than the men sitting back in that Oregon town who don't

want them around," one of them observed, "and we feel pretty lousy having to fight for the rights and liberties of people who do something like that to these Japanese-Americans fighting over here."

Another said his father belonged to the American Legion but he "won't when he gets my letter."

One said he was of German descent but that didn't make him an unwanted enemy and that the same should apply to a person of Japanese descent.

(or more news about Japanese evacuees see Pag 4.)

# WRA to Give 'Limited' Aid To Japanese

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Others may come and go as they please if they have Army approval, Robertson stated in a news interview, and no restraint will be put on those permitted to leave Relocation Centers.

Assistance given Japanese applying for aid in returning to their former homes will consist generally of transportation, advice on reclaiming their property, and medical aid, he said.

## U. C. Student Committee Extends a Welcome

The Executive Committee of the University of California student body, has adopted a resolution extending a welcome to relocated Japanese-American students.

The resolution which reaffirmed the belief that "individuals should be judged by personal merits" and expressed opposition to "the doctrine of racism" lacked one vote of being passed unanimously, according to Richard Bond, student body president.

## School Heads to Discuss Return of Japanese

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30 (AP)—County superintendents of schools will meet here Thursday on call of Dr. Walter F. Dexter, state superintendent of public instruction, to discuss the reassimilation of Japanese children in the schools.

Dexters' office said the county superintendents were requested to extend invitations to city superintendents in cities where there was a Japanese population prior to relocation of all west coast Japanese.

# NEW WRA HEAD ARRIVES HERE

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Harold Fistere, newly arrived from New York, today took over in Seattle as supervisor in Washington and Oregon for the war relocation authority, the government agency whose major task is dealing with the problems of evacuated Japanese.

The 42-year-old Fistere, who will make his headquarters in this city, announced as one of his first official acts appointment of Sheldon G. Hagen of Seattle as relocation officer in charge of the Seattle district office. Hagen formerly was community property supervisor here.

Fistere also stated that Claude Walker will continue as supervisor of evacuee property and transportation. John Bigelow, ex-newspaper man from Spokane, and recently at Tule Lake center, will serve as reports officer and a public relations representative.

No other personnel changes or additions are currently contemplated, Fistere indicated. He said there would be no need to enlarge the staff until it was known how many Japanese would return to this area, and he frankly predicted the number would be "very few" in the next three months.

The WRA, Fistere pointed out, will not assist Japs to come back unless they meet the requirements of having a job (or means of support) and a place to live. He granted Japs can return without fulfilling either requirement, but will receive no help from WRA in such case.

Fistere, who has been with WRA since January, 1943, formerly was supervisor of the Middle Atlantic area, with headquarters in New York.

## Fresno Jap-American Home For Christmas

FRESNO, Dec. 26. (AP)—Kazuo Hiyama and his wife looked on yesterday as their two children unwrapped Christmas toys at home, on their ranch near Fowler for the first time in three years.

Settled in a two-room house temporarily, the discharged Japanese-American soldier had but little to say except "There's no place like home."

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Robertson stated there have been no mass requests for aid in returning, and said he expects no great influx immediately, since many have already made plans to settle in the midwest or the east.



—Associated Press Photo

## THEY RETURN TO HOME

Kazuo Hiyama, 32-year-old United States Army-released Japanese-American soldier, is shown with his wife and their daughter, Bernice, and son, Howard, after they returned to their home at Fowler, Cal., after an absence of two years. Hiyama enlisted in the army shortly after he and his family had been evacuated and interned at a relocation camp near Elers, Ariz.

# League Boycott On Homing Nisei

*By United Press*

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He said their fighting record demonstrated "that Americanism is not a matter of race or ancestry."

Mr. Ickes went on to say that the recent removal of west coast Japanese exclusion orders was a well-earned recognition of the evacuees' loyalty "in the severest test that any group of Americans has ever had to face."

# Nips' Return Here Flayed

California Congressmen in Washington were asked in a telegram from Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of the Americanism Educational League, yesterday to take cognizance of the fact the War Relocation Authority is establishing 26 offices in the state to "force acceptance of the Japanese on Californians."

Dr. Lechner contended in his communication that in addition to threatening the security of the West Coast, the unloading of thousands of Japanese, many of whom are indigent, will create a serious economic problem.

