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January 31, 1944

Mr. John J. McCloy  
Assistant Secretary of War  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Newspapers carried reports that Mr. Horton Terry of Martinez and his wife were forced partly by threats of violence and by other forms of intimidation to leave their home in Martinez.

Mrs. Terry, an American citizen of Japanese descent, had recently, on the authority of General Emmons been permitted to return to the place of her home and birth.

She is a law-abiding citizen, acting in a lawful way in accordance with the authority of the army of the United States.

It seems to us that a strong statement on behalf of law enforcement and civil rights by you would be most appropriate and helpful, and measures devised to protect these citizens of Japanese descent. Such a statement if issued immediately, may serve to make clear that those who interfere with the legal return of the Japanese Americans, are guilty of unamerican conduct.

Such a statement on behalf of American Principles of fair play, if issued at once will help to check the unfair and cruel activities.

For the safety of the war effort and at the same time our American society after the war, every effort must be made to stamp out such attacks against the very principles on which our form of government rests.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

This letter has also been sent to Mr. Nat Pieper, General Delos Emmons, Attorney General Francis Biddle, and Attorney General Robert Kenny.

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL STAFF

3 February 1944

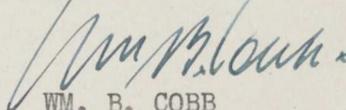
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
465 California Street, Room 203  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Kingman:

General Emmons has today received your letter, dated 31 January, in which you suggest that he make a public statement "on behalf of law enforcement and civil rights." The General considers that no public statement by him at this time is either necessary or appropriate and further is of the opinion that his statements which have been released to the press fully indicate his position upon the subject which you discuss.

The General desires that I express his thanks to you for bringing the matter to his attention.

Yours very truly,



WM. B. COBB  
Colonel, FA

Secretary of the General Staff

ROBERT W. KENNY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

State Building  
San Francisco 2  
February 3, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles  
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Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

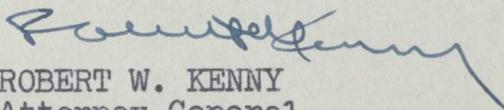
I thank you for your letter of January 31, in which you express your sentiments regarding certain experiences undergone by Mrs. Terry of Martinez.

I am thoroughly in accord, of course, with the ideas you express with regard to fair play and American principles. The local law enforcement officers of the community where Mrs. Terry lived are making an investigation of the circumstances of this case and you may rest assured that if any law violation was involved such a situation will be remedied.

You may be assured that my office is making every effort to eliminate, as you say, any attacks against the very principles on which our plan of government is based.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
ROBERT W. KENNY  
Attorney General

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United States Department of Justice

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February 5, 1944

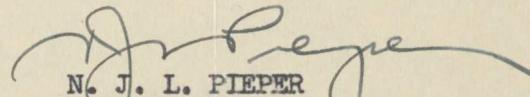
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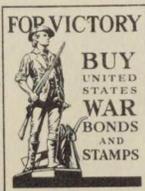
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 31, 1944, concerning Mr. and Mrs. HORTON TERRY of Martinez, California.

I regret that I cannot make any statement regarding the problem you mentioned. The function of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is purely investigative.

Very truly yours,

  
N. J. L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge





THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR  
WASHINGTON

4 February 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have your letter of January 31st in connection with the Terry incident in Martinez, California. I agree that what happened was reprehensible and unamerican, but I do not believe that the War Department should issue any statement on it. It seems to me more a matter for the local law enforcement officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. McCloy".

John J. McCloy

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As a result of this report the offices of the Governor and of the Attorney General were contacted, and on January 8, 1945 the sheriff of Orange County phoned the office pledging full cooperation with the Government's program.

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January 6, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul G. Robertson, Relocation Supervisor  
FROM: G. Raymond Booth, District Relocation Officer

Yesterday, with Tod Sloane of this office and Dr. Clarence S. Gillett of the Los Angeles and Southern California Federation of Churches, I went to Santa Ana to investigate reports of intimidation against George Iwakoshi and Hill Mohnike.

We called first upon Dr. John Ashley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, who was reported to have certain information. Dr. Ashley was most cordial and cooperative. He reported having heard stories that the Sheriff of Orange County, Jesse Elliott, had made statements in Los Angeles to the effect that there would be trouble in Orange County re returning Japanese Americans, as "the farmers all had shot guns and knew how to use them". He directed us to the home of Hill Mohnike near Talbert and Ward Streets.

We called upon Mr. Mohnike who, with his brother and two Mexicans were working in the field. Mr. Mohnike dismissed the Mexicans and then said in effect "Gee, I'm sure glad to see you fellows. I was wondering whether the Government was going to give me any help in this mess". He thereupon related a story somewhat as follows:

Several years ago he had sold the farm to Mr. Iwakoshi. At the time of evacuation he had leased the farm, implements, and house from Mr. Iwakoshi who is reported to be of military age, classified 1-A, and expecting induction into the Armed forces, Mr. Iwakoshi had returned to investigate the possibilities of relocating his parents and other members of the family on the farm in anticipation of his own military induction.

At various times he had been visited by two or more of his neighbors who attempted to persuade him to eject Mr. Iwakoshi. This he refused to do. The names of the men involved are Urban Buchheim, who allegedly represented himself as an emissary of the American Legion; Mr. Haefner; Arnold Walker who allegedly stated he was a Deputy Sheriff; Mr. Stroud who allegedly stated he was a Deputy Sheriff; Cliff Brush; and two strangers who stated they came from the sheriff's office to see that no violence ensued during the arguments.

On one visit Buchheim is alleged to have reported that the American Legion was holding a meeting shortly, at which Mr. Mohnike might be mobbed. They also threatened to boycott Mr. Mohnike unless

he quit dealing with a Jap. On one occasion they went directly into the field and talked with Mr. Iwakoshi who reported to Mr. Mohnike that they had told him to get out and stay out, that Japs were not wanted, and that Orange County was not a healthy place for Japs. On another occasion, a car drove up to the corner of the farm, nailed a sign on the corner post -- "THIS RANCH OPERATED BY PRO JAP. NO LOYAL AMERICAN WILL REMOVE THIS SIGN" -- and drove away hurriedly. Mr. Mohnike immediately tore it down and took it home. He gave me the sign which I brought back to the office.

Mr. Mohnike also reported that a Mexican laborer, Inacia Hernandez, stated to him that he had been told to quit working for Mr. Mohnike or he would be dragged at the end of a rope. He was also offered a job with his tormentors.

On two occasions, Mr. Mohnike went to the sheriff's office to give information. On the first call, he reported, the Sheriff told him that "We are against the return of the Japs but we are trying to give protection". On his second visit he talked with a Deputy who told him that he expected violence.

Mr. Iwakoshi is reported to have said to Mr. Mohnike that he saw it was hopeless to leave his family in such an unfriendly community and offered to sell out. Mr. Mohnike offered him the original purchase price of the land and ceiling prices for equipment. Mr. Iwakoshi then returned to Poston.

Mr. Mohnike wants his tormentors jailed and hopes we will prosecute them. He stated his own brother is a Navy man at Leyte. He made much of the fact that the ringleaders were Germans, and at the same time stated that he was of German ancestry.

We then called at the home of a Mr. Cole at First and Harbor, lessee of a Japanese American owned farm, and talked with Mrs. Cole. She stated that there were four farms nearby owned by Japanese Americans. Their lease was for the duration of the war with Japan, the others for the duration of evacuation. The owners had returned to look over their premises. While they were in the house, a car drove up, several men got out and demanded to know if the Japs were coming back and if she had Japs in her house. She confessed to a great degree of fright inasmuch as her husband was absent. She stated to them that she would go into the house and get her husband. Thereupon, she went out a side door and not finding her husband, called two workmen. As the workmen approached, the men leaped into the car and drove away. Mrs. Cole was obviously ill at ease in talking with us. She stated somewhat vaguely that the other lessees had been visited. Upon our inquiry as to the identity of the callers, she stated that they were the same persons who had molested Mr. Mohnike.

We then drove back to Santa Ana and called upon the Sheriff. The receptionist reported that he was in Sacramento or enroute home from a

law enforcement conference. We then asked to see "Deputy Walker", or "Deputy Stroud" and were told she did not know them.

We then called Mr. Paul G. Robertson and reported our findings by phone.

After lunch we called upon Mr. Hoiles, publisher of the Santa Ana Register. Mr. Hoiles related the story of several men coming into the office with the story of having seen a sign on the Mohnike and Iwakoshi ranch and left photo negatives of the sign. Before publishing the story, he demanded the names of his visitors. Attached is the story, also an editorial on the incident.

Our next call was upon Harold Wahlberg, County Agricultural Agent. In his absence, we left a note indicating our names, office address, phone number and an offer to be of mutual assistance if he should feel the need of calling us.

While Dr. Gillett called again upon Dr. Ashley, Mr. Sloane and I called upon Mr. Orson Hunter, Commander of the American Legion. Mr. Hunter was away in Los Angeles. At the church Dr. Gillett reported that Dr. Ashley was out. We called Paul G. Robertson again, called the sheriff's office again, found he still was away, and came back to Los Angeles.

/s/ G. Raymond Booth

461 Market Street  
San Francisco 5, California

February 26, 1945

To: Mr. Pat Frayne  
Subject: Suyeki Yoshinaga

Hooper, Area Director in San Kagel's office, (CA 8985) called back to report the following in the matter of discrimination against Suyeki Yoshinaga:

Yoshinaga showed up in San Jose to seek a job but left the impression in the WMC there that he was most interested in getting back to his folks at Heart Mountain. He first asked for a letter saying there was no work available, according to Hooper who checked with San Jose.

The subject worked for Richard Woelffel, who operates a small cannery, for some seven years, but who apparently is now out of business. He was not widely enough experienced to qualify him for some jobs but he was given a letter to the Capitola Fishing Company where he was to get a job at 85¢ per hour as some sort of a helper. However, despite the fact that he got the letter from the WMC on the 23rd, he didn't show up at the cannery, according to Hooper.

He entered the Army August 23, last year, after being drafted, but was discharged because of "no suitable assignment," according to Hooper.

Hooper says Robert James of the Civic Unity Committee in San Jose investigated the matter pretty thoroughly and seems to feel that there has been no discrimination.

Hooper points out too that this is off season.

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Incident

Excerpt from letter from Laurence Hewes to A. A. Liveright - 3/26/45

The possibilities that this boycott may become serious are underlined by what is coming to be known as the Szobota case. An evacuee returned to his farm at Maryhill, Washington, some 80 miles from Portland, found some crops already in the ground, and attempted to dispose of them at the early morning fresh vegetable market in Portland, driving some 80 miles to Portland and 80 miles back for the purpose. Apparently most of the other growers operating in this market are Italians, some of whom are not naturalized citizens. The buyers are brokers, buying for such accounts as Safeway, dependent and chain grocery stores, etc. These brokers refuse to buy from the Japanese on the grounds that if they did so the other growers would refuse to sell to them. You understand, of course, that all agricultural commodities today are marketed in a "seller's market." Szobota does not have a full line--mostly parsnips and green onions. Although he has been to the market three times, Szobota has been unable to market but a very small portion of his total truck load and has been forced to dump the rest.

From this incident two items emerge which are of interest in terms of government policy: (1) the loss of valuable foodstuffs, (2) the disruption which this experience causes in Szobota's planting program. Obviously, if he doesn't think he is going to be able to sell his commodities, he will not proceed with a planting program.

The War Food Administration, under its powers, has sufficient authority to step into this program. Marvin Jones, the administrator, has ample powers--if he decides to use them--to stop this type of boycott. As you probably are aware, at the beginning of the war there were established in each state State War Boards. These State War Boards have been given some rather extensive powers. They are composed of Department of Agriculture and War Food Administration employees at the state level. Under them, are County War Boards similarly composed of county USDA and WFA officials.

All such things as gasoline rationing, tire rationing, Selective Service deferments, fertilizer allocations, etc., are controlled through State and County War Boards. One of the big features of the program is a "sign up" of all farmers in a given county. These "sign ups" are against "goals of production." These "goals of production" are based on estimates of food requirements and then are broken down into crop areas and finally into counties. "Signing up" to produce the desired commodities is one of the prerequisites on which a farmer obtains allocations and draft deferments.

Now then, it is to be assumed that Szobota wants to sign up for the coming crop season, but how can he unless the Klickitat County War Board and the War Food Administration insure him against loss through boycott? Thus, it is absolutely essential that the War Food Administration undertake to go into the Portland fresh vegetable market and make it perfectly clear to growers who interfere with Szobota's operations that the government will withdraw from them the privileges which it has extended to them as growers of agricultural commodities, since their contributions to the war effort in terms of products grown must be diminished to the extent of the destruction of foodstuffs which they bring about through forcing Szobota to dump his produce.

This is a very serious matter because if the pattern established in the Szobota case continues (and it can only continue so long as a war situation creates the conditions for a seller's market) Japanese farmers cannot reasonably be expected to return to their farms, nor can they reasonably be expected to enter into the type of agricultural practices which will contribute to the war effort. Thus, the whole structure of resettlement in agricultural areas can very well be undermined unless action is taken, and immediately.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
1031 South Broadway  
Los Angeles 15, California

May 4, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: G. Raymond Booth, District Relocation Officer  
FROM: Chas. W. Lewis, Relocation Officer  
SUBJECT: Investigation C.C. Jolley report of May 3, 1945,  
regarding W.T. Oden incident at Venice.

In connection with the attached memorandum, I contacted Mr. W. T. Oden at his home Thursday afternoon, May 3. Two Venice police officers were present upon my arrival.

Two small signs which were written in crayon in good English, and in a good hand, on cardboard were still on Mr. Oden's property. The signs were opprobrious epithets, setting him out in an odious light for employing a Japanese by the name of Takeo Sasaki who is out of Manzanar on temporary leave.

Mr. Oden then took me to the Martin Marquez property where similar signs were posted in one of his celery fields. At Mr. Marquez' property, besides the damage of approximately \$100 to his celery field, a hay stack worth about \$35 had been burned.

Upon questioning Mr. Marquez and two of his Mexican employees as to the threats received by Mr. Marquez on the night of May 1, they were seemingly afraid to talk. One of the employees did say that one of the Mexicans had suggested that more damage might be done if Mr. Marquez continued to employ the Japanese worker.

Mr. Oden and Mr. Marquez accompanied me to the Venice Police Station where they made complaints as to their cases. The Venice Police advised me to take the signs to the West Los Angeles Police Station where the Detective Department would search for fingerprints. At this station the Chief of Detectives advised me to take the signs to the Los Angeles Detective Department, as they had no means of working on cardboard. This I am doing.

