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NEWS CLIPS FROM LOS ANGELES AREA OFFICE, WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

For January 2, 1946 -- No. 1 Issue

NOTE: Starting today we'll make up a daily sheet like this and air-mail it to all Japanese-American newspapers, also to our Washington office (the latter will replace former daily teletype news digest.) This sheet will be made from interesting news clippings from current day's publications in L. A. and Southern California.

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L. A. News, 1/2/46

(4 in.)

VET HOUSING DRIVE MOVES INTO HIGH GEAR

American Veterans Committee with a committee of prominent movie personalities and civic and business leaders are putting on a drive for housing for veterans (of all races). The L. A. Daily News first publicized this Dec. 31. The L. A. Daily News and radio broadcasters are cooperating. There will be spot announcements over the air with cooperation of So. Calif. Broadcasters Assn. A short subject produced by Warner Bros., featuring Ronald Reagan, will carry the drive in movie houses. "Suppose L. A. had been bombed during the war and 100,000 people were homeless? You'd open your homes and take them in. Well, L. A. wasn't bombed, but the very men who prevented that are back now and over 100,000 of them are homeless." Spot announcement radio appeals have been recorded by Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Orson Welles, Burns & Allen, Joan Fontaine, Dinah Shore, Roy Rogers, Tom Brenneman, Ronald Reagan and Kay Kyser. (NOTE: This is not tied in directly with the Nisei, but the A.V.C. has been so active on behalf of Nisei that we mention this item.)

L. A. Herald-Express, 12/29/45

(Letter to Editor, 2 in)

"DISLOYAL GERMANS" (another letter favoring the Nisei)

"B.A." writes: "Several letters to the Herald-Express have expressed their disapproval of the return of a few hundred Japs to their former homes in this state. Not one has said a word about the thousands of disloyal Germans, many of them former 'Bund' members, still unmolested and unreformed.

"Is it not a fact that the so-called 'intellectuals' of Germany were far more ruthless and far more expert than the 'barbarians' of Japan when it came to atrocities?"

L. A. Examiner, 12/31/45 (P 5, 6 IN)

L. A. Times, 12/31/45 (P 2, 5 IN)

JAP ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ENTRY

A 30-year-old Japanese who entered U.S. in 1934 on passport allegedly obtained through use of birth cert. belonging to Nisei who had died in Japan 2 years before, was in custody of FBI in L. A. County Jail. The suspect, Tadaichi Hiraoka, known variously as Seigaku Yoshimoto or George Yoshimoto, living at 5111 Sawtelle Blvd., L. A., was charged with falsely claiming to be a U.S. citizen.
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L. A. News, 12/31/45

(Matt Weinstock's Column, 6 IN)

"READING MATTER" (Full quote):

"Tomorrow will mark some sort of stride toward normalcy in the troubled lives of Los Angeles' returned Issei and Nisei. Their daily paper, the Rafu Shimpō, printed both in Japanese and English, will resume publication. The Jan. 1 issue will be the first since early in 1942 when they were hustled off to relocation centers.

"Akira Komai, whose father preceded him at the job, is publisher and Henry Mori is English section editor. They've assembled a staff, oiled the old press at 104 N. Los Angeles st. and are again in business.

"To obtain money to get going, Japanese were solicited for advance subscriptions. They'll be around \$13 a year.

"The paper will be a boon especially to the Issei, the Japanese born, who don't read English. Luckily, the Japanese type, of which there are countless characters, was found intact.

"Of the 110,000 Issei and Nisei evacuated from the coast, approximately 13,000 have returned to Los Angeles county. Large numbers of Nisei are still in the service.

"Trained at the language intelligence school at Ft. Snelling, Minn., they have been declared essential, having been found vital for work in the Orient.

"If the paper's name interests you, Rafu is the Japanese name for Los Angeles. Shim means news and po means disseminator."

L. A. Times, 1/2/46 (Editorial, 8 IN)

"HIROHITO QUILTS BEING A PHONY 'GOD'."

"....The renunciation by Emperor Hirohito of the divinity myth which, in Japanese consciousness, has made him a son of the sun goddess and a superhuman being is a wholesome thing whether he means it or not....The 'Emperor's' rescript to his subjects admonishing them to forget their master race ideas and to strive for a more democratic society in a peaceable world makes good reading....We can afford to be tolerant spectators of the farce of a 'god' descending from his throne. But we need not take everything he says at face value. We must be watchfully alert for years to come."