# Warren's Jap Plea Praised

Eight organizations joined yesterday in commending Governor Earl Warren's appeal to public officials to cooperate in the rehabilitation of Japanese-Americans and resident Japanese aliens who will return to the Coast as the result of the Army's revocation of its mass evacuation order.

The organizations were the Church Federation of Los Angeles, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, the Free World Association of Hollywood, Friends of the American Way, Interracial Council of the Catholic Church, the Negro Interdenominational Pastors' Alliance of Pasadena, the Pastors' Union of Pasadena and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

# Anti-Japanese Incorporation Papers Sought

Two local attorneys have mailed articles of incorporation to Salem for the recently organized Oregon Anti-Japanese. A spokesman for Corporation Commissioner Maurice Hudson said he is out of the state and that neither of the incorporation papers will be considered until his return.

Ralph Hannan, Gresham grocer and vice chairman of Oregon Anti-Japanese, said State Senator Thomas R. Mahoney, who drew up incorporation papers, originally was called in to handle legal matters when the organization was being formed, but that no one now belonging to the organization, signed Mahoney's papers.

Hannan said three active members of the organization Friday signed incorporation papers mailed by C. G. Schneider, attorney and secretary-treasurer for the group.

Schneider explained that his incorporation papers contained the names of 15 Gresham business men and farmers who make up the board of directors. It is believed a special meeting will be called over the week-end to clarify the incorporation matter.

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## Exclusion Ban Lifted

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NOW that the exclusion orders have been revoked by the Army for persons of Japanese descent of proved loyalty, they will want to return to their Pasadena homes, doubtless, and resume their occupations. With their homes occupied and their occupations gone, they will inevitably find it difficult to start again from the beginning.

The attitude already expressed by the churches indicates a willingness on the part of this community to co-operate with these loyal citizens, many of whose sons and brothers are fighting and dying in the front lines with the United States forces.

Here is an opportunity which comes to our very door to express the good will which we have been singing about at Christmas time. Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles in his Christmas Message made fervent appeal to the people of the city to exhibit good will toward these returning American citizens. The letters of the Council of Churches of Los Angeles and Pasadena call for a generous and Christian reception of these our fellow-citizens whose tolerance and patriotism have been severely tested, and who have met the test. Our patriotic and Christian duty calls for our hearty co-operation with them in re-establishing themselves, and for respectful, considerate treatment.

By order of Maj. Gen. H. Conger Pratt, commanding on the Pacific Coast, the mass exclusion of persons of Japanese blood from that area will end on Jan. 2. How many will wish to return no one knows. Nearly a third have settled down, for at least the time being, in the East or Middle West. Nearly 19 per cent are in the Tule Lake camp in California, where those avowedly disloyal or wishing to be sent back to Japan after the war are held. The obstacle to the homecoming of those whom General Pratt calls "loyal or harmless" is not a military one. It is the attitude of the communities in which they formerly lived. Those who pass the Army's screening tests have as much right to go home to California, Oregon or Washington as a resident of California would have to go home to Iowa. For the sake of America's reputation for fair play, let us hope that this right will be cheerfully recognized.

# Intelligence Agent Hits Japs' Return

"I don't see how the Army or the Navy or anyone else can tell whether a Jap is loyal or not and, in my opinion, the mass return of Japanese to California is a dangerous business."

Al Blake so declared in an address yesterday before the Co-operative Club at the Biltmore. Blake, as a Navy intelligence agent, had much to do with a roundup of Japanese spies at the beginning of the war. The order for removal of all Japanese from the Coast, he says, came only after the Army had found a veritable epidemic of espionage and sabotage.

"I knew one Japanese who was involved in espionage for 20 years before I found out that he was disloyal," Blake said. "We must not forget that prior to Pearl Harbor there were 248 Shinto schools, teaching nearly 20,000 American-born children that the Emperor was God and that they owed allegiance only to Japan."

# Japs Urged to Quit Camps

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes today urged eligible Japanese-Americans who were evacuated from their West Coast homes in 1942 to leave evacuation centers as soon as possible.

The Army recently rescinded the West Coast exclusion order, and the War Relocation Authority said the eight centers would be closed within a year.

Ickes' plea, contained in a year-end message of praise to Japanese-American members of the nation's armed forces, said he was "aware that departing from the centers will involve difficult readjustments" but that "it is for their own best interests and for the interests of all Americans of Japanese descent."