I have knowledge of some antagonists in this area where this trouble may have originated. Mr. L. L. Higgins of the Lyons, Clark and Lyons, 4325 Redwood Avenue, Venice, California, telephone: Santa Monica 42933, admits that a resolution was passed by 100 men representing about 20,000 acres of land, to the effect that under no circumstances would they hire Japanese, American born or alien.

G. Raymond Booth--2--May 4, 1945

While in this area I talked with S. Kubota and K. Kubota, brothers, who operate a large greenhouse at 4236 Del Rey Avenue, Venice, telephone: Santa Monica 68853. Neither has had any trouble.

I also talked with Y. Chicasawa who operates a 100-acre vegetable ranch at 2000 Centinella Street, Santa Monica, telephone: Santa Monica 53869. He has had no trouble as yet.

If I can get fingerprints from the said signs, I will turn them over to the proper authorities.

The substance of what was written on the postcard which threatened one W. T. Oden, 12927 Rubens Avenue, Venice, and which was turned over by Mr. Booth to the Post Office Inspectors at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, is as follows:

You better get rid of that rat Tokio before something happens to you.

It was printed in pencil on a black bordered card.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

1031 South Broadway  
Los Angeles 15, California

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May 14, 1945

Post Office Inspectors  
312 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles 53, California

Gentlemen:

The attached postcard which threatens one W. T. Oden, 12927 Rubens Avenue, Venice, (phone Venice 72226), is turned over to your office for any investigation deemed advisable.

Our files show that since Mr. Oden employed a Japanese by the name of Takeo Sasaki, he also has had threats posted on his land in the form of cardboard signs which set him out in an odious light for employing this man.

We shall appreciate being advised regarding any action taken by your office.

Sincerely yours,

G. RAYMOND BOOTH  
District Relocation Officer

Enclosure

Statement of Ruth Kikuchi Bischner, (Mrs. Lewis Bischner, Jr.) given at ranch home, P.O. Box 418, Garden Grove, California, May 10, 1948.

I was pulling turnips at our second ranch, Newhope and Wintersburg Roads, near Santa Ana, California, May 7th, about 10:00 A.M. in the morning. With me were three Japanese-American boys, from Glendale, Arizona. They are here on pleasure and business, enroute to Stockton, where they will conduct some business, then they are coming back here to our place to pick up some of their implements which are stored in our barn.

They were James Katayama, George Sakamoto, and Ben Ikeda. They are all farming now near Glendale, Arizona. One of them formerly lived at Oceanside, and the others are from San Diego County too.

Two Caucasians, who I found out afterward, were Albert Trudeau and Buchheim, (I don't know his first name), followed the three boys out to our ranch. When I asked them what they wanted they said they just wanted to talk to the boys. I asked them what they wanted to talk about. They said they wanted to advise them in a nice friendly way, that they should wait for a little while before they came back. I told these two white men that these boys were formerly from San Diego County anyway, and that they were just up here for business reasons.

Mr. Buchheim put in that about 50 people had gone to Trudeau's Friday night and were going to lynch him because he had Mary Masuda there. (FN 29529) I told them I didn't believe that. Buchheim said yes, it was true. Also he said that it

was a proven fact that since the Japanese came back to the Coast, there was a lot of sabotage. I told him I didn't believe it. I knew there were Japanese working in war plants back east, but that I didn't know of any out here.

Buchheim replied that he came out in just a friendly way. When he first came out I asked him his name, but he said he came only as a friend. I said if you came as a friend, why can't you tell me your name? Then he admitted it was Buchheim.

Buchheim said that people in his district were getting madder and madder when they looked over the casualty lists. I told him that Japanese-Americans were getting killed every day.

Buchheim said that the community all felt it was best for the Japanese-Americans not to come back, for the duration anyway. I asked him what right had they to say anything about that, when the Army and the U.S. Government said they could come back. I added that all the evacuees who are relocated here are all thoroughly investigated by the F.B.I. and the Army. He said the people around here do not believe in those two organizations. I asked him what they did have faith in if they didn't have faith in the U.S. Government. He saw that he wasn't getting anywhere with me. I wasn't getting scared. I was just getting damn mad. So he changed his tune. Buchheim asked me if I was mad. I said I wouldn't be mad if they didn't bother me.

I understand that Buchheim is using some Japanese equipment. He is a man about 50. He lives on Talbert Road, first house east of the river, north side of the road.

Sometime during the conversation I told Buchheim we had as much right to be there as he had. That I was a native daughter and was an American.

Buchheim said that all the Japanese people in this locality knew that Pearl Harbor was coming.

Mrs. Dischner stated that both men were sober. It was still early in the morning, around 10:00 A.M. Altogether they were at the ranch about 20 minutes.

Tradeau, when he first came in, was smiling and asked me if I knew who he was. I didn't at first, but when he told me his name then I knew what to expect.

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STATEMENT BY MARY MASUDA, Santa Ana, May 14, 1945

We arrived at the Sheriff's office about 2.30 P.M., on May 14, 1945. The Sheriff was busy so we had to wait about 15 minutes. When he was free, we introduced ourselves and he said that he had been expecting us. The Sheriff left the door open into another room. We think his secretary was there but do not know for sure.

The Sheriff said he had been hearing things through the Associated Press but that he did not know anything about it. That Mr. Van Norden did not let him know anything about it. Masao asked questions of the Sheriff. We brought up the George Iwokoshi case, and the Dischner's, and the Nitta's case. The Sheriff said Patterson went back to the Nitta's and apologized, and that Patterson said they would not do it anymore.

The Sheriff said he did not know anything about my experience at Trudeau's, and I explained to him that I had wanted to get in touch with him but that Trudeau would not let me call either him or the WRA office, so I went back into Los Angeles. I gave the Sheriff the statement which I had made and he read it through. After the Sheriff got through reading it, he said it was not a threat of violence, there had been no overt act, and there was nothing he could do about it. The Sheriff went on to say that, in his opinion, they had an attorney or someone coaching them as to just how far they could go. Masao said to the Sheriff that the people who were doing the talking always said that someone else would be the one to do the bodily harm, not the speaker himself, but we know that they are the ones who would really do it.

We told the Sheriff that Trudeau had two guns. Then he asked me that Friday night if I remembered his having two guns. He told me he had sold one and he still had the other but didn't want to use it. The Sheriff said Trudeau could have as many guns as he wanted to have, as long as he did not use them. He said again that there has been no actual threat of violence and that he has nothing to work on. I told him that if anything happens, then it will be too late for him to do anything about it. The Sheriff mentioned the Doi case. He said that that case was not right.

The Sheriff stated in a nice way, that we have all the rights of American citizens, that we should be able to return. That the people here are just trying to discourage us. The Sheriff said the only time he could help us was when these people violated the peace.

The Sheriff mentioned that Mr. Van Norden of the WRA office was supposed to give him the names of those who arrived in Orange County. He criticized the WRA office for not giving him the list of the evacuees returning or about to return.

The Sheriff thinks we have all the right to return. He said that the people who are against the return of the evacuees are the ones who are gaining by it. He mentioned that some members of the Farm Bureau, the Native Sons, the Grange and the American Legion are against them returning. He said not the American Legion as an organization, but a few of the Legion are against the return. Masao asked the Sheriff, "Don't you think the Native Sons are the most active against the evacuees returning?" He said, "There are some individuals in that group."

We both asked the Sheriff if he would make a statement to the Register, and he said it was not necessary because there had been no overt act. The Sheriff said there was not much he could do. He continued that the men were pretty smart and would just go so far.

The Sheriff indicated that some property had been stolen from returning Japanese Americans, but after investigation by him, it was returned to the evacuees.

He stated that, if we were bothered after we returned, to tell the people who came to threaten us, in a nice way, that we are American citizens and that they have no right to threaten us.

The Sheriff asked what theatre of war Masao was going to, and wished him luck.

The Sheriff asked where Albert's property was, and where our ranch was. We told him exactly. He asked where Buchheim lived. We told him he lived on Talbert Blvd. just east of the river. This property was formerly rented by Mr. Morishima. The Sheriff did not ask us where we were staying.

The Masuda family have lived on the Trudeau place from 1932 until 1942. They rented the place they now own, for farming purposes, two years prior to purchase. The same was made six months prior to evacuation.

The Sheriff was indifferent to their return, but he said they should not be afraid to return.

5/18/45

Mr. Crotty:

This statement was handed  
Sheriff Elliott of Orange County  
by Mary Masuda in the presence of  
her brother, Masao, last Monday  
afternoon.

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STATEMENT BY MARY MASUDA, SANTA ANA - May 9, 1945

After I had made up my mind to come back to Santa Ana, I wrote a note to Mrs. Trudeau, from whose husband, Albert, we previously leased acreage and a home, and told her I was going to be in Santa Ana the latter part of the week ending the 5th. She did not have time to answer my letter.

I arrived in Santa Ana 2:00 P.M. Friday, May 4th, saw a pair of shoes I liked and bought them. Then I took a taxi to Mr. Albert Trudeau's home, which is on the same property as the house formerly occupied by my family. Mrs. Trudeau was apparently glad to see me, as was Albert. At least they appeared no different than they were prior to evacuation.

Shortly after that, Trudeau left the house, stating he was going to get a shave and a hair cut. He returned several hours later. I do not remember whether he had received the shave and hair cut but it seems as though he had.

During Mr. Trudeau's absence Mr. Patterson came in alone and said he and the boys had gone to the Nitta's and raised "hell". He was intoxicated so I paid no attention. He left shortly after.

Around 7:00 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau, "Uncle" Leo Ladderoot, and the Trudeau youngster and I were sitting.

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down to eat. The phone rang and Albert answered it. He spoke for some time and then he handed me the receiver. I asked Albert who it was and he said he didn't know but somebody wanted to speak to me. I said "Hello" over the phone. The party answered, mimicking Japanese talk but it was entirely unintelligible. I asked again who it was. The party answered that it was "Toad" Patterson. He said he and his gang were coming over to see me that night. I said "Just to see me?" He said not exactly that, but that they were coming over there. He had in the past been friendly, and I still did not think anything about it. I think he was calling from the beer joint in Talbert. A customer of Mr. Trudeau's came in and they left the house together. After I had finished talking to Toad, Mrs. Trudeau asked me what he said. I told her it was Toad, he was coming over to see me with the gang. Mrs. Trudeau said "Yes?" in a funny way. When I think of it now, I think she was kind of afraid.

It got to be quite late and no one had shown up. Mrs. Trudeau said she guessed Toad was not coming, so we went to the bedroom where Mrs. Trudeau and I were talking about our brothers in the Army.

Mr. Trudeau came back around 10:00 P.M. after having been gone about 2½ hours.

About 15 minutes later, I over heard Patterson, who works for Trudeau, Mitz Geisler, Mr. New house, and a man named Charles, talking after they came into the house.

(The house Mr. Newhouse has purchased and in which he lives, was formerly owned by Eddie Martin, at Harbor and Heil Sts.)

Mr. Newhouse did not stay very long, and he was not so radical. Charlie, (last name unknown) was nice and tried to quiet Geisler who was more or less the ring leader. He called Albert names. Geisler said to Albert he didn't see why he let me into his house. He called us those damned Japs and worse. He just kept pressing on Albert. He kept criticizing Albert for having me there as he was a "Native Son". He was common and vulgar, his voice was high pitched and loud. He was doing that, I believe, so I would get scared. They were all talking. Mrs. Trudeau and I were listening. I told Mrs. Trudeau that I felt real hurt. She sympathized with me and was 100% for me. We both started crying. I asked her what I should do, what was best for me to do. We had gone into the bedroom and were talking there. Mrs. Trudeau thought it was best for me to go out and talk to Geisler.

Mrs. Trudeau called Mitz Geisler into the living room and I spoke to him. He said "Hello", then pretty soon he was talking again. He said, "My two nephews are out fighting those damned Japs." I told him that my brothers were fighting, Mits has a medical discharge from the Army, Masao is on his last furlough before he goes overseas, Takashi was wounded in rescuing the lost American battalion in Italy and Kazuo was killed at Cassino.

All the time I had been talking to Mr. Geisler, I tried to impress on him that I had just come there on short term leave. He didn't make any direct threats to the Trudeau family. I felt badly because I would not have made any trouble for the Trudeaus.

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Toad Patterson then said that, as long as I had come out in a taxi, that he would get me a taxi to go back to Los Angeles in, but that maybe I wouldn't get there alive. Albert said there were more men waiting outside down the road than there were in the house.

Mrs. Trudeau told them that I had my brothers in the war, but they just kept on talking and talking. During this time Albert tried to impress on them that I was just there for short term. Then the conversation got to the point of an argument, so I went back into the bedroom, and cried for the rest of the night.

I should have said that Charlie finally got them to leave. Mitz Gaisler wouldn't leave for quite a time. Albert asked them to leave but he had a hard time to get them to go. Albert poured more drinks when they were in the house. He offered them cigarettes and tried to be nice. It was about 1:30 A.M. Saturday before they left. In the meantime, Mrs. Trudeau and I had gone back into the bedroom.

After they all left, Albert came into the bedroom and tried to comfort me. He wanted me to know that it was not him, but "Toad" Patterson who got these men to come around. Mrs. Trudeau was telling me that Toad did not have any business doing that, if he wanted to settle things in a peaceful way, he should have come to Albert. She was sore because Toad did this.

Albert tried to make me promise that I wouldn't return. He was afraid that the other men would harm me. I told him that I would have to get my brother's opinion.

I mentioned to Mrs. Trudeau that it seemed it was just

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the wealthy farmers in the district who were trying to make trouble.

Albert admitted he is the leader. He had told those men that evening, "You asked me to go to Murata's, and Nitfa's." I was shocked to find out that Albert is the leader of the movement against having any Japanese come back. He said he felt that it was best for us not to come back, at least not until the war was over anyway.

Trudeau told me that a Japanese man had been killed on Verrano St. (From other sources WRA office had heard same rumor Saturday morning. Immediately it was investigated and found to be without foundation.)

Trudeau stated that he was the leader of the movement against the return of any Americans of Japanese descent, or other Japanese families. This information was given to me after 1:30 A.M. after the gang had left. Trudeau said he had been telling the Nitta's, the Sato's, Ito's and Murata's not to come back as he felt it was best for them not to come at this time. (The Murata's and Sato's returned here some time during the early part of January on short term leave.)