L. A. Times, 12/30/45 (P 1, Sec. 2, 6 IN)

"JAP PRISONERS LEAVE HARBOR FOR LABOR SERVICE IN HAWAII"

First contingent of Japanese prisoners of war from Camp Lamont, near Bakersfield, where they have been picking cotton (cotton season is now about finished) sailed from L. A. harbor Dec. 29 aboard the Dutch transport "Weltevreden." The POW's, mostly captured at Saipan, consisted of 1,120 Jap soldiers, sailors and civilians. A second group of 1,462 is scheduled to leave same harbor Jan. 7 on the Kota Inten, and a third group of 441 Jan. 10 or 11 on the Tibenta. A special diet of fish, rice, soy bean sauce, fresh vegetables and milk was aboard the ship for them, and Japanese cooks who served at the camp will prepare their meals enroute to Honolulu.

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LONG BEACH PRESS-TELEGRAM, 12/26/45 (P 1, Part 2, 5 IN)
"PHOTO IS EDITORIAL ON TOLERANCE"

Huntington Beach (Calif.) -- Under the simple caption: "Editorial on Tolerance," the Huntington High Lights, publication of the Huntington Beach Union H. S., reported the posthumous award of D.S.C. to Sgt. Kazuo Masuda, former student.

Its powerful message is entirely in the picture -- covering 4-column width of the tabloid publication; there is no story attached....

The picture merely shows Gen. Stilwell raising his hand in salute to the Masuda family.....

SANTA MONICA EVE OUTLOOK, 12/26/45 (Sports Page)

A one-col. photo of Tamotsu (Babe) Nomura, with caption as follows: "PITCHING NISEI -- Postwar's first outstanding Japanese-American athlete in Southern California is Tamotsu (Babe) Nomura, spectacular halfback of the Los Angeles City College Cubs. Nomura, who spent 3 years with his parents in a relocation center, completed 56 of 77 passes during the season."

SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS, 12/30/45 (Page D-1, 6 In plus photo)

"LT. HIRASHIMA WILL RETURN AGAIN TO JAPAN."

Lt. William Hirashima is spending holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Genkichi John Hirashima of Goleta (near Santa Barbara). He is enjoying a 45-day leave following 43 months of service with the Army in the South Pacific.

He served with Army Intelligence and saw duty in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Gen. Hdqs. in Tokyo. He wears Combat Infantryman's Badge and Unit Citation with 2 Oak Leaf clusters, which were awarded him for service with 32d Div. in Buna campaign. He was also awarded the Southwest Pacific, Philippine and Japan Occupation Ribbons and the Good Conduct Medal, earned while he was an enlisted man.

He will return to serve the Army in Tokyo, where he has volunteered to serve 6 more months, at the end of his leave.

He has a younger brother, Cpl. Sneo Hirashima, also of Army Intelligence. Both are grads of Carpinteria (near Santa Barbara) H. S., and family lived in Carpinteria before war. Lt. William Hirashima studied chemistry at the University of Calif. (His photo accompanies the story.)

L A EXAMINER, 1/1/46 (Louis Sobol's column from N. Y.) - 1 In.

"Ringling Bros. is debating whether to restore Jap acrobats to good standing with the big top show this forthcoming season."

SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS, 12/31/45 (10 In)

"RED CROSS WORKER'S LETTER DISPUTES CLAIM THAT TOKYO IS DIRTY AND UNFRIENDLY CITY."

Writing from Japan, Robert Leslie of American Red Cross describes Japan as a "country of charm and beauty, serving luxurious food in its fine hotels, populated with persons who already have made Americans in the occupation forces their friends....."

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For January 3, 1946 -- No. 2 Issue

PEOPLES DAILY WORLD, Jan. 3, 1946 (7 In.)

"CIO UNION INITIATES NISEI -- Mothers of vets take obligation"

"San Diego, Jan. 1. -- In a practical demonstration of democracy, Local 64 of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers initiated a large group of Japanese-Americans at a special meeting.