## Japanese Pair Will Return To Palo Alto

Return to California of a Japanese-American woman and her 2-year-old daughter was announced here yesterday by the War Relocation Authority.

Mrs. Saku Moriwaki, according to the WRA release, is scheduled to leave the Topaz Relocation Center in Utah next week to take employment in Palo Alto at the home of Mrs. R. A. Isenberg, 2175 Cowper street.

Wife of a serviceman fighting in France and sister of another American soldier, Mrs. Moriwaki formerly lived in Berkeley.

Her husband, Yoshiaki, a former University of California student, was an insurance broker and enlisted in the American Army immediately after Pearl Harbor.

Her brother, T/5 Ken Baba, also is a volunteer and is now in training at Fort McClellan. Another brother, Tsuneo Baba, former chairman of the Topaz Community Council, is now teaching Japanese at the Civil Affairs Training School at Northwestern University.

Mrs. Moriwaki's small daughter was born at the Topaz Relocation Center.

Asked why she preferred to return to California instead of resettling in the East, Mrs. Moriwaki said:

"It will be much easier for my husband on the battlefield to visualize us in California, which is familiar to him, than to try to imagine us in some new strange place. Knowing that we are 'back home,' will give him peace of mind."

"I'm not afraid. I know people will be friendly. Americans are that way—their minds and their hearts are big."

## Anti-Nisei Group Will Seek Recruits

SUMNER, Wash., Dec. 29 (UP)—Members of the anti-Nisei "Remember Pearl Harbor" League today were on record as determined to boycott all Japanese returned to the Puyallup and White river valleys and anyone catering to them.

Nearly 300 members, some of them non-members, attended a meeting slanted at recruiting supporters, particularly from the ranks of servicemen.

"We are fighting an enemy—not a race," President Benjamin F. Smith, Kent, Wash., said.

Smith said requests for new units have come from Seattle, Tacoma and other Western Washington cities. He said, however, that the press of business brought on by the impending return of Japanese citizens to the valleys probably will prohibit the formation of new chapters immediately.

## Nation Is Proud of You, Says Ickes to Loyal Japanese

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Lifting of an order excluding Japanese-Americans from West Coast areas was described today by Interior Secretary Ickes as a "well-earned recognition of the loyalty" of the great majority of them.

In a message "to all American soldiers of Japanese ancestry," Ickes said that action of the Western Defense Command in withdrawing the exclusion order was a victory for the "unflinching patriotism which has been so well exemplified by thousands of valiant American soldiers from the mainland and Hawaii whose parents came from Japan . . . All good Americans are proud of you."

Removal of the exclusion order, Ickes stated, "forecasts an end of the need to provide the refuge of

the reclamation centers for thousands of loyal and law abiding people who are now free to live wherever they desire."

It was to their best interest and for the interests of all Americans of Japanese descent, Ickes stated, for them to leave the centers as soon as possible.

It is recognized, the Secretary said, that moving from the centers will involve difficult readjustments, but the War Relocation Authority will continue to assist the evacuees and Federal and State welfare agencies will aid families with special needs.

# Hood River Unabashed By Its Anti-Nisei Action

## But Other Parts Of State Aroused by Slur On Soldiers

Special Correspondence

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 30.—The nationwide resentment over the action by the Hood River post of the American Legion in removing the names of 16 Japanese-American servicemen from the "Roll of Honor" it had set up for the county has failed to disturb this agricultural community of 3500.

The post's conduct caused "some dissatisfaction when it first happened," John Travis, editor of the weekly Hood River County *Sun* said, "but subsequent events and explanations by the post have changed this opinion generally."

"People thought at first that the Legion had attacked the problem from the wrong end," Travis wrote, "but they're saying now that maybe the means is worth the end in drawing attention to what Hood River people consider a peculiarly local problem."

### Post's Excuse

The Hood River post has maintained in public statements that its action involving the 16 Japanese-American servicemen was based not on racial or economic grounds, but because it has evidence that most of the 300 American-born Japanese who lived in Hood River county in 1940 accepted dual citizenship and remained loyal to the Japanese Emperor even after Pearl Harbor.

The Hood River Ministerial Assn. has taken no action, public or otherwise, in condemnation of the Legion. Neither has any other group which might be expected to oppose the Legion move.