I told Albert that I could not return to Los Angeles without seeing my property, and told him I would like to contact the WRA office here or the Sheriff, so that they would be able to take me to the ranch. He advised me not to, saying that the Santa Ana Register prints everything. I don't know whether the Sheriff is a Native Son or not from conversations I heard, but I think Mr. Trudeau is. He said he would arrange for a good

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friend of his to take me over to the ranch, that he would call the friend, Johnny Martin, in the morning. He made coffee and we drank it.

After I was in bed, Toad Patterson came back again. This must have been about 2:30 or 3:00 A.M. I heard their conversation, it was not concerning this affair. He told Albert he would rather work for him for \$5.00 a day than work for any one else. Shortly after that he left.

# ROUTING SLIP

TO

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

FOR

APPROVAL	YOUR INFORMATION
REPLY, PLEASE	NECESSARY ATTENTION
SEE ME, PLEASE	RETURNED AS REQUESTED
YOUR SIGNATURE	INVESTIGATE AND REPORT
NOTE AND FILE	IMMEDIATE ACTION DESIRED
NOTE AND RETURN	READ AND DESTROY
YOUR COMMENTS	PREPARE FOR ME
MORE DETAILS	DRAFT OF SUGGESTED REPLY
ADVISE, PLEASE	INITIAL AND FORWARD

REMARKS:

Your committee members  
in Fresno might be  
interested in this  
attitude.

Pat Frayne

DATE

FROM

5-25-45

Statement from James Thuesen; ~~Deputy~~ District Attorney, Fresno County

"It is apparent by my observation that there has been two causes for this so-called terrorism.

"One caused by the persons who commit these acts, the other caused by those persons who make an issue of publicly sympathizing with the returned Japanese.

"The latter only serve to antagonize those who are inclined to resort to a program of terror against the Japanese. Every effort has been made on the part of the law enforcement offices of this county to run down and obtain evidence against the hoodlums who are attempting to terrorize the Japanese by means of firing shots through the houses. There is no desire on the part of this office to minimize the seriousness of these incidents. My office is satisfied there is no organized resistance towards the returning Japanese. Each case will be handled on the bases of whether or not a law has been violated regardless of whether the violation may be against one of the Japanese race or any person who is a resident of this county.

"This office is also satisfied that there is no connection between the residents at Reedley and the shooting occurring at Caruthers and Selma, as the types are entirely different."

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Room 202 Sheldon Bldg.  
461 Market Street  
San Francisco 5, California

JUN 2 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
2287 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Attached for your files are (1) up-to-date Summary covering West Coast Incidents from December 20, 1944 to date; (2) Resolution passed by former residents of Livingston-Cortez District now in Granada Relocation Center.

Sincerely yours,

*R. B. Cozzens*  
R. B. Cozzens  
Assistant Director

Enclosures



Mr. D. S. Myer, WRA Director  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1945

Dear Sir:

We beg to submit you through Mr. James G. Lindley, Granada Project Director, the following resolution passed in the special meeting of the former residents of Livingston-Cortez District of California now in Granada Relocation Center:

"Whereas, there are 57 returnees living in the 8 homes in the Livingston-Cortez district in the County of Merced, California up to this date, 7 terror shooting incidents took place at the four homes, namely:

T. Andow home	3 times
Bob Morimoto	2 "
Parsonage of church where George Morofuji & N.	
Kajioka lived	1 "
S. Kishi	1 "
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"Whereas, the rest of people from our district are determined to return home, the most of whom are the families of ranch owners, when the leases expire in November of this year, besides those men serving in the United States Army now numbering some 70 men out of population of about 600.

"Whereas, the incidents have been so numerous and serious that terrorizing the returnees to the extent of lawless condition in the communities where the evacuees pioneered and contributed for the agricultural development in the last 38 years of hardship.

"Whereas, the returnees are helpless to protect themselves under circumstances, they request us to appeal WRA of Department of Interior to take immediate and effective measure upon such condition.

"Now therefore, be it resolved that we, the residents of Granada Relocation Center who evacuated from Livingston-Cortez District of California, prompted by the request of the returnees, hereby appeal War Relocation Authority to take an immediate action for the protection and safeguarding of lives and properties of returnees and will-be returnees by providing the guards of some kind of both Federal and State authorities to cooperate with the local peace officers so that no further incident of shooting or other violence which endanger the lives in our good communities where the lives and properties of all people are supposed to be protected."

Yours respectfully,

Local Amache Committee of  
Livingston-Cortez District

/s/ S. Takahashi  
/s/ K. Okubo  
/s/ K. Kashiwase

/s/ H. Kajiwara  
/s/ F. T. Konno  
/s/ K. Taniguchi

Dept. of the Interior

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

461 Market Street  
San Francisco 5, California

*Conil Berg  
has copy of  
85 incidents  
says he sent them  
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JUN 5 1945

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
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Berkeley, California

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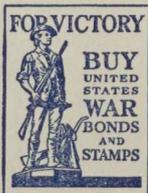
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Pat Frayne  
Reports Specialist

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TO

Mr. Crotty

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REMARKS:

For your information only.

DATE

6/8/45

FROM

O'Day

U. S. Department of the Interior

1031 South Broadway  
Los Angeles 15, California

Information Division

June 7, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Earl W. Barton, Acting Area Supervisor  
FROM : Earle O'Day, Reports Officer  
SUBJECT : Ishikawa Home Incident

Here are the facts in my possession at this time on a South Pasadena situation that may become explosive.

A house at 1616 Bank Street, South Pasadena, is owned by Mrs. Hisako Ishikawa, who with her husband are at Rivers. They have four children under the age of ten.

At the time of evacuation Mrs. S. A. White (Sycamore 6-3575) of Pasadena was left in charge with authority to handle rentals. Mrs. Ishikawa had worked for Mrs. White about eight years prior to 1942. About a year ago Mrs. White rented the dwelling to a Mrs. McGraw and her daughter, a Mrs. Roberts. I am told that at that time Mrs. White informed the tenants that the house was owned by Japanese and the tenants announced their willingness to move on thirty days' verbal notice if the owners desired to return. I do not know if this was a written contract.

The required notice to move was given on March 1st by Mrs. White. The tenants have not moved. Mrs. McGraw has continued to send checks for the rent. In the intervening weeks her attitude has changed and she now announces militantly that Japanese should never have been permitted to own homes. She is very indignant over the thought that she, a caucasian, should be required to move to accommodate an owner of Japanese ancestry.

Next door to the Ishikawa house, at 1622 $\frac{1}{2}$  Bank Street, lives a Mr. Lindblom who appears to be the individual who has aroused the tenants. About six weeks ago when Mrs. White went to the house to tell the occupants that the Ishikawa's were returning, Lindblom came over very angry and made derogatory remarks. Among these was the statement by Lindblom that, "Mrs. White and Judge Collier ought to be run out of town." The reference to Judge Collier arose from the fact that he and Mrs. Collier are taking care of property next door to the Ishikawa house, on the opposite side from Lindblom, owned by Kanishi (phonetic spelling).

MEMO TO: Mr. Earl Barton  
Acting Area Supervisor

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6/7/45

There is the possibility that this neighborhood agitation may in some way be connected with the defacing of the Diamond Market store front at 1019 Mission Street, South Pasadena, between 9:00 and 11:00 PM, Monday, June 4th. Crude rising suns were painted in three places in red on the store front and a large sign reading "Jap Trade Wanted" was painted in white clear across the two or three folding wooden doors.

A group of right minded individuals in South Pasadena is organizing to handle the situation, but what is needed is for some one to educate the disaffected individuals involved, and I relay this information with that recommendation.

EARLE O'DAY  
Reports Officer

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Dept. of the Interior  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
461 Market St.,  
San Francisco 5, California

In reply, please refer to:

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6/8/45

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
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Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Attached for your files is copy of recent West  
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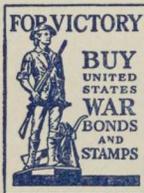
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Sincerely yours,

*Pat Frayne*  
Pat Frayne  
Reports Specialist

Enclosure



C O P Y

HIROSUKE INOUE  
KOTOHARU INOUE  
1401 Valota Road  
Redwood City, California.

Telephone Redwood 1137  
June 8, 1945

Mr. J. E. Edmiston  
Relocation Officer  
San Jose, California

Dear Mr. Edmiston:

Recently I received a letter from you of reporting any incidents against Japanese. We are very fortunate here in this locality so far since everyone treats us well.

Not long ago, I have written to the Gilroy Hot Springs (formerly operated by a Japanese) because my father has been bothered by arthritis and thought it would be a good idea to send him there for a while. We used to go there quite often prior to the war. I just asked if they were in business and I received the letter which I am enclosing so you can read it.

This is the first time I had experienced with such thing ever since evacuation. I thought it would be best for me not to directly write them even though I sure like to tell them off. From the letter I take it that this person who wrote the letter is not very well educated.

I just dropped you this letter so you can see for yourself that there are still some people who are bitter towards us who are of American citizen. In case you do something on this I would like to know the outcome.

Sincerely

(Signed)

Hirosuke Inouye

C O P Y

P.O. Box 8

Telephone 1-F-2

GILROY HOT SPRINGS  
12 miles east of Gilroy

M. A. TRAVERS, PROPRIETOR AND MANAGER  
GILROY, CALIFORNIA

INOUE-

WE ARE STILL IN BUSINESS HERE, BUT - NO JAPS ARE ALLOWED

AT OUR SPRINGS - THE FARTHURE YOU STAY AWAY FROM HERE THE BETTER -

ONCE A JAP, ALWAYS A JAP, EVEN AMONGST HIS OWN RATS - SO GO BACK TO

DESTROYED TOKIO.

THE MANAGEMENT

By F. H. Fischee

Envelope addressed to -

K. Inouye  
Redwood City  
California.

1401 Valota Road

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
461 Market St.,  
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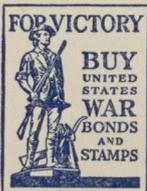
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WEST COAST INCIDENTS

86. 5/3/45 Hanford, Kings Co., Calif. - Fire, believed set by children, destroyed garage and shack on property owned by Mrs. George Kane Oyata, now residing in Minneapolis. Property is for sale, as Mrs. Oyata does not intend returning here. Oyata residence, which is used principally for storing odds and ends of furniture and located in front of garage has been broken into and looted several times. Mr. Edmiston was notified of fire by Chief of Police. As the property is in hands of custodian, WSA feels there is nothing further to be done; as owner is only concerned with selling property.
87. 6/3/45 Lodi, San Joaquin Co., Calif. - For the third time in approximately three weeks fire again broke out on the property of the Buddhist Church. Believed set by children carelessly playing with matches inside church. A desk was destroyed and walls and floor scorched. Police investigating. Other fires took place on May 29th and 30th.
88. 6/3/45 Redwood City, San Mateo Co., Calif. - Hirotsuki Inouye received intimidating letter from manager of Gilroy Hot Springs, Gilroy, Calif. when he wrote requesting reservations at the Springs for his invalid father. Letter received stated: "We are still in business, but - No Japs Are Allowed at our Springs - The further you stay away from here, the better. Once a Jap, Always a Jap, even amongst his own Ketz--Go Go Back to Destroyed Tokio." Mr. Inouye reported incident to our San Jose WSA office.
89. 6/12/45 West Covina, Los Angeles Co., Calif. - Mrs. Lery, 2034 Glendora Ave., informed Gerald L. WSA that she had been threatened and intimidated by several citizens of that town for having loaned some land to Yutaka Miura. In lieu of the trouble she decided to cancel loan with Miura and allow her two brother-in-laws (returning discharged veterans) farm it.
90. 6/17/45 San Jose, Santa Clara, Calif. - Five Mexican "zoot-suiters" drove up in a car and parked outside bar across the street from residence of Harry Taketa & wife. One of the Mexicans noticed the Taketas sitting on their veranda and ventured across the street, uttered abusive language and cursed the "Japs" and remarked: "Might as well start in on them". As the Taketas got up to go inside the others rushed at them. However, Taketas managed to get inside and close door. Taketa immediately picked up phone and called Mr. Edmiston of WSA. The Mexicans became frightened and drove away. License number is 1-B-4480. Edmiston phoned police, but they did not appear. He is making further investigation.

Department of the Interior  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
461 Market St.,  
San Francisco 5, California

In reply, please refer to:

JUN 27 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
2287 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Attached please find copies of recent  
West Coast incidents for your information and  
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Sincerely yours,

*Pat Frayne*

Pat Frayne  
Information Specialist

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June 25, 1945

REPORT ON JAMES EDMISTON INCIDENT

A shot from a 22 caliber rifle was fired into the breakfast room of the home of James Edmiston, War Relocation Authority Relocation Officer, Route 4, Box 80, two miles south of San Jose, June 23, between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. (House is on two-acre plot on Healey Way. Take Monterey boulevard south to Tully Street.)

Mr. Edmiston believes that the shot was fired intentionally and not accidentally as claimed by the Sheriff.

He advances these reasons: The bullet was following a rising trajectory, piercing the screen, window and shade at a lower level than it hit the inside wall of the room. The bullet was mashed and fell to the floor where it was found. THERE IS A HOME, OCCUPIED BY AN ITALIAN FAMILY, OPPOSITE THE ROOM. A DIRECT LINE WOULD EXTEND FROM THE PORCH OF THE HOME--100 FEET AWAY--TO THE POINT OF THE BULLET'S MARK. An accidental shooting would have required shooting over the house, which would have given the bullet a down trajectory.

The Sheriff questioned the family and was told that no one was at home at the time of the shooting, but did elicit the information that the woman of the house had fired a 22 caliber rifle in the opposite direction on that day. The Sheriff declared that it would be useless to attempt to determine by ballistics whether or not the bullet came from the rifle of the neighbor.

Mr. Edmiston was working in the garden at the time of the shooting. He said he heard three shots fired. Later his wife, who had been in the house, reading to Michael Halver, 10, a grandson, said she had heard a crash of glass. Another grandson, Norman Dudley Young, 3, was in the garden with Mr. Edmiston at the time.

It wasn't until Sunday morning that discovery was made that the breakfast room window was broken and that a bullet had crashed against the wall.

The family who live in the house are:

Mr. and Mrs. Edmiston

Mrs. F. C. "Micky" Slingluff, (daughter of Edmistons) whose husband is an air corps officer in Manila.

Michael Halver, whose father is Lieut. James Halver, U.S. Navy.

Norman Dudley Young, whose father was killed with the Eagle Squadron in the first air raid over Germany two weeks after Norman was born.