"True meaning of applying democracy was seen in the union oath in which members pledged 'never to discriminate against a fellow worker because of creed, color, nationality, religious or political belief.'

"One new member brought her son to the meeting. He was wearing the Purple Heart, token of shrapnel wounds he suffered October 29, 1944, in the Vosges Mountains when his famous 442nd regiment rescued the trapped 141st infantry regiment.

"Other members are still awaiting the homecoming of their sons from battle service in Europe and the Orient. All of the new members were recently released after three years of internment at Poston, Ariz.

"Local 64 is the only San Diego union that has a clause in its contract forbidding discrimination because of ancestry, nationality creed or color on the part of either the company or the union. The contract is with the Van Camp Sea Foods Company.

"The new members of Local 64 include Mrs. Shizue Koba, Mrs. Yoshiko Kawato, Mrs. Fumino Honda, Mrs. Ekino Matsumoto, Mrs. Kay Fujimoto, Mrs. Kayo Enomoto, Mrs. Otomi Nakano, Mrs. Ichiye Ochi, Mrs. Sode Vetter, Mary Masuyuki, Dora Kato and Mrs. Ine Taksita."

PEOPLES DAILY WORLD, Jan. 3, 1946 (18 in.)

"SOLDIER'S NOTEBOOK -- The Nisei were picked to save Texans"

Sgt. Ralph Friedman writes the first of two articles. Following are excerpts:

"The 36th Division is the pride of Texas...At Salerno the ranks of the 36th were considerably thinned, and by the time the 'T Patch' waded ashore in southern France most of the Division had never been near Texas...To a Texan, anybody who fought in the 36th, be they from North Dakota, Brooklyn, Memphis, or Idaho, is a Texan by adoption. There are thousands of adopted sons; less than 600 men of the Lone Star State returned with the 36th.

"The 36th has a fighting record...but even the best outfits can get in a jam, and there was a time when a battalion of Texas Infantry would have sold their chances of living or escaping imprisonment for a thin dime.

"Perhaps you remember the story....a battalion of the 141st Infantry of the 36th was surrounded by heavy German units in the Vosges forest of southern France and for more than a week caught hell from all sides.

"The task of rescuing the 'Lost Battalion' was given to an assault group fighting side by side with the 36th. This group was the famous 442nd Combat Team, composed of Japanese-Americans.

"The man who picked the 442d to pull off the toughest job in the Vosges has the approval of every man in the Texas Infantry... The Nisei had piled up a terrific reputation in Italy and France and the sight or rumor of Japanese-Americans coming up to aid a unit lifted the spirits of every man in that group.

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"The predecessor of the 442d was the 100th Battalion. It was the only Japanese-American unit in Europe until the 442d Combat Team, built on regimental infantry strength with its own artillery and auxiliary support, was formed in the states and sent overseas. The 100th then became a part of the 442d, but jealously and zealously maintained its own traditions, esprit de corps, and records.

"By March, 1945, the record of the 100th Battalion included 1547 Purple Hearts, 21 D.S.C.'s, 7 Soldier's Medals, 6 Legion of Merit awards, 73 Silver Stars, 96 Bronze Stars, 16 Division Citations, two awards from the Italian government, and the War Dept. Distinguished Unit Citation."

(Second part of this will be printed tomorrow and copied here)

(THE FOLLOWING is not in an L. A. publication, but as it was printed through a release from L. A. Reports Office of WRA, and may not come to your attention otherwise, it is shown here):

From I.A.P.E.S. News (Int. Assn. of Public Employment Services), circulating nationally to all U.S. Employment Service offices in the nation, and read by employment service personnel generally; issue of Dec., 1945; edited by Logan Chambers, 620 So. 5th St., Louisville 2, Ky.:--

"THE U.S.E.S. CAN OVERCOME RACIAL DISCRIMINATION"

"Racial discrimination, particularly regarding the reinstatement of Japanese-Americans who were forced out of California at the start of the war, can be overcome by the USES, Lt. Col. Wallace H. Moore, who served in the Pacific, told an employment service audience at Los Angeles recently.

"Let's do away with discrimination -- and substitute instead the discriminating mind," said Col. Moore. "As personnel specialists as employment experts, that should appeal to you. You can use in your daily work a rule of thumb that you already know but I take the liberty to remind you -- select not on the label, but on what's in the bottle. The color of the skin doesn't tell you the color of the heart."