There has been plenty of reaction, however, in Oregon communities outside of Hood River. The letters columns of the *Oregonian* and the *Oregon Journal* in Portland have been filled with letters on the subject.

### Action Condemned

The Rev. Joseph P. Clancy, chaplain of Portland Post No. 1, American Legion, in a letter to the *Oregonian* in which he told of the death of one of his parishioners, a

Japanese, from a high explosive shell in Italy referred to the Hood River post as "a moribund twig of the most influential organization in the United States — the American Legion . . ."

The Portland Council of Churches and the Portland branch of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People both have formally condemned the Hood River action.

The *Oregonian* in an editorial decrying both the Hood River action and formation of a group at Gresham, agricultural community near Portland, known as Oregon Anti-Japanese, Inc., said:

"These groups . . . are playing on war-inspired hatred of the enemy to eliminate an economic minority which long has been a disturbing factor in agriculture. They reveal a basic community weakness which has not been solved."

### Democracy First

The *Oregonian* advised its readers before taking part in any anti-Japanese movement "to examine his deepest beliefs in democracy; to balance his immediate economic desires and his social prejudices against the fundamental concepts of liberty and fair play which have made this nation great . . ."

According to figures quoted frequently in Hood River, this area had the greatest proportion of Japanese to total population of any place in the U. S. A. There were 462 Japanese in the most fertile portions of Hood River county in 1940 in an area the total population of which was about 4500.

The Japanese owned 116 tracts of land in 1941, according to county assessment rolls, and this included 9.41 per cent of the total tillable land in the county. The Japanese owned only 1.3 per cent of the non-tillable land and only 4.3 per cent of the improvements on the land.

The Japanese community, says Travis, was virtually a "little spot of empire" in which new-born children, even those of the Nisei, were registered as subjects of the Japanese Emperor and their parents were paid a bounty of \$25 from the Japanese Government for each child.

### 300 U. S. Born

Although 300 of the 462 Japanese were American-born, few of these speak English and Japanese children attended Japanese language schools. When it was necessary, after Pearl Harbor, to fingerprints the Japanese residents, instructions had to be printed in Japanese because so few could read English.

The Hood River Legion post, with the general backing of other citizens, is determined that the Japanese shall not return to the county, at least not in numbers. It has pledged itself, however, to countenance no violence if the Japanese do return.

A warning to former Japanese residents not to return was published in quarter page advertisements in Hood River newspapers of Dec. 24.

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...come and gone.  
Mrs. Poling's husband Harold operates a talc mine, and yesterday was the first time she had been away from the mining country since last June.

## ENFORCEMENT PLAN BACKED

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ment and in our State, city and county government by implicit obedience to official orders, and by compliance with democratic principles and American ideals."

Dr. James W. Fifield Jr. made the resolution commending law enforcement officials for their attitude and said that on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., he had seen for himself that the War Relocation Authority has careful plans for the return of the Japanese and that the community could be assured that nothing will be done "willy nilly."

# DEMAND TOLERANCE FOR RETURNING JAPS

## CHURCH, FAIR PLAY GROUPS SIGN NEW RESOLUTION IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28. (TP)—A group of Southern California religious and other groups today called for tolerance toward returning Japanese Americans, following the Army's revocation of the mass evacuation order of 1942. The loyal Japanese evacuated from the Pacific Coast in the early part of the war now may return if they choose.

A resolution was approved by the Church Federation of Los Angeles, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, the Free World Association of Holly-

### *Jap Red Cross Ship Embarks for China*

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28. (TP)—Domei News Agency reported today that the Japanese freighter Hocht Maru has left Japan for China carrying Red Cross packages for Allied prisoners of war interned on the Asiatic mainland.

wood, the Friends of the American Way, the Inter-Racial Council of the Catholic Church, the Negro Inter-Denominational Pastors Alliance of Pasadena, the Pastors Union of Pasadena and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

The resolution read:

"We commend Governor Warren for urging all public officials to assist in bringing about cheerful and adequate compliance with the Army's revocation of its mass evacuation order directed against American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident Japanese aliens.

"We likewise commend and will support the position of all other public officials seeking to maintain the principles of democracy in this state.

"This episode is a test of the people of this state. We are confident that by their American attitude and conduct they will demonstrate to all nations that democracy has validity and vitality, even in time of war, and will thereby contribute in a most important way to the ultimate success of our armed forces."