WEST COAST INCIDENTS

91. 6/23/45 San Jose, Santa Clara Co.,--Three shots were fired at the home of WRA Relocation Officer James Edmiston, Route 4, Box 80,-- one of the shots entering the breakfast room, piercing the screen, window and shade. Bullet from 22 caliber rifle found mashed on floor. In house at time of shooting were Mrs. Edmiston and grandson Michael Halver, 10 years old. Mr. Edmiston and another grandson, Norman Dudley Young, 3 years old, were out in the garden. Sheriff says shooting was accidental. Neighbors living about 100 feet away admitted woman of house fired several shots from a 22 caliber rifle earlier that day in the opposite direction. Case is being further investigated.
92. 6/24/45 Fresno, Fresno Co.--Garage owned by James Sakata, Fred Yoshikawa and Sam Yamasaki was damaged today by fire amounting to \$300.00. Property was leased to Tidewater Oil Company. Fire not believed incendiary but had evidently started in an automobile parked in a corner of garage possibly from a lighted cigarette, greasy rags, or other natural causes.

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U.S. Department of the Interior

1031 South Broadway  
Los Angeles 15, California

Earle O'Day  
Information Division

*KDC  
Comm on American  
Principles*

June 27, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Paul G. Robertson, Area Supervisor  
Attention: Mr. Harold Choate  
District Relocation Officer

FROM : Earle O'Day, Reports Officer

SUBJECT : Incident - John Takahashi

Warren Smith of the Gardena YMCA phoned Yesterday to inform us that Nurseryman John Takahashi who returned to Gardena some time ago, again has had the pleasure of being awakened by the sound of crashing glass in the middle of the night. At 1:30 a.m. last Sunday his front window was smashed. This is the fourth time. His address is 1905 Compton Blvd. Smith said Takahashi had finally boarded up the window. I suggested he suggest to Takahashi that he put in a new glass and hang an American flag across it on the inside, leaving a light on all night. Smith said he is willing to keep a night vigil there. The police, he said, do not seem actively interested.

EARLE O'DAY  
Reports Officer

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
461 Market St.,  
San Francisco 5, California

JUL 9 1945

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93. 6/27/45 Salinas, Monterey Co., Calif.--Fire of incendiary origin broke out at 1:30 p.m. destroying two-room building owned by H.S. Shigemasa and brother H. Shigemasa. Damage amounted to \$900.00. Caucasian boy, George H. Andrade, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ , confessed to playing with matches in building and igniting a mattress. After setting fire the boy called Fire Dept. Police apprehended the lad and turned him over to his mother, Mrs. Frances Mararil, stating further action, probably probation, would take place.
94. 6/27/45 Santa Ana, Orange Co., Calif.--At 2:00 p.m. a Filipino called at the home of Mrs. Nola Matsumoto, Route 3, Box 381, (Talbert & Burchard Rd.,) and called her vile names, also threatened her with bodily harm. At 4:00 p.m. the same Filipino returned again with a wrench in hand threatening entire family. Mrs. Matsumoto's 15 year old son slipped out of house and telephoned both the Sheriff's office and WRA office. Deputies W. H. Jones and E. M. Hanson, also WRA official Mr. Cobble arrived on scene shortly. The deputy sheriffs arrived just as the Filipino was getting into his car (license no. 658169) and Mr. Cobble pointed him out. The deputies just sat there and laughed commenting they could not arrest him as they had no report and that no overt act had been committed. They took no action. Mr. Robert Coxson, Assistant Director of W.S.A., who happened to be in Los Angeles at the time, took the matter up immediately with Attorney General Kenny (also in Los Angeles at time) and same is being followed thru.
95. 7/6/48 Selma, Fresno Co., Calif.--Piece of pipe was thrown at window of store operated by George Takeuchi, 1961 W. Front St., (property owned by Paul Saruo Ota now with U.S. Army in So. Pacific). Pipe missed window and made large dent just below it. Mr. and Mrs. Takeuchi were asleep in rear of store. Chief of Police Richardson was notified at 3:00 a.m.

Dept. of the Interior  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE  
~~WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING~~  
461 Market St.,

In reply, please refer to:

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Reports Specialist

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WEST COAST INCIDENT

98. 7-13-45

Walnut Grove, Sacramento Co., California--During the course of the evening while various Caucasian and Chinese friends were welcoming back the families of Harry Matsuako and K. Sasaki at the Matsuako home, a Mrs. Wilma Insigne also stopped in and was very insulting to the entire family threatening to "call in some Filipinos and drive them all out of the house." She also insisted Yoshio Matsuako, recently returned prisoner of war from German Prison Camp, was not an American soldier but a Japanese soldier. The incident was reported by Harry Knowles, assistant to Sheriff (who also stopped in to visit the families) to Walter Goodman, Constable for that vicinity. Goodman arrested Mrs. Insigne and took her to jail. On July 14, Yoshio Matsuako swore out a warrant for Mrs. Insigne's arrest for disturbing the peace. Judge set bail in amount of \$500.00 cash with payment of \$1000.00 later. Hearing set for July 16 at 4 o'clock. Woman held as bail not forthcoming. Hearing was held in Justice Milo Dye's office where defendant pleaded "guilty" to complaint and was sentenced to 90 days in county jail--30 days of which would be suspended providing she got out of county for one year. Justice was quite eloquent on behalf of returnees, after which defendant endeavored to change her plea to "not guilty" and hire an attorney, saying she was not aware the Japanese were permitted to return to their homes. This request was denied and conviction held.

C O P Y

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
1031 So. Broadway  
Los Angeles 15, California

July 24, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Earl L. Kelley, District Relocation Officer  
FROM : Chas. W. Lewis, Relocation Officer  
SUBJECT : Gardena Incident - Joe Kobata

This office received a report that Joe Kobata of 1445 W. 139th Street, Gardena had had his chrysanthemum patch damaged by fire resulting from person or persons igniting the cheesecloth which covered the chrysanthemums. The incident occurred, Sunday evening, July 22.

I first contacted the Chief of Police of Gardena by telephone who had knowledge of the incident but said that it was outside his police jurisdiction, and that Detective Sgt. Thomas E. Kelley of the Vermont Substation Sheriff's Office handled it.

My talk with Detective Sgt. Kelley over the telephone showed that Kobata was visiting in Wilmington at the time. The sister and father were home at the time (about 9:00 P.M.), and a Mexican boy came to their home and told them that the place was on fire. So the Mexican boy in company with the victim's sister and father went out and put out the fire.

This Mexican boy has been working for the victim. His name is Paul Gomez, living at 1236 W. 141st Street.

Gomez stated that he was on his way home from visiting a friend at 1608 W. 123rd Street and that when he crossed 135th Street he observed the fire. He immediately ran to victim's place to report the fire.

That is the Sheriff's report of July 22.

"Today, July 23--Lt. Garland and myself went about 9:00 A.M. to Mr. Kobata's place. Mr. Kobata came to the station and brought this Mexican boy with him. The Mexican boy stated that last night he notified them of the fire. When he started home, and about a block from the victim's home, a couple of boys jumped on him and beat him up. The reason was because he told Mr. Kobata of the fire. In the scuffle he sprained his wrist and had it done up. We later questioned Paul Gomez and told him to take the bandage off his wrist and when he did it showed no bruises or abrasions. He said later that he told that as a lie. He says that he told the lie so he could get a day off today without getting fired."

Mr. Kelley said the Mexican boy was in the station now and was being questioned. Mr. Kelley said, further, as yet they were unable to tell how it started.

There was also an arrow, half-burnt on the bottom of the floor. If this was the cause, it was due to the kid's mishap.

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IT WILL ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES APPROXIMATELY 9-00 PM., JULY 29TH.  
FOLLOWING ARE THE DESTINATION, FAMILY NAMES, AND COMPOSITION OF  
THOSE WHO ARE DETRAINING AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES - KOGAMI -- ONE ADULT  
TAKKI -- ONE ADULT  
SHIOSAKI -- ONE ADULT  
KATAOKA -- TWO ADULTS AND THREE CHILDREN  
SUTOW -- ONE ADULT AND ONE BABY  
HATAHAKA -- TWO ADULTS AND ONE BABY  
KOSBEK -- TWO ADULTS AND TWO SMALL CHILDREN  
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TODA -- TWO ADULTS  
IGARASHI -- ONE ADULT AND ONE SMALL CHILD  
IKENOAMI -- ONE ADULT  
KURISU -- ONE ADULT AND ONE SMALL CHILD  
MUTO -- FOUR ADULTS AND ONE SMALL CHILD  
SHIRAISHI -- TWO ADULTS  
KAMIYA -- THREE ADULTS AND THREE SMALL CHILDREN  
NAGATA -- TWO ADULTS AND TWO SMALL CHILDREN  
RAYASHI -- FOUR ADULTS AND FIVE SMALL CHILDREN  
IMAZU -- TWO ADULTS AND TWO SMALL CHILDREN  
HONDA -- ONE ADULT  
KANEXO -- ONE ADULT AND TWO SMALL CHILDREN  
YANAGI -- ONE ADULT

DOWNEY - YOKOTO -- FOUR ADULTS  
          ENDOW -- TWO ADULTS  
COMPTON - HAYASHI -- ONE ADULT AND THREE SMALL CHILDREN  
GARDENA - NAKAMURA -- THREE ADULTS  
PASADENA - HIGASHIYAMA -- TWO ADULTS  
HUNTINGTON  
          BEACH - SHIMAZU -- THREE ADULTS  
LONG BEACH - KANOW -- TWO ADULTS  
NORWALK - NAKATAMI -- FIVE ADULTS AND ONE SMALL CHILD  
BELLFLOWER - SAKIOGA -- TWO ADULTS

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Copy to Mrs. Ernest Beech  
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WEST COAST INCIDENT

97. 7/12/45 Vallejo, Solano Co., Calif.--Mr. Ward, Manager of Carrier Air Conditioning Company, San Francisco, who intended employing a Japanese couple on duck club premises in Solano County, received anonymous telephone call of intimidation telling him "You had better not put that couple on that island." Area Office and Enforcement Officers notified.



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98. 7/15/45 San Francisco, S. F. Co., Calif.--Brick thrown glass door of apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, Negroes, at 2033 Pine Street. Police believe it may have been intended for Japanese-American family residing next door--Nobusuke and Kiniko Lily Nakanishi.
99. 7/16/45 San Francisco, S. F. Co., Calif.--  
Sometime after 1:00 a.m., unidentified person despoiled newly seeded lawn and destroyed temporary chicken wire fence at home of Tamotsu Sakai, 2053 Bush Street. Mr. Sakai also reported two other incidents encountered of late. The first happening six weeks ago when a bouquet of flowers was tossed on front steps, bound in black crepe paper with following note attached: "You damn dirty Japs. We are going to kill you and this is what you will need pretty soon." About 10 days ago the elder Mr. Kitaichi Sakai was watering the yard and a Filipino family (name unknown) residing at 2063 Bush Street drove up and parked their car by the curb. The man evidently trying to start an argument accused Kitaichi Sakai of wetting his car. He used abusive language and left. The above incident lead the Sakai's to believe that the Filipino family may be responsible for the other two incidents also. Police investigated.
100. 7/25/45 Fresno, Fresno Co., California--Sometime during the night a large plate glass window was broken in bookstore operated by Kanichi Komoto at 1528 Kern Street. Replacement cost \$100.00. WRA officials notified next morning. Investigation made by Police Sergeant.



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101. 7/31/45 Fresno, Fresno Co., Calif.--During the night a 22 caliber rifle bullet was fired thru window of O.K. Garage, 1402 Kern St., owned and operated by Rom Incuye. Police investigating.

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WEST COAST INCIDENTS INVOLVING  
PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

1. 12/20/44 Pescadero, San Mateo County. Fire, which police said was of incendiary origin, destroyed the home of the son of Mitsugoro Moimoto.
2. 1/11/45 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Harley Oka rejected on application for Post Office job on basis of discrimination. Oka recently admitted into membership of Hollywood World War II American Legion Post 591. Investigation continuing.
3. 1/16/45 Mayhew near Sacramento, Sacramento Co., Calif. Fire of suspicious origin destroyed Mayhew Sunday School building in which was stored property belonging to group of persons of Japanese ancestry. County officials consider case closed; WRA investigators still working on it.
4. 1/18/45 Auburn, Placer Co., Calif. Two civilian brothers and two brothers AWOL from Army held in case before Superior Court for attempting burning and dynamiting and scare shooting at Sumio Doi ranch home. Doi family has son in Army unit which rescued Lost Battalion. No one injured.
5. 1/8/45  
1/19/45 Selma, Fresno Co., Calif. George Takouchi home stoned by high school boys. Local police described it as malicious mischief. No one injured.
6. 1/19/45 Mayhew near Sacramento, Sacramento Co., Calif. Nicei Saki home burned to ground at noon. Property tenanted by Caucasians, and fire attributed to faulty flue. Case closed.
7. 1/22/45 Grosi near Fresno, Tulare Co., Calif. Group of Grosi ranchers and business men appeared and threatened evacuee owners of fruit and vegetable ranch with a set deadline for them to leave. Deadline has passed without untoward incident. Local offices and State Dept. of Justice watching case.
8. 1/22/45 Florin near Sacramento, Sacramento Co., Calif. Night fire destroyed Fumi Mukai Fujimori ranch house and barn. Arson suspected though evidence is lacking. Incident caused short-term leave evacuee to become undecided about returning. No one was injured. Local officials apathetic about fire. WRA continues to work on case. S. F. Area Office checking.
9. 1/23/45  
1/31/45 Cressey, Merced Co., Calif. T. Andow home shot at and rifle bullet found in the kitchen wall. No one injured. Those shooting sped away in a car at night. Law enforcement officials investigating, S.F. WRA office checking.
10. 1/27/45 Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Co., Okira Susuzki fired from job with Kinney Aluminum Co. which discharged him when 50 employees threatened strike. WRA Office in Los Angeles called meeting with representatives of WMC, FEPC, Army Air Force, Kinney Company and WRA -- company warned against permitting discrimination. Susuzki has two brothers in Army.