"Col. Moore, who had Nisei soldiers in his command, called the Japanese-Americans 'Americans in mind and heart', adding: 'That's what Americanism is. It's not a matter of race or ancestry. We didn't fight in the Pacific to set up prejudices that would form the basis for World War III.'

"The Nisei soldiers were never known to malingering, Col. Moore said, and never reported sick unless they were unable to stand. They got out of hospital beds before they were released -- 'they were so anxious to get back in the fighting.'

"The Nisei in the United States Army 'are a military asset', he said. They will be needed in Japan a long time, he added, and if their relatives on the West Coast are mistreated in any way 'the morale of these Nisei soldiers in our Army of occupation will be undermined.'

"You know they are hard-working, conscientious people," he added. "And you know that while many think Japanese-Americans are primarily gardeners and farmers and household workers, actually they are among some of the most skilled professions.'...

"You have a situation in Southern California today where there are a lot of jobs open, but also, judging from job insurance figures

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which are at an all-time peak, you have considerable unemployment due to shipyard and aircraft cutbacks and layoffs,' Col. Moore said. 'Then there are many returning veterans who are unable to find a home, and until they do find a place to live they can't arrange to go to work.'"

"THE OPEN FORUM", publication of the American Civil Liberties Union, L. A., Jan. 5, 1946

"NEW HEARINGS FOR RENUNCIANTS"

Front page article, occupying almost a page, on stand taken by A.C.L.U. on behalf of citizens of Japanese ancestry who renounced their citizenship, and also in relation to aliens.

"The Dept. of Justice has changed its policy (toward these groups)...All who so desire are to be given a fair hearing."

The Dept. of Justice announcement (giving four points for the information of those who wish hearings or repatriation, etc.) which was posted at Tule Lake, is quoted in full.

It is pointed out that "trouble-makers" now in detention centers at Santa Fe, New Mexico; Bismarck, N. D.; and Crystal City, Texas, will not be given any hearings prior to their removal to Japan, unless habeas corpus proceedings are instituted on their behalf.

"Meanwhile Federal Judge Ben Harrison, in halting the deportation of Sannosuki Madokoro and ordering his release from the custody of the District Director of Immigration, under \$1,000 bond, may have started legal action of far reaching results for justice. In filing the habeas corpus suit, attys. A. L. Wirin, J. B. Tietz and R. Doi contested that Madokoro, an Issei, was denied a fair hearing before the Immigration authorities because he was unable to secure counsel while detained at an alien camp for Japanese. If the Federal Courts uphold this contention most of the wartime hearings of detainees will be nullified. Madokoro furnished bail. His case is set for hearing in L. A. on Jan. 2."

SANTA MONICA EVE. OUTLOOK, Dec. 24, 1945

"TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS KILL JAP, INJURE GI -- Drivers Not Blamed in Weekend Mishaps" (Page 8, 5 in.)

"Sannasuke Ito, an elderly Japanese of 134 South Savanna Ave., L. A., was killed early last night when he was struck down by an auto at 16th and Colorado Avenue...The body was removed to Gates, Kingsley & Gates Mortuary, 1925 Arizona Ave...."

THE FOLLOWING IS ADVANCE REPORT ON U.S.O. & FRANK SINATRA ENTERTAINMENT OF 110 BOYS OF THE 442d LAST NIGHT (Jan. 2) IN HOLLYWOOD:

These lads from Hawaii, now at Camps Haan and Anza (both near Riverside, Calif.) came into Hollywood on invitation of the J.A.C.L. and attended Frank Sinatra's half-hour broadcast over CBS from the Vine St. theatre, Hollywood. Frank greeted them from the stage before the broadcast -- "these heroes with Japanese names -- you'll find some Americans with names like Sinatra, too" -- and in closing his broadcast he said: "To start the New Year right mix in a box of Tolerance -- get the big box -- it comes in the red, white and blue package." After the broadcast ten photos were taken of Frank in the center of 110 Nisei soldiers. Then the Nisei went to the Hollywood USO nearby, where a special program had been prepared for them that evening. More pictures were taken. As they had only a 24-hour leave, they did not stay overnight as planned but returned to camp after the entertainment at the U.S.O. -----FINIS-----

For January 4, 1946 -- No. 3 Issue

RADIO -- The 1946 series of "My Brother's Blood" will open Sunday, Jan. 6, with a program titled "All in the Same Boat" and narrated by CBS' veteran foreign correspondent, Harry W. Flannery. (Mr. Flannery was, incidentally, master of ceremonies at Santa Ana on "United America" Day rally in Santa Ana Bowl the afternoon of the Gen. Stilwell presentation of D.S.C. to Mary Masuda, Dec. 8.)