# Plans for Maintaining Order Here on Return of Japs Commended

## Community Group Supports Law Enforcement

A resolution commending law enforcement agencies and peace officers' associations for their plans to maintain law and order when Japanese-Americans return to California yesterday was adopted by the Committee for Church and Community Co-operation in a meeting at which Rabbi Magnin presided.

The group heard Sheriff Biscailuz explain that his office will co-operate with Gov. Warren and other State officials in seeing that the return of the Japanese will be peaceful.

"We must realize that there is little likelihood of a change or modification of the Army's order revoking the ban on the Japanese," Biscailuz said.

### Warns on Alarmists

"While we shouldn't minimize possible dangers, we should accept things as they are. The problem will be handled much



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**CO-OPERATING**—Among leaders supporting plans to maintain order when Japs return are from left, Rt. Rev. Bertrand Stevens, Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, Supervisor William A. Smith and Rt. Rev. Joseph T. McGucken.

## New Yorkers Protest Plan to Send Japs There

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (AP) Mayor LaGuardia, other city officials and heads of civic organizations today protested a War Relocation Authority report that there were "no sound reasons" against resettling 60,000 Japanese-Americans in the New York City area. "What are they trying to do?" the Mayor demanded. "Get them as far as they can from where they own property?"

easier if we don't let alarmists drive us to extreme measures and statements," he advised the group.

Meanwhile the Korean colony in Southern California issued a statement through S. D. Hahn urging "authorities in charge to further deliberate upon the advisability of allowing the return of Japanese to the Pacific Coast." The Korean statement emphasized that "some violence toward the Japanese is inevitable if they should return."

In the same vein, the American League, composed of Southland businessmen, urged evacuees "with the national interest at heart to forsake any plan to return for the duration."

### Targets for Indignation

W. W. Gray, executive secretary of the league, said that reports of Japanese submarines again operating off the Coast serve to emphasize "the inherent dangers in any mass return of Japanese."

"Should any acts of sabotage or espionage occur through landing of saboteurs from the Jap subs, the American-born Japanese would become the natural targets of public indignation," Gray said in advising evacuees to stay away until "war hysteria has diminished."

The Los Angeles County Committee for Inter-Racial Progress, however, called on citizens of the county to demonstrate "our loyalty to our country and our confidence in our War Depart-

# Japs Plan Return to 'Little Tokyo'

## Court Battle Looms as Negroes Receive Notice to Vacate Temple

First attempt of returning Japanese-Americans to oust the Negroes and regain possession of Little Tokyo—a move to evict the Providence Baptist Church from the Honjwanji Buddhist Temple—was made yesterday and immediately gave indication of becoming a court battle.

Following disclosure that the church and 75 Negro war-workers now housed in the temple, located at First St. and Central Ave., have been given until Jan. 5 to vacate the structure, Dr. L. B. Brown, pastor of the First Street Baptist Church and president of the Providence Baptist Institute, announced that the church group has retained an attorney.

"We have made a \$7200 down payment, thinking that we were purchasing the temple building, and we have \$25,000 to put down," Dr. Brown said. "We are not opposed to the Japanese returning, but we believe, since many of our people are warworkers engaged in work vitally essential to the war effort, that we are entitled to certain considerations. We are not opposing the government in its plans to relocate Japanese-Americans here, but we do want our rights as American citizens."

### Given Notice

Rev. Julius A. Goldwater, a Buddhist priest who was given power of attorney by the Japanese owners to act as temple custodian, said he had given the Negro groups, occupying the building, until Jan. 5 to vacate. He said the lease expires on that date.

Twenty, possibly 26, branch offices are to be established in California by the War Relocation Authority to assist evacuated Japanese-Americans who wish to return to the State, Paul Robertson, W.R.A. supervisor for Southern California, disclosed yesterday.

Robertson, who is in charge of the Japanese relocation in the area extending from San Luis Obispo to San Diego, and including Arizona, also admitted that indigent as well as self-supporting Japanese-Americans will be permitted to return.

### Case of Indigents

"If indigent evacuees wish to return, we cannot bar them," Robertson explained. "They have the same civil rights as any other American citizen."

He said that he does not expect the county and State relief load to be greatly increased by the return of Japanese indigents, however, as most of the evacuees have means of support.

"In fact, we do not expect any mass return of Japanese-Americans," he added, "but because we are unable to determine the number, we do not know just how many centers will be required to handle them."