## Superior Manifest

11. 1/27/45  
2/8/45 Vashon Island in Puget Sound, King Co., Wash. Three evacuee homes and a Caucasian home were destroyed by set fires. Homes were vacant. Seattle WRA Office investigating and pressing public officials who showed amazing lack of knowledge about incidents. However, three boys arrested as suspects, confessed.
12. 2/1/45 Seattle, King Co., Wash. Masako Takayoshi, Seattle nurse, reported that when she returned to Seattle Harbor View County Hospital, where she was training supervisor before evacuation, some nurses extended friendly welcome, but 21 out of 85 signed petition against her return (not a strike threat).
13. 2/2/45 Reedley, Fresno Co., Calif. George Kimura's farm home, tenanted by Mr. Mitchell, was subjected to the intimidation of night riders in auto shooting of firearms toward building. No one injured, but Mitchell was intimidated by their arrival second night although weapons were not discharged on second visit. George Kimura returned to say goodbye to his father being sent overseas with Army unit. Case still under investigation.
14. 2/10/45 Fowler district near Fresno, Fresno Co., Calif. Frank Osaki home fired at by unknown night assailant. Shots hit the house, but no one was injured. Osaki says he is not frightened. Few clues. Case checkup continuing.
15. 2/12/45 Santa Ana near Los Angeles, Orange Co., Calif. Nick Nitta warned by unidentified man to leave county on threat that a group of men would return and "pull some rough stuff." Nitta advised to notify officials if men appear.
16. 2/15/45 Parlier, Fresno Co., Calif. S. J. Kakutani home subjected to six shotgun blasts from farm vineyard about 60 yards away, by evidence of footprints. Only one blast struck house. Kakutani and wife at home but unharmed. Dist. Attorney believes it the act of hoodlums.
- 17-~~\*~~ 2/5/45 Cressy, Merced Co., Calif. Four shots fired at tank house occupied by Bob Morimoto, his wife Grace and brother Tetsu. Sheriff's office investigating but to date no suspects located.
18. 2/16/45 Selma, Fresno Co., Calif. Robert Morishige's home destroyed by fire believed to be of incendiary origin. Home unoccupied at time, but furniture stored in it belonged to four evacuee families; belongings valued at \$2000 to \$3000. Safe opened, looted.
19. 2/16/45 Tacoma, Wash. Japanese Buddhist Church, 1719 Fawcett Avenue, broken into for second time (note date on first time) pilferage and vandalism committed. Goods of approximately 160 evacuee families, a few now relocated and the others at five relocation centers, looted, damaged or disturbed. Boy vandals apprehended by police about 3/16/45. Cases pending.

19. 2/19/45 Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif. Kakuichi Sadamune received 2:30 a.m. telephone call threatening him if he did not leave. Sadamune is father of three boys in Army.
20. 2/22/45 Los Angeles Co., Calif. Group of 8 to 10 war workers beat and kicked a middle-aged unidentified Oriental said by Inglewood police to be "unmistakenly Chinese" who had been pushed off a streetcar by conductorette on his refusal to pay required second fare. Mob considered him Japanese. He refused to later sign a complaint.
21. 2/23/45 Delano, Kern Co., Calif. Japanese Hall or church was destroyed by 10:30 p.m. fire believed to be of incendiary origin. Place evacuation had had become hangout of bums, it is reported. Estimated loss \$4000. Pastor Yoniyana notified.
22. 2/24/45 San Francisco, San Francisco Co., Calif. Nisei professor and wife discouraged to rent upstairs room in Andrew Bachel home by meeting protest of 50 neighbors at the home who claim it would "depreciate property value" in neighborhood. Observers at meeting were San Francisco Dist. Attorney Thomas Lyney and Mrs. Josephine Duveneck of S.F. Council on Civic Unity.
23. 2/24/45 Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Kay Kunisaki former owner one of Hollywood's market, received two unsigned letters by mail threatening him unless he left Los Angeles. He wishes to return to his market but decided to wait few more weeks before venturing to meet the public.
24. 2/24/45 Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Howard Otamura, despite some unpleasantness, has returned to his flower Market.
25. 2/24/45 Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. A.J. Holzman was threatened by telephone because of employing the Mitomas. Mr. Holzman was told by his grocer the Mitomas were not welcome at his store. The Los Angeles Times ran the threat story resulting in several neighbors asking for domestic Japanese help.
26. 2/26/45 Lancaster (rural 10 miles northwest), Los Angeles County: Fred Kobayashi, wife and her son, John Shickari, shots fired at night over home, two shots entering house. No one injured. Family staying on temporarily at home. Their property and personal effects not stored in the home at the time of evacuation had been placed in custody of one Gus Eliopulos. On return they discovered home had been looted with list of 50 articles, valued at over \$800, missing. But Eliopulos remembers house was looted night after evacuation and so to prevent further loses he says he took much property from home to store among friends and relatives for safe keeping, yet has forgotten where some things are. Shickari willing to file original criminal charges against Eliopulos. Sheriff Keating of Lancaster indicated there was no violation of law involved in shooting firearms, from a distance more than one-half mile away from a dwelling. Case continuing.

28. 2/26/45 Rosamond (rural 2 miles west), Kern County: Henry Kobayashi home fired on at night. No one injured. Henry and wife fled to Los Angeles, living there at Friends Hotel, 506 N. Evergreen. Mr. Williams had leased Kobayashi farm for \$2000 per year with provision for his purchase of farm implements. Williams defaulted first two years' rent and paid only \$1100 of reduced \$1400 third year's rent; was refused bill of sale for farm implements by Kobayashi son-in-law, Mr. Giraud, and so moved to another farm five miles west taking farm implements with him. Mrs. Giraud once refused room reserved for visits to their Kern County farm home by any member of Kobayashi family, was ordered to get off the place since "no Japs are allowed here, besides the American Government is going to give this farm to us." Kern County Sheriff John E. Loustalot willing to protect life and limb but feels farm implements removal calls for Kobayashi's civil action, WRA investigator reports.
29. 2/26/45  
2/27/45 Oroshi, Tule Co., Calif. Sam Uyeno's home was subjected to shooting on two successive nights at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. No one was injured. Suspect two Oroshi High School boys who quit school day evacuee Ben Shiba came back from Gila River Relocation Center and re-entered school. That same evening the first shooting occurred. Eleven evacuees are staying on Uyeno's ranch in Tulare County. Investigation continues.
30. 3/1/45 Newcastle (rural nearby), Placer County: K. Kubo Placer Farms ranch home destroyed by 5:30 p.m. fire believed to be of accidental origin. Considerable evacuee property stored was destroyed. Kubo is relocated to Penryn, Placer County and knows about fire; expects wife and two children to open Penryn home with him about 10 days hence. Kubo organized Placer Farms Company prior to evacuation. His tenant of fire-destroyed house uninjured.
31. 3/6/45 San Jose (rural 3 miles east), Santa Clara Co. -- Joe Takeda home subjected to 12:50 a.m. night shooting and attempted burning by men in unidentified sedan who cut telephone wires and set fire to house and sheds with gasoline poured under home. No one injured and family of 10 evacuees put out fire with aid of rain. One shot fired from car slowly cruising highway 75 feet away, 2 shots fired as it passed on 4th trip past. One revolver slug went over heads of 2 children on porch, lodged in bedroom wall. First incident case in Santa Clara Valley, Sheriff Emig's office notified, 3 deputies arrived within 15 minutes.
32. 3/6/45 Pasadena, Los Angeles, Co., Calif. Home of Dr. Linus Paulding was plastered with signs: "We Love Japs Here", "Jap Lovers"; also a big Japanese flag was painted on house. Dr. Paulding recently figured in the news as developer of glucose substitute for plasma. He recently employed Nisei boy who will enter Army within the month. Boy at present is in enlisted reserves and is employed at gardening pending his induction.

33. 3/7/45 Davis, Yolo Co., California, Shigeki Murasaki, student at School of Agriculture, University of California, Davis, encountered difficulty when a druggist in the town refused to sell him any goods. Dr. Robbins, a professor at the college (also District Governor of Rotary International) interceded for Murasaki and the other druggist in town assured him he would be glad to serve him at any time.
34. 3/11/45 Sanger (rural 8 miles south), Fresno County: T. Nakamoto farm safe allegedly robbed by farmer-employee T. E. Pierce who was arrested by Fresno County Sheriff and placed in County jail at request of property and farm custodian Henry A. Harr on March 12th. Charge was theft and pilfering with trial set before Justice of the Peace Officer of Sanger for March 13. San Francisco WRA Area Office notified by Paul J. Fischer at 2:00 p.m. March 12th and custodian notified Nakamoto at Gila River Relocation Center.
35. 3/11/45 French Camp, Stockton, San Joaquin County: Kaname Fujishige and his sister, Mrs. H. K. Minami, threatened with bodily harm by Filipino of nearby farm, reported to Stockton Sheriff by Mrs. Roscoe Rose, friend of evacuees. Sheriff sent two deputies to investigate who warned Filipino. WRA Relocation Officer John R. Robertson verbally notified at office 10:00 next day. Mrs. Minami's address -- 1150 West Ferry, Detroit, 2 Michigan. Threat occurred at residence at French Camp.
36. 3/14/45 Seattle, Washington: Takuhisa Matsudaira, his wife, nine children and 89 year old Issel arrived, having been brought to Seattle by Father Clement, Maryknoll priest, from Minidoka. Found former home stripped of furniture, making it necessary to call in welfare people. Both state and King County agencies cooperated.
37. 3/14/45 Seattle, King Co., Washington: Report has been made that Mamoru Norman Shiota and Satoshi Jack Shiota, ages 23 and 22 respectively, have been charged with making "abusive remarks, threats and insults" in the presence of Mrs. Ralph L. Erwin; Mr. and Mrs. Langley; and Miss Helen Lee (Chinese) because Mrs. Langley refused to sell one of the boys a box of cough drops." After proper investigation (in view of the fact that Norman Shiota offered to leave town not later than Easter Sunday and Jack Shiota offered to sign papers for voluntary induction into Army) Mr. Erwin, proprietor of Erwin's Pharmacy, 1724 Yesler Way, in whose store the incident occurred (who is believed to be a member of the Remember Pearl Harbor League - an anti-Japanese-American society) dropped charges. News of this incident as well as another by one of the Shiota boys was picked up by Lt. Hull of Naval Intelligence; Mr. George Greenwood, Chairman of the Mayor's Committee. Through investigation was made by all, including Mr. Claude C. Walker.

38. 3/15/45 Berkeley, California. Takeshi Nishida, returnee from Chicago, referred to Production Engineering Co., 9th and Dwight, by USES, returned to Chicago after some workers protested plant's hiring him. Harry Kingman, FEPC head, and DRO Tuttle addressed meeting of workers; trouble apparently straightened out. FEPC to arrange for USES to refer another Nisei for work at the plant.
39. 3/19/45 San Francisco. Georgia Cutler, 169 25th Avenue, received numerous threatening telephone calls because she had hired Japanese couple, formerly employed by her mother, and house them in rear. District Attorney, FBI, investigating.
40. 3/21/45 San Jose, Calif. Shigitaki Onishi, 175 Taylor St., was approached by a Filipino sailor as Onishi was planting a tree in his front yard. An Italian woman friend, Mrs. Cerucci, phoned sheriff's office. Deputies arrived, questioned sailor known only as "Montana" who claimed he had made no threats. Onishi said he had been told to "get out". Navy Shore Patrol responded reluctantly, could not find sailor.
41. 3/23/45 Early in morning Onishi heard clatter against his house, investigated, found three empty beer bottles had been thrown at his home.
42. 3/23/45 San Jose. Yoshinaga Taketa, 5th and Jackson, former Little Tokyo area, heard noises at front of store, discovered at daylight that window glass of store had been broken. On previous night had had gone to a Filipino grocery store across the street and was told, "We don't want any of your business." Police investigating.
43. 3/23/45 Portland. R. Tsubota suffered boycott at his produce on Portland markets during past week. Portland Citizens Committee promises to buy from Tsubota.
44. 3/24/45 Fresno, Calif. - James Owada, residing at corner of Dinuba and Brawley Avenues, reported being intimidated by a sailor and two civilians. This is a second occurrence to Owada and believed to be by the same people. Sheriff's office and Shore Patrol were notified and are following up same.
45. 3/26/45 Maders, California - The home of Minoru Ohashi, P. O. Box 137, located 8 miles out of Maders, 1/2 mile east of intersection of Ripperdan & Madera Ave. was shot at but bullets did not strike any member of family. However, they entered room where family was sleeping just missing them by a few feet. Five shots were fired by unknown persons. Investigation under way by sheriff.

46. 3/27/45 Fresno, Calif. - 23 tombstones (20 being markers of persons of Japanese ancestry and 3 persons of German ancestry) were overturned in Mountain View cemetery in the northwest section of that city. Damage is believed to have been done by a group of boys. Investigation being carried on by sheriff's office.
47. 3/28/45 Watsonville, Calif. - Tsuneo Sumida of Poston, Arizona was refused admittance to a Greyhound bus running between Chittenden Junction and Hollister, California by the driver. It was necessary for Sumida to hike part of the way before getting a ride, into Hollister.
48. 3/28/45 Vacaville, Solano Co., Calif. - A. Kordi, 45, residing at Alameda Ranch, was refused service by two local restaurants. Kordi reported incidents to Chief of Police O. E. Alley.
49. 3/28/45 Tulare, Tulare County: Tulare Daily Times reported on 3/28/45 that late p.m. 3/26/45 a "self-confessed Jap" wielded a sharp knife and was routed after a short but bloody encounter with Henry Smith, owner of the Kern Street Market, 127 E. Kern St." The alleged encounter took place after Smith told the assailant he had no cigarettes and the "Jap" purportedly replied, "That's the trouble with you Americans, you won't sell anything to us Japs." Paper's account makes it look like a "plant" or a phony.
50. 3/29/45 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California - Fire swept through the offices of a Ration Board at 1641 E. 103rd Street, destroying most of the Board records. Property was owned by Shigeru Hirose. Investigation made by the police arson squad found that the offices had been ransacked before the fire and that same had been started by intruders during the night.
51. 3/30/45 Oakland, Alameda County, Calif. John Yamashita reported some boys had thrown rocks into the windows of church (used as hostel) located at 10th and West Streets. Incident reported to Chief of Police who promised full cooperation and agreed to report findings. (10th & West Streets is an inter-racial district.)
52. 4/1/45 Woodbridge, San Joaquin Co., Calif. - Premises of Fred Sakoda consisting of house, shed, garage, cabin, packing house and Ford Sedan (leased by Mrs. Minnie Swafford) was completely destroyed by fire estimating to \$10,000.00. John R. Robertson, Relocation Officer, was verbally notified and is checking with Woodbridge Fire Department and Lodi Police Dept. to determine the fire's origin. 5/15/45 - Investigation by WRA official indicates fire was of accidental origin.
53. 4/1/45 Cressey, Merced Co., Calif. - T. Andow, Route 1, Box 204, Winton, Calif., reported on Sunday a.m. April 1, family discovered bullet holes in porch uprights. Shot apparently fired from road (about 100 yards) during the night. Previously in January shots had been fired on two occasions at their home.