With a background of extensive experience abroad and presently occupied with weekly visits to Birmingham General Hospital (army hospital at Van Nuys, near L. A.), Flannery is well suited to narrate the drama, "ALL IN THE SAME BOAT," a story of race relations within our armed forces.

"My Brother's Blood" is heard every Sunday over KNX and CBS Pacific network from 10 AM to 10:30 AM (Pacific time). It is sponsored by the West Coast Council of Churches in connection with CBS. The Committee on Christian Democracy (Dr. Clarence S. Gillett) at 1052 W. 6th St., L. A. 14, is directly responsible for this series of broadcasts, which began in December.

Next Sunday's program will portray the general behavior of men of all races and creeds when all are fighting together against the same enemy.

Ray Sollars, who handles production of "My Brother's Blood", says: "I hope to convey the message that having learned to be brothers on foreign fields, these same men are surprised to find that, here at home, there still exist the elements of oppression and persecution they struggled to stamp out abroad."

L. A. TIMES, 1/4/46 (4 in.)

The first meeting of police chiefs of all cities in Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties will convene in Santa Barbara Jan. 31 at call of Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny. This is the first such meeting since the last California State Legislature set up machinery whereby the Attorney General of the state can call the law enforcement heads to assemble for conferences. (NOTE: Atty. Gen. Kenny by this means can, if necessary, bring directly to the attention of local law enforcement authorities any necessity for stricter regulation of anti-discrimination laws.)

NOTE: Second instalment of "Soldier's Notebook" (first was carried yesterday) did not appear today, but doubtless will be published in next few days, at which time will be covered here.

L. A. HERALD-EXPRESS, Jan. 4 (P A-3, 10 In.)

"SEE GREEN LIGHT FOR HOUSING -- Building Industry Assured Lumber About Feb. 1."

L. A. officials optimistic about construction, at last. West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. say night shifts, beginning next month, will permit production of lumber to be doubled from present 78,000,000 board feet per week level.

NOTE: Jan. "Reader's Digest" has "THE WAR ISN'T OVER AT HOME," p. 15, condensed from an address at N. Y. Herald Tribune Forum, by Sgt. Ben Kuroki. No doubt you have seen it.

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For January 7, 1946 -- No. 4 Issue

L A EXAMINER, 1/6/46 (P. 7, 5 In.)

"1,400 JAPS SAIL FROM L. A."

Fourteen hundred Japanese prisoners of war sailed out of Los Angeles Harbor Jan. 5 aboard the "Kota Inten" bound for Hawaii, where they will be used in labor battalions. On same ship were 20 Americans and Hawaiian-born Japanese, all U. S. Army soldiers (Nisei) who had fought in Italy.

PEOPLES DAILY WORLD, L. A. Edition, 1/7/46 (Wash., U.P., 3 in.)

"ALL JAPANESE POW's GOING HOME"

All Japanese prisoners of war in U. S. will have been shipped out by Jan. 15, and four months from now the country will be free of German and Italian prisoners as well.

SANTA ANA REGISTER, Jan. 2 (P. 15, 8 in.)

"FORMER COUNTY MAN CITED AT BASE IN TOKYO"

Gen. MacArthur's Hdqs., Tokyo, sends story about 1st Lt. George Goda of Detroit (who graduated from H. S. at Garden Grove, near Santa Ana, Calif., in 1938, then attended Santa Ana Jr. College for 2 yrs.) who has just been awarded Bronze Star Medal "for his outstanding work as a translator and interpreter." He is a Signal Corps officer; has been engaged in intelligence work in Southwest Pacific since early in 1943. Lt. Goda (a Nisei, of course) was "cited for making brilliant use of his knowledge of Japanese language in translation of captured enemy documents." He had entered U. S. Army in March, 1941, and been overseas since April, '43. Was commissioned Dec., 1944. A sister, Miss Lily Y. Goda, lives in Detroit. (His photo accompanied the story; no picture credit on it.

HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN-NEWS, Jan. 3 (P. 10, 5 In.)

"SINATRA ENTERTAINS -- Nisei Heroes From Europe Greeted Here"

"A group of 110 highly decorated Nisei soldiers who fought bloody campaigns in Italy, France and Germany with the 442d Infantry are seeing Hollywood today after having been greeted and entertained last night by Frank Sinatra...." (Story tells of number of Purple Hearts, DSC's, etc., awarded the 442d. These men are temporarily at Camps Haan and Anza, near Riverside, Calif., preparatory to being shipped to their native home in Hawaii.) "Sinatra entertained them at his radio broadcast last night, then escorted them to Hollywood USO, where they ate, saw a stage show and were provided with overnight quarters."

L A EXAMINER, Jan. 5 (Louella O. Parsons Hearst syndicated column)

"Frank Sinatra entertained the Japanese soldiers who were with the American Army in Europe and were in the Battle of the Bulge."

L A HERALD-EXPRESS, Jan. 5 (2d front page, 7 In.)

"TEMPORARY WIVES IN JAPAN -- Yanks Can Buy One for \$67, Returnees Reveal"

"Any American soldier in Japan can buy a Japanese girl as temporary wife for \$67, live with her and then divorce her when he's ready to come home." This astounding revelation had been made here today by two returnees, Private George F. Doherty, of Riverside, and Cpl. Robert Hahn, of L. A..... "The girls offer to go through a Japanese marriage, which is not legal in the U. S., for 1000 yen, or \$67 in American money." Japan as the land of rising prices was described: Cigaretts by carton, \$16-\$20; chewing gum, 66¢; chocolate bars, \$1.

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For January 8, 1946 -- No. 5 Issue

CLAREMONT COURIER, (CLAREMONT, NEAR POMONA, CALIF.) 12/14/45
"JAPANESE FLOWER GROWERS CHANGING GOLF CLUB SITE TO FLORAL
PARADISE"

(Note: This item was published 3 weeks ago but just came to our attention):

What used to be the Indian Hill Golf Club is being transformed from an "expanse of weeds and debris" into a "potentially lucrative investment in beauty" -- the "result of extensive cultivation by Japanese flower growers who express confidence that they will produce for the firm known as Flower Growers of California some of the nation's finest cut flowers."

"Under management of Bob Rea and Jack O'Rourke, L. A. wholesale cut-flower dealers, Tom and Jim Nomura, Japanese-American flower growers, direct 10 other Japanese workers in task of preparing the recently-leased 45-acre plot for the most intensive cultivation.".....

CARPINTERIA HERALD, 1/4/46 (Editorial, page 2) Full quote:

"RACISM MUST GO"

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

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

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

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

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

U. S. MAY OCCUPY JAPAN DECADES, SAYS PROFESSOR
(L. A. Daily News, 1-8-46, 3 In.)

Dr. H. Arthur Steiner, associate professor of political science at U.C.L.A., said U. S. must bear ultimate responsibility for remaking Japan because America contributed most to Japan's defeat and American troops were the first to occupy that country.

He said remaking Japan into a democracy will require decades of tutelage and guidance to develop new social ideals.

"NOSTALGIA" (Matt Weinstock's column, L. A. Daily News, 1/8/46)

"Santa Anita was a racetrack, then it was an assembly center for evacuated Japanese, then an army camp, now it's a racetrack again. A few days ago a Japanese came to one of the grandstand ticket windows and when he was handed his ticket murmured pleasantly, 'Thanks, you know I used to live here!'"

For January 10, 1946 -- No. 6 Issue

"'INDISPENSABLE' NISEI KEPT IN PACIFIC, POINTS DON'T COUNT"

(L. A. Daily News, Jan. 10, 1945; page 5; 9 inches)

(Full quote:)

There's one group of men in the Pacific for whom the point system might just as well not have been invented.

During the war they were one of the army's most potent "secret weapons." Today they are top essentials.