The number of such centers, he said, has been set tentatively by the W.R.A. at 26.

### Purpose of Centers

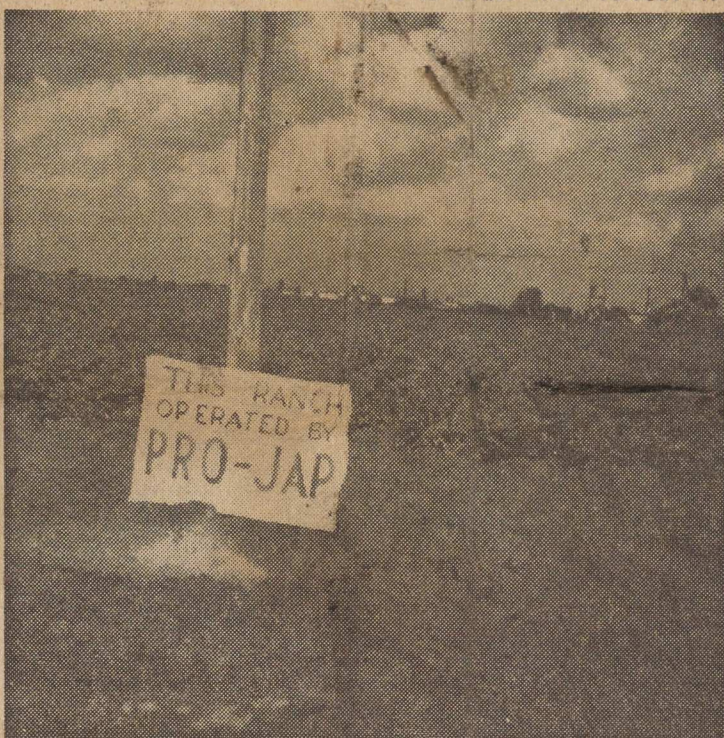
"The purpose of the proposed centers," he said, "is to assist the returning evacuees in whatever way possible. We would like to limit the returnees to those who have a planned program and means of support, but we cannot bar indigents from returning if they wish to come out on their own. They have the same civil rights as other Americans. However, I don't think you'll find any coming here unless they do have support."

Robertson declared that many

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**STORM CENTER**—Picture shows exterior of former Japanese Buddhist temple, now housing colored warworkers, at First St. and Central Ave., which may figure in court as Japanese-Americans return to coast from relocation centers. Times photo



**SIGN OF TROUBLE**—Angry Orange County farmers post sign on Iwakoski farm after owner's return. The operator, Hill Mohnicke, later announced he had bought ranch and Iwakoski had gone to Arizona.

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of the evacuees, released recently from the W.R.A. centers, have gone to the East and Middle West, and that shipments of goods, which they left stored in government warehouses here, bear out that trend.

### Action Under Fire

Charging that the W.R.A. plan for setting up the 26 relocation centers in California is a part of a deliberate plan "to force California communities to accept the Japanese," Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of the Americanism Educational League, and other groups opposing the return of the Japanese-Americans for security reasons, yesterday forwarded new protests to Congress.

The W.R.A., Lechner charged, has "a secret order to unload internees—many of them indigents—on California from various relocation centers."

"They will be given six months to come back to this State, where the taxpayers of California will have to support them," Lechner asserts.

Arrangements also were completed yesterday for a meeting of the executive committees of three farm groups to formulate plans to discourage those of Japanese ancestry from re-entering agricultural occupations on any extensive scale in Southern California.

## Tension Grows Over Japs' Return to Orange

SANTA ANA, Dec. 30. (Exclusive)—Almost at the same moment when the first citizen action was taken against Japanese-Americans returning to Orange County, the local post of the American Legion today adopted a resolution which, although deploring return of the former residents, urged complete co-operation with local authorities and offered services of its 600 members for law-enforcement purposes in case of outbreaks.

The first trouble in the county was reported in the Talbert district west of Santa Ana when a sign stating "This ranch operated by a pro-Jap" was placed on property owned by George Iwakoshi, an American-born Jap who returned to the county this week from an Arizona relocation center.

Hill Mohnicke, who has been operating the Iwakoshi ranch under lease since the owner was taken to Arizona, today said he has completed negotiations with the owner for purchase of the property and that Iwakoshi is returning to Arizona immediately.