54. 4/3/45 Orosi, Tulare Co., Calif. - Sign "No Japs Wanted" erected at entrance to town. Reported to constable who said sign does not violate any local ordinance and that there was nothing he could do about it. Dist. Atty. Walter C. Haigh said the sign did not violate any county ordinance but that he would try to have it removed. Sign is posted on land owned by realtor, G. F. Schleicher. He claims to know nothing about it and intends doing nothing about removing it.
55. 4/4/45 Cortez, Merced Co., Calif. - George Morisuji and N. Kajioki living in shack behind a Japanese Church on the edge of Cortez reported to sheriff's office that at approximately 9:30 pm, April 3, a bullet discharged from a 38-55 rifle penetrated the shack. Morisuji reported the bullet just "missed by a foot." Sheriff's office now investigating case.
56. 4/4/45 Fresno, Fresno Co., Calif. - Several boys (believed to be Filipinos) threw rocks through a window in the home of S. G. Sakamoto, 606 E Street, Fresno, at 12:25 a.m. on April 4. Police were summoned and noted complaint.
57. 4/3/45 Maders, Maders Co., Calif. - At 3:00 p.m. fire destroyed tool shed belonging to property of Fred T. Kumagai located one mile south of intersection of Ripperdan and Madera Avenues. Fire is believed to have been caused by defective wiring. Full investigation is being made by State Forestry Fire Dept; Sheriff W. O. Justice and Dist. Atty. Everett S. Coffee.
58. 4/21/45 Newcastle, Placer County, Calif. - Barn, property of T. Kaneko and leased to Gene Fowler, mysteriously burned down destroying Fowler's truck and other property. Mr. Hatch of WRA is in Auburn investigating and intends contacting Ray McCarthy of the State Department of Justice concerning the incident.
59. 4/21/45 Newcastle, Placer County, California - Barn, property of T. Kaneko.
60. 4/22/45 Cressy, Merced County, Calif. - Two shots fired into Tank House occupied by Bob Morimoto, located at Box 5, Palm Avenue, Cressy, Calif. The shots made two holes in walls three feet above second floor. Present at time of shooting were Bob and Grace Morimoto, Frank and Tete Morimoto. Incident was reported to Mr. Hull of WRA, who notified the sheriff's office and met deputies there. Authorities, after investigation, expressed opinion that probably the same gun was used in Kishi and Morimoto incidents-which took place same evening.
61. 4/22/45 Livingston, Merced County, California. Four Shots fired into home of Chiyoko Kishi, Route 1, Box 318, Livingston, Calif. Property damage consisted of broken chandelier, four holes in plaster; two holes in davenport; three holes in cabinet. Shots believed to have been fired from moving

car on highway 100 ft. from house by a high powered rifle. Present at time of shooting were S. Shiyoko, Mayme, Lucy, Tajiro Kishi and Shige Kawasaki. Sheriff of San Joaquin County investigated.

62. 5/1/45 Wheatland, Yuba County, Harvey Whitten approached by Lieut. Charles Akins, Army, and Sgt. Leonard Bowser, Marine Corps, who threatened to get "three more Marines and run Mr. Whitten out of the country if he didn't discharge Japanese ranch workers. Captain Pierson, provost marshal Camp Beale investigated. Akins had returned to an eastern camp; Bowser had returned to Marysville. Constable suggested Whitten make all his calls at Wheatland in the daytime thereafter. Whitten wants 7 or 8 more workers as soon as possible. Sheriff McCoy, Yuba county, offered special patrol car coverage.
63. 5/5/45 Fresno, 1528 Kern Street, at midnight windows of book store temporary resident of Kanichi Komoto. Wife, two sons in bed. Rock and half a brick thrown. Patrolman unable to find witnesses.
64. 5/9/45 Fresno, Satsugo Sakamoto. Two shots fired at his home, 10:15 p.m. 608 E Street, Fresno (in town). Mrs. Sakamoto, daughter, Mrs. James Collier (mixed marriage), James Collier recently discharge from Navy. Another son-in-law Hoagy Ogawa at Fort Snelling, an adopted son Eddie Aburamen, 26 months in south Pacific. One shot passed within foot of Mrs. Collier's head.
65. 5/10/45 Miss Mary Matsuda, Talbert, Orange county. Living with Caucasian family, the Trudeaus, told by group of men at night that she must get out. (Trudeau, Patterson, Bucheim, Geisler, Newhouse among crowd). Now staying in Santa Ana. Has 4 brothers in service. Kazuo, 25, killed at Cassino; Takashi 24, wounded in rescue of Lost Battalion, France, back in action; Masao, 26, now on furlough, Mits, 27, medical discharge. Father and mother still in Gila.
- This group called on Nitta family, Mrs. Louis Dischiener (mixed marriage) George Iwakashi, Zentaro Sato. Nitta's have son and son-in-law in service. Sheriff Elliott knows nothing about this, he says.
66. 5/9/45 Fresno, 708 E Street, brick thrown at former Japanese hospital, broke screen and window pane. Hospital now being used as residence by Mrs. Pearl Diel, custodian of Okanogi Hospital, her two children and Dr. Robert Yabuno. Brick found and fingerprinted.
67. 5/5/45  
(61-A) San Jose, Santa Clara County. Japanese Methodist Church, 566 North Six St., entered at 9 a.m. by four boys, two Negro brothers, aged 13 and 14, and two Mexican brothers, aged 10 and 9. Mr. Buemo Kitazwa, making routine inspection, found boys, and police caught them redhanded in act

of looting parsonage in rear of church. Relocation officers went to church immediately, found boxes, trunks, etc., opened and contents strewn about. Boys claim they removed nothing from building, but evidence seems otherwise. Nothing indicates that nationality of owner had anything to do with the burglary. Rev. Oauga, Minister of the church, plans to relocate there with family in near future.

68. 5/5/45  
(61-B) Concord, Contra Costa County, Calif. Toya Hotel completely destroyed by fire. Newspaper accounts suggested it had incendiary origin, but this was denied by Chief of Police and Asst. Fire Chief, both interviewed by Relocation Office; Fire Chief, interviewed later, said that there is a possibility the fire was sent and is continuing investigations. Little anti-Japanese feeling seems to exist in the neighborhood.
69. 5/7/45  
(62-A) San Francisco, San Francisco County. William T. Nakahara's residence at 1731 Laguna Street damaged. Plate glass panel in front door broken. Damage amounts to approximately \$15. San Francisco police notified at 10:45 pm; they arrived at 11 p.m.
70. 5/14/45 Kent, King County, Washington. First violence in North West area. Stones thrown through four panes of glass in small greenhouse back of Mitsuo Ikuta family's residence, three miles north of Kent. Someone shook front door violently but Ikuta did not open it, and persons involved drove away in car shortly afterward. Ikutas arrived two weeks ago, the first family to return. Sheriff's office notified, promised extra patrolling attention for Ikuta. FBI also notified.
71. 5/15/45 Seattle, King County, Washington. Shigeo Nagaishi, 1610 Walker St., received in mail two newspaper pictures obviously meant as intimidation. Also received threatening letter, later turned over to FBI. Police Department has promised extraordinary attention by patrol cars for the family during next few days.
72. 5/9/45  
(62-B) Talbert, Orange County, California--While visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trudeau, Mary Masuda formerly of Talbert, was annoyed by intruders as follows: Mr. Patterson came to the house and said he and the boys had gone to the Nitta's and raised "hell". Around 7:00 p.m. the telephone rang and "Toad" Patterson (who had been very friendly in the past) spoke to Miss Masuda and said he and the boys were coming up to see her. About 10:15 pm Mr. Patterson, Mitz Gisler, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Trudeau and a man named Charles came into the house. Gisler said "he didn't know why he let Miss Masuda into the Trudeau house." He called us "those damned Japs and worse." The incident was reported to the Sheriff's office.

73. 5/7/45  
(62-0) Parker, Yuma County, Arizona--Internee at Poston Relocation Center attacked in Parker by Guy Lillard, Parker gambler. Evacuee, waiting for a bus, was struck several times before he could get away according to witnesses. Lillard had been drinking. Evacuee's identity not established.
74. 5/8/45  
(62-D) Parker, Yuma County, Arizona--Tom T. Sakai, 23 year old evacuee, attacked by Sig Hall while waiting on corner for Center ice truck. Hall watched crew of ice truck and entered drug store; he instructed them to leave Parker as soon as they were finished, and "stay out". He also followed project baggage truck in his car, warning crew not to leave the depot side of street. When ice-truck crew left drug store, Hall swung on Toshiya Ogura, who warded off blow and suffered no damage.
75. 4/25/45  
(59-A) Parker, Yuma County, Arizona--Andy Hale, (principle in wounded veteran incident) struck one of two Issei standing on corner near his shop. Neither date nor identity of person struck has been established.
76. 5/20/45 Selma, Fresno Count, Calif.--At 12:10 am. on Sunday, May 20, four shots from high powered rifle were fired into home of Masaru Miyamoto, 31, Route 1, Box 174, Selma. One shot went through a blanket on bed in which Miyamoto was sleeping; and another reported to have been imbedded six inches from crib of Edward, 3. Miyamoto family consists of Edward, 3; Susie, 5; and his wife Hatsume, 29, all born in this country. Sheriff's office investigating incident.
77. 5/20/45 Caruthers, Fresno County, Calif.--At 1:00 am, Sunday May 20, six shots from high powered rifle were fired into home of Mrs. Nobuye Masada, Route 1, Box 46, Caruthers. Mrs. Masadz, a widow, was born in Japan in 1889. Family consists of Alice Aiko, 17; Yuriko Lilly, 22; Katsumi, 30; Saburo, 15; Tokio, 17; Toshihiro, 24. Sheriff's office investigating incident.
78. 5/8/45 Salt Lake City, Utah.--Mr. Martin, WRA escort, boarded a UP train at Salt Lake City with eight Japanese patients bound for San Francisco and Laguna Honda Home. Three patients occupied closed space and five were in open pullman space. A Mr. Hampton boarded train, saw all the Japanese and removed himself from the train refusing to ride with the Japanese. He then sent following wire to Mr. Jeffers, President of UP Railroad: "Regardless this administration's policy relative Japanese your system forcing white people ride standard pullman in same car with them is abominable. The public will remember this." (Signed) Mr. Hampton." This information was received in WRA office San Francisco from UP Office merely for informational purposes.

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79. 5/23/45 Reedley, Fresno County, Calif.--At approximately 10:00 pm on May 22, four shots were fired into home of Charles K. Iwasaki, 36, Route 1, Box 384, Reedley, Calif. No one injured nor any property damaged. Reported to Sheriff's office, whose men appeared in five minutes but were unable to apprehend the gunmen. Investigators believed shots to be fired by boys or high school youths because of small size of footprints found in vicinity. Believed a shotgun was employed. Iwasaki's family consists of wife, Isami Ann, 32; Norman 11; Amy, 8; and Lawrence, 5. The family are Nisei. His father an Issei, Charles Isasaki, also resides with them.
80. 5/25/45 Orosl, Tulare County, Calif.--At 10:00 p.m. May 24, two shots were fired shoulder high, into the house of Kaudy Mimura, 32, a citizen, living at Route 8, Box 43, Orosl. One shot ripped into the bed room and the other into the living room. Sheriff was notified immediately and made an investigation. He found one copper jacketed shell nearby. He declined to request special police protection, saying his office was shorthanded. He also indicated he felt he did not have enough evidence to go on.

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83. 6/1/45 Stones were thrown thru window in home of John Takahashi, 1905 W. Compton St., Gardena, Calif. (Los Angeles County) by some passerby in a car. This is second incident to Takahashi in past three months, when an iron pipe was thrust thru his front window. He reported it immediately to the Police Department.
84. 6/4/45 So. Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Calif.--Between 9:00 and 11:00 p.m., crude "Suns" were painted in three places in red on front of Diamond Market, 1010 Mission Street; also a large sign reading "Jap Trade Wanted Here" was painted in white across two or three folding wooden doors on store property. The proprietor Peter Kernode stated three employees quit in last three weeks because of his insistence they wait on Japanese American customers with same decorum they show to other patrons. Kernode has four brothers in the service--three in the South Pacific.
85. 6/7/45 So. Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Calif.--Neighbors (Mr. and Mrs. Lindblom) were incensed because a Caucasian family was asked to vacate their home due to return of Mr. and Mrs. Hisako Ishikawa, 1616 Bank Street (owners of property) to their former home. Lindblom remarked "Mrs. White (who collected rent for the Ishikawas while they were interned) and Judge Collier (who took care of Kanishi property) ought to be run out of town." A group of citizens of So. Pasadena have organized in order to try to handle these situations and put a stop to such uprisings.

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86. 6/5/45 Hanford, Kings Co., Calif. - Fire, believed set by children, destroyed garage and shack on property owned by Mrs. George Kene Omata, now residing in Minneapolis. Property is for sale, as Mrs. Omata does not intend returning here. Omata residence, which is used principally for storing odds and ends of furniture and located in front of garage has been broken into and looted several times. Mr. Edmiston was notified of fire by Chief of Police. As the property is in hands of custodian, WRA feels there is nothing further to be done; as owner is only concerned with selling property.
87. 6/8/45 Lodi, San Joaquin Co., Calif. - For the third time in approximately three weeks fire again broke out on the property of the Buddhist Church. Believed set by children carelessly playing with matches inside church. A desk was destroyed and walls and floor scorched. Police investigating. Other fires took place on May 29th and 30th.
88. 6/8/45 Redwood City, San Mateo, Co., Calif. - Hirosuki Inouye received intimidating letter from manager of Gilroy Hot Springs, Gilroy, Calif. when he wrote requesting reservations at the Springs for his invalid father. Letter received stated: "We are still in business, but - No Japs are Allowed at our Springs - The further you stay away from here, the better. Once a Jap, Always a Jap, Even amongst his own Rats--So Go Back to Destroyed Tokio." Mr. Inouye reported incident to our San Jose WRA office.
89. 6/12/45 West Covina, Los Angeles Co., Calif. - Mrs. Lerg, 2034 Glendora Ave., informed Gerald L. Ash of WRA that she had been threatened and intimidated by several citizens of that town for having leased farm land to Yutaka Miura. In lieu of the trouble she decided to cancel lease with Miura and allow her two brothers-in-law (returning discharged veterans) farm it.
90. 6/17/45 San Jose, Santa Clara, Calif. - Five Mexican "zoot-suiters" drove up in a car and parked outside bar across the street from residence of Harry Taketa & wife. One of the Mexicans noticed the Taketas sitting on their veranda and ventured across the street, uttered abusive language and cursed the "Japs" and remarked: "Might as well start in on them". As the Taketas got up to go inside the others rushed at them. However, Taketas managed to get inside and close door. Taketa immediately picked up phone and called Mr. Edmiston of WRA. The Mexicans became frightened and drove away. Licence number is 1-R-1449. Edmiston phoned police, but they did not appear. He is making further investigation.