These indispensables are Japanese-American soldiers, for whose relocated families on the west coast Lt. Col. Wallace H. Moore, of the general staff corps in Washington, pleaded fair play from civic, labor, business and professional groups.

In a letter mailed yesterday to Southern California leaders the colonel said:

"The last official word I received indicates the point discharge system means little to Nisei in the Pacific, because so many are being declared essential.

"They cannot return to lend the protection of their battle stars, their campaign ribbons, their wounds, in assisting the families which are returning to the coast."

Colonel Moore said more than 20,000 Nisei soldiers served in the armed forces, and added, "I can tell you officially there has not been one single traitor among them."

To date, the colonel said, "home front hoodlumism" has not affected the morale of Nisei overseas.

"But," he said, "such acts constitute an ill-advised and dangerously un-American test to impose upon any American, regardless of his racial extraction, when he wears our uniform overseas."

The colonel, himself a combat veteran of the Pacific theater, pointed out:

"Our Pacific armies of occupation are dependent to an enormous and rather unique degree upon the continued high patriotism and performance of our Japanese-American soldiers.

"Destroy the Nisei's effectiveness and you destroy the language bridge between our army and the 80,000,000 people of Japan."

And, significantly: "No Caucasian counter-intelligence operative can disguise himself as an oriental."

For Japanese-Americans at home he urged "enlightened community acceptance in employment, housing, business enterprises and in general readjustment to normal life."

From Santa Monica Evening Outlook, 1-7-46, from New York by A.P.:

"Radio telephone service between Japan and the U. S. will be reopened Thursday (Jan. 10), the A. T. & T. Co. announced today."

From an A.P. dispatch from Tokyo, Jan. 8, under headline "U. S. - Jap Business Delay Indicated:"

The door to Japan probably will remain closed to American business for many months, MacArthur's hdqs. said today... "This is not the time for business," one hdqs. officer frankly stated.

From Santa Ana Register, Jan. 8, one-inch item "Receiving Discharge":

"Sgt. Masaru Tanaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitaro Tanaka, Rt. 4, Box 656, Santa Ana, is receiving his discharge from the Army at Ft. MacArthur after 4 yrs. 9 mos. of service. He participated in action with the intelligence section of the Army during the Okinawa campaign."

For January 11, 1946 -- No. 7 Issue

(FOLLOWING STORY JUST RELEASED, NOT YET PUBLISHED ANYWHERE):

Do you have a claim against bonding companies of produce commission merchants?

If so, you can get your money now, for the California State Dept. of Agriculture is ready to pay claims to Japanese who filed against such companies for produce shipped to now-defunct produce merchants.

In order to obtain payment for such claims, aliens licensed under 68-A should forward a copy of their license with their request to Ted Farrell, Asst. Chief, Bureau of Market Enforcement, State Dept. of Agriculture, 204 State Bldg., 1st & Bwy., Los Angeles 12, Calif.

And all persons having claims of this kind should immediately get in touch with Mr. Farrell. So declares Paul G. Robertson, WRA area supervisor for Southern California.

(FOLLOWING STORY JUST RELEASED, NOT YET PUBLISHED ANYWHERE):

How are the returnees getting along in So. Calif. community life? You may know that General Stilwell's car was driven by civilian Hitoshi Nitta on the occasion of "United America Day" in Santa Ana, Dec. 8. You may have heard that Pasadena Nisei had much to do with the preparation of the New Year's Day Rose Parade floats. But what of everyday life?

One good answer to this is found in the schools. Virgil Junior High School at First and Vermont Ave. in Los Angeles recently elected class officers. Here are some of the Nisei among those elected:

Keiko Kikuchi, president, Clothing class;
Sally Shimizu, secretary, Ceramics class;
Michiko Masukawa, president, Science class;
Thomas Kunisaki, president, Math class;
Mildred Iwanaka, secretary, History class;
Toshiko Hoshizaki, president, Math class.

And on the school's committees were appointed these Nisei:
Hall committee: Amie Oku, Michiko Masukawa, Keiko Kikuchi, Mildred Iwanaka.

Girls Safety committee: Toshiko Hoshizaki, Ikuyo Yoneyama.

Boys Athletics committee: Thomas Zaiman, Thomas Kunisaki.