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91. 6/23/45 San Jose, Santa Clara Co.,--Three shots were fired at the home of WRA Relocation Officer James Edmiston, Route 4, Box 80,-- one of the shots entering the breakfast room, piercing the screen, window and shade. Bullet from 22 caliber rifle found mashed on floor. In house at time of shooting were Mrs. Edmiston and grandson Michael Halver, 10 years old. Mr. Edmiston and another grandson, Norman Dudley Young, 3 years old, were out in the garden. Sheriff says shooting was accidental. Neighbors living about 100 feet away admitted woman of house fired several shots from a 22 caliber rifle earlier that day in the opposite direction. Case is being further investigated.
92. 6/24/45 Fresno, Fresno Co.,--Garage owned by James Sakata, Fred Yoshikawa and Sam Yamasaki was damaged by fire amounting to \$300.00. Property was leased to Tidewater Oil Company. Fire not believed incendiary but had evidently started in an automobile parked in a corner of garage possibly from a lighted cigarette, greasy rags, or other natural causes.

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93. 6/27/45 Salinas, Monterey Co., Calif.--Fire of incendiary origin broke out at 1:30 p.m. destroying two-room building owned by H. S. Shigemasa and brother N. Shigemasa. Damage amounted to \$900.00. Caucasian boy, George N. Andrade, 9½, confessed to playing with matches in building and igniting a mattress. After setting fire the boy called Fire Dept. Police apprehended the lad and turned him over to his mother, Mrs. Frances Mararil, stating further action, probably probation, would take place.
94. 6/27/45 Santa Ana, Orange, Co., Calif. -- At 2:00 p.m. a Filipino called at the home of Mrs. Nobu Matsumoto, Route 3, Box 381, (Talbert & Burchard Rd.,) and called her vile names, also threatened her with bodily harm. At 4:00 p.m. the same Filipino returned again with a wrench in hand threatening entire family. Mrs. Matsumoto's 15 year old son slipped out of house and telephoned both the Sheriff's office and WRA office. Deputies W.H. Jones and E.M. Hanson, also WRA official Mr. Cobble arrived on scene shortly. The deputy sheriffs arrived just as the Filipino was getting into his car (license no. 658100) and Mr. Cobble pointed him out. The deputies just sat there and laughed commenting they could not arrest him as they had no report and that no overt act had been committed. They took no action. Mr. Robert Cozzens, Assistant Director of W.R.A., who happened to be in Los Angeles at the time, took the matter up immediately with Attorney General Kenny (also in Los Angeles at time) and same is being followed thru.
95. 7/6/45 Selma, Fresno Co., Calif.--Piece of pipe was thrown at window of store operated by George Takeuchi, 1951 W. Front St., (property owned by Paul Saruo Ota now with U.S. Army in So. Pacific). Pipe missed window and made large dent just below it. Mr. and Mrs. Takeuchi were asleep in rear of store. Chief of Police Richardson was notified at 8:00 a.m.
96. 7/13/45 Walnut Grove, Sacramento, Co., California-- During the course of the evening while various Caucasian and Chinese friends were welcoming back the families of Harry Matsuako and K. Sasaki at the Matsuake home, a Mrs. Wilma Insigne also stopped in and was very insulting to the entire family threatening to "call in some Filipinos and drive them all out of the house." She also insisted Yoshio Matsuako, recently returned prisoner of war from German Prison Camp, was not an American soldier but a Japanese soldier. The incident was reported by Harry Knowles, assistant to Sheriff (who also stopped in to visit the families) to Walter Goodman, Constable for that vicinity. Goodman arrested Mrs. Insigne and took her to jail. On July 14, Yoshio Matsuake swore out a warrant for Mrs. Insigne's arrest for disturbing the peace. Judge set bail in amount of \$500.00 cash with payment of \$1000.00 later. Hearing set for July 16 at 4 o'clock. Woman held as bail not forthcoming. Hearing was held in Justice Milo Dye's office where defendant pleaded "guilty" to complaint and was sentenced to 90 days in county jail--60 days of which could be suspended

providing she got out of county for one year. Justice was quite eloquent on behalf of returnees, after which defendant endeavored to change her plea to "not guilty" and hire an attorney, saying she was not aware the Japanese were permitted to return to their homes. This request was denied and conviction held.

97. 7/12/45 Vallejo, Solano Co., Calif.--Mr. Ward, Manager of Carrier Air Conditioning Company, San Francisco, who intended employing a Japanese couple on duck club premises in Solano County, received anonymous telephone call of intimidation telling him "You had better not put that couple on that island." Area Office and Enforcement Officers notified.
98. 7/16/45 San Francisco, S.F. Co., Calif.--Brick thrown glass door of apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs Hudson, Negroes, at 2033 Pine Street. Police believe it may have been intended for Japanese-American family residing next door--Nobusuke and Kimiko Lily Nakanishi.
99. 7/16/45 San Francisco, S.F.Co., Calif.--Sometime after 1:00 a.m. unidentified person despoiled newly seeded lawn and destroyed temporary chicken wire fence at home of Tamotsu Sakai, 2056 Bush Street. Mr. Saki also reported two other incidents encountered of late. The first happening six weeks ago when a bouquet of flowers was tossed on front steps, bound in black crepe paper with following note attached: "You damn dirty Japs. We are going to kill you and this is what you will need pretty soon." About 10 days ago the elder Mr. Kitsichi Sakai was watering the yard and a Filipino family (name unknown) residing at 2063 Bush Street drove up and parked their car by the curb. The man evidently trying to start an argument accused Kitsichi Sakai of wetting his car. He used abusive language and left. The above incident lead the Salai's to believe that the Filipino family may be responsible for the other two incidents also. Police investigated.
100. 7/25/45 Fresno, Fresno Co., California--Sometime during the night a large plate glass window was broken in book-store operated by Kanichi Komoto at 1528 Kern Street. Replacement cost \$100.00. WRA officials notified next morning. Investigation made by Police Sergeant.
101. 7/31/45 Fresno, Fresno Co., Calif.--During the night a 22 caliber rifle bullet was fired thru window of O.K. Garage, 1402 Kern St., owned and operated by Rom Inouye. Police investigating.

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121. 9/10/45 Monterey, Monterey Co., Calif. --Two instances of discrimination against Nisei workers were reported by the Del Mar Canning Company. The first occurred when the superintendent of the plant attempted to place three Nisei on the "cutting line" --at which time the cutters quit work. Rather than have a complete stoppage, the superintendent gave two of them work elsewhere in the plant and permitted the third, a girl, to go home.
122. 9/11/45 Monterey, Monterey Co., Calif.--The second instance occurred Sept. 11th when the superintendent tried to place Harry Ito, an honorably discharged veteran, to work on the "closing machines". Again there was a threatened strike. This time the matter was taken up with the local Inter-racial committee, and after discussion, it was agreed that Harry Ito go back to work. Only two men left the plant, with the excuse they were sick. Mr. Campbell of the AFL Cannery Fish Workers Union threatened with expulsion from the union any member refusing to work with a Japanese American. The girl, who was forced out in the first incident also was permitted to return.

Workers opposing the hiring were: Henry Golden, Joi Goularte, Harold Bicknell, William Hitchcock, L. D. Duke, Buela Cole and Leon Burgess.

123. 9/24/45 Seattle, King Co., Washington -- A stone was thrown thru a window in house occupied by Miss Pauline Takahashi and her mother at 4558 Lucile Street. The Takahashi's had just returned from Minidoka Relocation Center and rented the house from a Mrs. Zelster, who had questioned the surrounding neighbors as to any objections to Japanese American living in neighborhood.

Mitsuro Takahashi, brother, is a wearer of the Purple Heart and is still in Italy with the 442nd Infantry.

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105. 8/19/45 Sebastapol, Sonoma County, Calif., -- Threats against the family of K. Morita, just returned from a relocation center, were reported by Oliver R. Dibbelee, Relocation Officer at Santa Rosa. The Morita family had just taken over occupancy on their farm on Route 4, Box 643, Sebastapol, when two men drove up and after conversing in a friendly manner with Mr. Morita and the former tenant, informed them that unless the family left the place four or five thousand people would be coming out to mob them. Both the Sheriff and the District Attorney are investigating the matter.
106. 8/20/45 Winters, Yolo, County, California. -- Two families just returned from Gila River Center, en route to their farms in in Solano County, were cursed and hooted at by groups at Winters when they stopped to purchase provisions and supplies for their farms. The families, the Matsumotos and Katos, consisted of seven adults. Becoming frightened when the original group was augmented by a bus load from Mare Island Navy Yard,

who joined the hooters, the Japanese instructed their taxi driver to hurry off toward the Kato farm, leaving two women behind in the general store where they were shopping. Later the Sherriff Forrest Monroe of Yolo County went to Winters, talked ti the group in front of the store and informed them of the constitutional rights of the returnees, and then without any trouble took the two women from the store in his car to Kato's farm. Later he contacted responsible members of the community to try to maintain order and guarantee the Japanese the right to remain there unmolested.

107. 8/26/45 Walnut Grove, Sacramento Co., --fire destroyed Japanese Association Hall and four other buildings early Sunday morning. Fire was believed started thru carelessness of vagrants or migrants sleeping in building. Property is owned by Alex Brown Bank. Incident reported to State Dept. of Justice and Army G-2.
108. 8/26/45 Walnut Grove, Sacramento Co.,--fire destroyed warehouse of Aichi Co. on Sunday afternoon. Damage to building \$5000. and \$15,000 to contents. Building and contents property of M. Mizutani. It is believed that itinerants who sometimes built their campfires alongside building may have inadvertantly ignited the building. Incident reported to State Dept. of Justice and Army G-2.

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109. 8/29/45 Hanford, Tulare County, Calif.-- Fire of unknown origin destroyed home of Rev. Kuniichi Inori during night and also partially destroyed Japanese Presbyterian Church adjacent to home. Present occupants of house are Mr. & Mrs. Austin Smith. Visalia office investigating.
110. 8/31/45 San Jose, Santa Clara County, Calif.-- Home of R. Saito, Lindy Road, Oakland Highway, leased by Dante Gianni and occupied by Filipinos, was burned to the ground. The Filipinos were to have vacated house that day in time for the tenancy of the Saito family who were returning from Heart Mountain Relocation Center that evening. Filipinos lost their personal belongings including large sum of money. Sheriff Wm. F. Emig after investigation reported fire to be "accidental".
111. 9/13/45 Agampo, San Joaquin Co., California--A shot or shots were fired from a 45 caliber pistol at approximately 2:00 a.m. at the residence of Mrs. K. Imada, Route 1, Box 418B. One bullet struck the lawn and ricocheted up thru wall and lodged back of chair in living room. Bullet was not discovered until 4:30 p.m. September 13. Constable Fore, of Lodi, notified at 6:00 p.m. Chief of Police Jackson, of Lodi, notified at 7:30 a.m. and Sheriff at Stockton notified at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 14.
112. 9/16/45 Newark, Alameda Co., California--At 4:30 p.m. two shots were fired into the residence of Mrs. Sumiko Motozaki, R.F.D. Box 225, by two men in a moving automobile. Arrested were F. Hailey, 36, Caucasian, farm tractor driver and Charles Custom, 42, Negro, garage helper. The two men are held on a charge for possible attempted murder in Milpitas and brought to the Alameda Sheriff's office. Damage consisted of one broken window. Incident reported to WRA office, also to Sheriff's office in Hayward about 5:30 p.m. same day.
113. 9/16/45 Centerville, Alameda Co., Calif.--About 4:30 p.m. two shots were fired into residence of Toshiaki Idota, R.F.D., Newark by two men in a moving automobile. Damage consisted of two broken windows. Incident was reported to WRA office, also to Sheriff's office in Hayward about 5:30 p.m. same day. Same persons were held as mentioned in Incident No. 112.

114. 9/19/45 Rocklin, Placer Co., Calif.--Home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Sakamoto (elderly couple) of Rocklin was found burned to the ground by them upon their return from spending three years in a relocation center. The property had been leased while they were away. Fire was reported to Fire Chief Garrett Doty of Loomis and an investigation will be made by the State Fire Warden.
115. 9/19.45 San Francisco, S. F. County., Calif.--A lantern and two beer bottles were thrown thru the windows of the Buddhist Hostel, 1881 Pine Street, in which 150 Japanese Americans are quartered, in an attempt of terrorism. Chief of Police Dullea, in an attempt to put a stop to such terrorism in San Francisco, has assigned two patrolmen for all night duty at the hostel and requested radio cars to be on the alert during the daytime.

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124. 10/14/45 Sumner, Pierce, Co., Washington. -- Farm house of Tom Fujita, located at intersection of the West Highway & Steward Roads, was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. Black, who resides across the road and under whose custody Fukitas' house has been since 1943, believes fire was set and suspects about four individuals. Soda water bottle which had contained kerosene was found near fire. Mr. R. L. O'Neil, of the State Insurance Commission, advises that fire had been set.



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106. 8/20/45 Winters, Yolo County, Calif. -- Two families just returned from Gila River Center, en route to their farms in Solano County, were cursed and hooted at by groups at Winters when they stopped to purchase provisions and supplies for their farms. The families, the Matsumotos and Katos, consisted of seven adults. Becoming frightened when the original group was augmented by a busload from Mare Island Navy Yard, who joined the hooters, the Japanese instructed their taxi driver to hurry off toward the Kato farm, leaving two women behind in the general store where they were shopping. Later the Sheriff Forrest Monroe of Yolo County went to Winters, talked to the group in front of the store and informed them of the constitutional rights of the returnees, and then without any trouble took the two women from the store in his car to Kato's farm. Later he contacted responsible members of the community to try to maintain order and guarantee the Japanese the right to remain there unmolested.

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107. 8/26/45 Walnut Grove, Sacramento Co., -- fire destroyed Japanese Association Hall and four other buildings early Sunday morning. Fire was believed started thru carelessness of vagrants or migrants sleeping in building. Property is owned by Alex Brown Bank. Incident reported to State Dept. of Justice and Army G-2.
108. 8/26/45 Walnut Grove, Sacramento Co., -- fire destroyed warehouse of Aichi Co. on Sunday afternoon. Damage to building \$5000, and \$15,000 to contents. Building and contents property of M. Mizutani. It is believed that itinerants who sometimes built their campfires alongside building may have inadvertently ignited the building. Incident reported to State Dept. of Justice and Army G-2.

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109. 8/29/45 Hanford, Tulare County, Calif., -- Fire of unknown origin destroyed home of Rev. Kunichi Inori during night and also partially destroyed Japanese Presbyterian Church adjacent to home. Present occupants of house are Mr. & Mrs. Austin Smith. Visalia office investigating.

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110. 8/31/45 San Jose, Santa Clara County, Calif., -- Home of R. Saito, Lindy Road, Oakland Highway, leased by Dante Gianni and occupied by Filipinos, was burned to the ground. The Filipinos were to have vacated house that day in time for the tenancy of the Saito family who were returning from Heart Mountain Relocation Center that evening. Filipinos lost their personal belongings including large sum of money. Sheriff Wm. F. Emig after investigation reported fire to be "accidental".



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111. 9/13/45 Acampo, San Joaquin Co., California--A shot or shots were fired from a 45 caliber pistol at approximately 2:00 a.m. at the residence of Mrs. E. Imada, Route 1, Box 418B. One bullet struck the lawn and ricocheted up thru wall and lodged back of chair in living room. Bullet was not discovered until 4:30 p.m. September 13. Constable Fore, of Lodi, notified at 5:00 p.m. Chief of Police Jackson, of Lodi, notified at 7:30 a.m. and Sheriff at Stockton notified at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 14.
112. 9/16/45 Newark, Alameda Co., California--At 4:30 p.m. two shots were fired into the residence of Mrs. Sumiko Motosaki, R.F.D. Box 225, by two men in a moving automobile. Arrested were F. Hailley, 36, Caucasian, farm tractor driver and Charles Custon, 42, Negro, garage helper. The two men are held on a charge for possible attempted murder in Milpitas and brought to the Alameda Sheriff's office. Damage consisted of one broken window. Incident reported to WRA office, also to Sheriff's office in Hayward about 5:30 p.m. same day.
113. 9/16/45 Centerville, Alameda Co., California--About 4:30 p.m. two shots were fired into residence of Toshiaki Idota, R.F.D., Newark by two men in a moving automobile. Damage consisted of two broken windows. Incident was reported to WRA office, also to Sheriff's office in Hayward about 5:30 p.m. same day. Same persons were held as mentioned in Incident No. 112.
114. 9/19/45 Rocklin, Placer Co., California--Home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Sakamoto (elderly couple) of Rocklin was found burned to the ground by them upon their return from spending three years in a relocation center. The property had been leased while they were away. Fire was reported to Fire Chief Garrett Doty of Loomis and an investigation will be made by the State Fire Warden.
115. 9/19/45 San Francisco, S. F. Co., California--A lantern and two beer bottles were thrown thru the windows of the Buddhist Hostel, 1861 Pine Street, in which 150 Japanese Americans are quartered, in an attempt of terrorism. Chief of Police Dulles, in an attempt to put a stop to such terrorism in San Francisco, has assigned two patrolmen for all night duty at the hostel and requested radio cars to be on the alert during the daytime.



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120. 9/24/45 Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co., About 2:10 am some unidentified persons threw or shot a flare (Believed fired from a VERY PISTOL) toward the Buddhist Temple, corner Bridge and Union Streets (used as a hostel by the Japanese) which landed in the yard of the building next door, 107 Bridge St. (occupied by Japanese Americans). setting fire to shrubbery. The fire was discovered by Police Sgt. Lowrey, Brandon and James as they were about to leave the station on their way home. Case being investigated by Deputy District Attorney and F.B.I. A special night-watchman is being stationed at the hostel by the D/A's office.



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121. 9/10/45 Monterey, Monterey Co., Calif. -- Two instances of discrimination against Nisei workers were reported by the Del Mar Canning Company. The first occurred when the superintendent of the plant attempted to place three Nisei on the "cutting line" -- at which time the cutters quit work. Rather than have a complete stoppage, the superintendent gave two of them work elsewhere in the plant and permitted the third, a girl, to go home.
122. 9/11/45 Monterey, Monterey Co., Calif. -- The second instance occurred Sept. 11th when the superintendent tried to place Harry Ito, an honorably discharged veteran, to work on the "closing machines". Again there was a threatened strike. This time the matter was taken up with the local Inter-racial committee, and after discussion, it was agreed that Harry Ito go back to work. Only two men left the plant, with the excuse they were sick. Mr. Campbell of the AFL Cannery Fish Workers Union threatened with expulsion from the union any member refusing to work with a Japanese American. The girl, who was forced out in the first incident also was permitted to return.

Workers opposing the hiring were: Henry Golden, Jai Goularte, Harold Bicknell, William Hitchcock, L. D. Duke, Euela Cole and Leon Burgess.



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123. 9/24/45 Seattle, King Co., Washington -- A stone was thrown thru a window in house occupied by Miss Pauline Takahashi and her mother at 4558 Lucile Street. The Takahashi's had just returned from Minidoka Relocation Center and rented the house from a Mrs. Zelster, who had questioned the surrounding neighbors as to any objections to Japanese American living in neighborhood.

Mitsuro Takahashi, brother, is a wearer of the Purple Heart and is still in Italy with the 442nd Infantry.



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124. 10/14/45 Sumner, Pierce Co., Washington. --- Farm house of Tom Fujita, located at intersection of the West Highway & Steward Roads, was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. Black, who resides across the road and under whose custody Fujitas' house has been since 1943, believe fire was set and suspects about four individuals. Soda water bottle which had contained kerosene found near fire. Mr. R. L. O'Neil, of the State Insurance Commission, advises that fire had been set.



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144. (H) 11/18/45 Walnut Grove, Sacramento Co., Calif.--Body of Kojiro Yoshida was found hanging in garage at rear of home of Rev. Shirakawa at 9:30 a.m. He relocated there from Gilman River in August and was despondent due to lack of friends and relatives in this country. Body was removed to Daggett Funeral Home and several Walnut Grove residents and Rev. Shirakawa made arrangements for cremation and burial.
145. (P) 11/24/45 Puente, Los Angeles Co., Calif.--Home of George T. Takahige was burned to ground under "suspicious" circumstances. Sheriff Herbert F. Hache of San Dimas Station said evidence indicates fire was started in nearby shed and was "fed" into home by spreading gasoline or oil along ground. Possible incendiarism being investigated.
146. (H) 11/18/45 Odell, Hood River Co., Oregon--Unknown high school student was hit in the face with a tennis shoe during gym class by a fellow student. Col. Wallace Moore shortly after gave talk to school assembly on Americanism. After talk made to the students by his conditions of racial discrimination improved in the school.

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November 5, 1945

*Enclosed  
with letter 7  
11/9/45*

MEMORANDUM: Re Lomita Evacuee Camp

Coincident with the "enforced relocation" policy of the WRA, stories began to be heard which if believed would lead to the conclusion that the WRA had radically changed its policies for the worst. The stories centered around the establishment and administration of a government shelter known as Lomita.

I have just completed a sketchy survey of the situation there. I have conferred with many interested citizens connected with organizations interested in fair play, civil rights, race relations, good government, social welfare, education, and employment. I have also talked with top WRA and FPHA officials on the Coast, with Lomita management and residents. Where there is no disagreement of fact, I will simply state the facts as my own authority. Where differences occur they will be duly noted.

It appears that the WRA nationally contracted with the Army for the Lomita barracks, did some reconditioning by contract, and arranged for the camp to be operated by the FPHA. The terms of the agreements are not readily available.

Residents began to arrive on October 8. At present there are as of November 3, 645 persons in camp occupying some 141 units of shelter. In addition to family units, there are some 66 male and 7 female unattached adults.

Barrack accommodations similar but inferior to those in WRA centers are available. In addition some 99 older trailer houses have been disconnected from utilities, and moved in from some 20 miles and set up as sleeping quarters. There is a common mess hall, community latrines and wash houses.

The barracks are equipped with cots, mattresses, pillows and blankets; none of which appears to have been disinfected or cleaned.

I sought information from George Tani, manager, and Mrs. Cecil Itano, cashier. Beyond giving facts easily obtainable, neither was very loquacious, and seemed ill at ease under questioning. However, I did learn from them that rents were, for 2

in a family \$15.00 a month, for 3 - \$17.50, 4 - \$19.00. For large families a second unit is available for \$5.00 extra rent. Single adults pay \$10.00 a month. Meals range from 15 cents to 35 cents. The mess is operated by the residents. Buying, until now, has been at retail prices. Work is performed without pay, but with hopes of pay if profits accumulate. Residents are asked to subscribe \$5.00 for capital but some are unable to do this.

I visited the male bachelors quarters. There were 30 persons in an L-shaped celotex dormitory. The dormitory was in two sections approximately 18 x 45 each. Besides cots there were two stoves, a table, and a few cobbled up make-shift chairs. A rapid calculation led to the revelation that about 1600 feet of floor space of the most flimsily constructed and depreciated housing, valued at the most not more than \$500.00, was renting for \$300.00 a month. Of course, these men had the privilege of eating at the messhall at a price, had free heat, electricity, and use of the latrines and laundry tubs.

By the anti-social method of taxing parenthood in rental policies space occupied by families is made to yield a higher return.

Apparently there is latrine accommodation for about 40 persons. Residents complain that this is insufficient. WRA officials say it is standard.

The camp is operated by a manager, cashier, part-time typist, a maintenance man and two janitors.

I noticed a number of Caucasians at work while residents were idle. WRA explained that it was contract work with union clauses. Residents expressed desire for the work. Apparently FEPC had not been contacted.

WRA officials report almost constant on-the-project service in housing and job placement. Residents report very little WRA contact.

The camp is some 22 miles from downtown Los Angeles. A trip into the city to confer regarding getting settled requires anywhere from one to two hours each way, 94 cents round trip, in addition to a meal away from camp. Jobs are not available within walking distance or adjacent to public transportation at reasonable costs. I was informed by WRA and residents.

In the meantime, residents have moved out at about the rate of one a day. The time is too short to generalize; however, on the supposition that this is to be a camp of 1,000 persons, the rate of egress will depopulate it in three years. Significantly, this is the period considered most difficult in housing. If this

is to be the case, our New Little Tokyo will be slummy but out of sight.

Residents indicate that they have no choice of other camps in and about Los Angeles where they have friends and can get jobs. WRA says it is inconvenient to allow such choices but hopes to allow transfers later. In the meantime, of course, relief carries the load.

Evidence indicated that good school adjustment was being made both in the grades and in high school. Distance is about two miles. Perhaps some transportation should be provided at least during the rainy season.

The Department of Public Assistance is doing a heroic job but is always behind. This would not be so serious but for the fact that the assistance grant at the WRA project has to go for rent and "breakage deposit."

There is general agreement among residents that they were promised at the projects, individual housing units, fully furnished except for cooking utensils, table service and linen. WRA officials deny this. Project employees, however, have reported overselling.

Several top WRA personnel have expressed annoyance at the gripes of residents and have expressed concern at having "welfare people sticking their noses in" and causing trouble. Other WRA personnel, with social work training and experience are deeply troubled.

The author feels that here is a snarled problem in human relations which calls for far more statesmanship than has been in evidence to date.

The Congress and the Bureau of the Budget have never adequately looked at this problem in the light of effects on the evacuee residue, on their Army sons' morale, on conflicting problems locally.

The WRA abandoned their relocation program in favor of re-evacuation, and "getting out from under." This is not a criticism; merely a statement of fact.

The FPHA has taken on a job of discriminatory racially segregated housing which violates its best instincts and well known policies.

Concerned but emotionally disturbed persons of good will, in many cases without adequate social philosophy have raised questions mainly of secondary or tertiary significance.

Public assistance personnel have been swamped with case work problems and have not at policy making levels insisted on proper planning.

The racial aspects of evicting into Los Angeles a large number of segregated, impoverished, frustrated persons at the time when other persons, many of them of racial minority groupings are being evicted or unable to find any kind of shelter is not overlooked by many.

It is the belief of the author that the problem must be tackled by an appropriate congressional committee, not simply in the interests of the immediate victims, but of internal peace and tranquility.

C. Raymond Booth  
Executive Secretary

June 25, 1945

REPORT ON JAMES EDMISTON INCIDENT

A shot from a 22 caliber rifle was fired into the breakfast room of the home of James Edmiston, War Relocation Authority Relocation Officer, Route 4, Box 80, two mile south of San Jose, June 23, between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. (House is on two-acre plot on Healey Way. Take Monterey boulevard south to Tully Street.)

Mr. Edmiston believes that the shot was fired intentionally and not accidentally as claimed by the Sheriff.

He advances these reasons: The bullet was following a rising trajectory, piercing the screen, window and shade at a lower level than it hit the inside wall of the room. The bullet was mashed and fell to the floor where it was found. THERE IS A HOME, OCCUPIED BY AN ITALIAN FAMILY, OPPOSITE THE ROOM. A DIRECT LINE WOULD EXTEND FROM THE PORCH OF THE HOME--100 FEET AWAY--TO THE POINT OF THE BULLET'S MARK. An accidental shooting would have required shooting over the house, which would have given the bullet a down trajectory.

The Sheriff questioned the family and was told that no one was at home at the time of the shooting, but did elicit the information that the woman of the house had fired a 22 caliber rifle in the opposite direction on that day. The Sheriff declared that it would be useless to attempt to determine by ballistics whether or not the bullet came from the rifle of the neighbor.

Mr. Edmiston was working in the garden at the time of the shooting. He said he heard three shots fired. Later his wife, who had been in the house, reading to Michael Halver, 10, a grandson, said she had heard a crash of glass. Another grandson, Norman Dudley Young 3, was in the garden with Mr. Edmiston at the time.

It wasn't until Sunday morning that discovery was made that the breakfast room window was broken and that a bullet had crashed against the wall.

The family who live in the house are:

Mr. and Mrs. Edmiston

Mrs. F. C. "Micky" Slingluff, (daughter of Edmistons) whose husband is an air corps officer in Manila.

Michael Halver, whose father is Lieut. James Halver, U.S. Navy.

Norman Dudley Young, whose father was killed with the Eagle Squadron in the first air raid over Germany two weeks after Norman was born.