(FOLLOWING STORY JUST RELEASED, NOT YET PUBLISHED ANYWHERE):

Here's an opportunity for a Nisei who can manage a large citrus property north of San Fernando, Los Angeles county. An experienced man who can also handle 50 acres of vegetables in connection with the citrus, will find this a good deal, for there is a straight salary plus percentage of profits on the vegetables. Housing (for family) immediately available in connection. Schools nearby. If this is in your line, contact Mr. Hopkins, c/o WRA, Room 337, 1031 S. Broadway, L. A. 15, Calif. (phone PRospect 4711, Ext. 767.) Note: There will be jobs for other Japanese to work on the property under this Nisei manager.

L. A. TIMES, 1/11/46 (1 in., p. 7, from San Francisco by A.P.):--
"NISEI HEARINGS CONTINUE." Continuance to Feb. 11 was asked and granted in Federal Court today for about 1,000 Nisei who renounced American citizenship but now wish to regain it.

NEWS CLIPS FROM LOS ANGELES AREA OFFICE, WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

For January 15, 1946 -- No. 8 Issue

NOTE: There was not much in the press over the week-end, outside of the appointment of Gen. Stilwell as new head of the Western Defense Command, U. S. Army, at San Francisco; and the resignation of Abe Fortas as Ickes' right-hand-man effective Jan. 15. As these items seemed to be in nearly all papers, no doubt you caught them at the time. In addition it might be pointed out that "Rafu Shimpō" of L. A. is carrying some excellent original stories. As this WRA "News Clips" sheet does not reprint from the Japanese-American papers, because no doubt you receive them in the regular mail from the publishers, attention is merely being drawn to that publication.

L. A. DAILY NEWS, 1-15-46 (Matt Weinstock's column) Full quote of this small item:

"Maj. Ted Lawson, Doolittle raider who wrote 'Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo,' purchased a home in the Baldwin Hills section and recently hired a Japanese gardener to take care of the lawn. So the neighbors are sniffing." (Note: Baldwin Hills is in Los Angeles.)

L. A. TIMES, 1-12-46 (Lee Shippey's column, "Leeside") Full quote of this part of his column, which was the first item in it:

A gentleman in the Monte Mar Vista neighborhood tells me there is a gardeners' trust. In his immediate neighborhood three Jap gardeners are working and they're not doing so badly. He used to pay \$15 a month for having his lawn mowed, his palms kept trimmed, his tin cans carried to the pick-up points, and so on, the work requiring an average of about two hours a week, which came pretty close to making \$15 for eight hours of work in one neighborhood. However, the Jap wanted \$30 a month and finally settled for \$20, providing all carrying of refuse, tree trimmings and such extras should be paid for as extras. But the next day the gardener called to inform him:

"We have a gardeners' association in this district, where we meet and talk over all you employers. We talked about you last night and the association decided I should charge you \$40 for putting the place in shape and then \$20 a month for keeping it in shape."

"Forty dollars! How long would it take you to put it in shape?"

"Oh, day and half, maybe."

"Golly!" exclaimed the prospective employer, "I'm in the wrong business. No can do."

But now he and his family are wondering what the gardeners say when they "talk over" their employers.

PEOPLES DAILY WORLD, L. A. Edition, 1/15/46:

"YANK GETS DEATH FOR KILLING JAPANESE." Osaka, Jan. 14, UP -- Pfc. Joseph E. Hicswa, 20, of Lodi (Bergen county) N. J., today was officially identified as the American soldier sentenced to death by a U. S. court martial yesterday for the fatal stabbing of two Japanese. Witnesses testified that Hicswa had been drinking whisky, beer and sake before the slayings.

L A HERALD-EXPRESS, 1-14-46 "RACIAL PREJUDICE". Parent-Teachers Assn. is holding conference Fri., Jan. 18, at Pasadena Civic Auditorium, to "spotlight importance of removing racial prejudices."

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For January 17, 1945 -- No. 9 Issue

NOTE: It has been suggested that reprints using exact wording of the original story give credit to the publication. Of course items direct from WRA need no credit line.

L. A. EXAMINER, Jan. 16 (P. 5, 4 In.)

"TENNEY URGES PAY AMERICAN CAPTIVES BEFORE JAP INTERNEES."

State Senator Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles introduced legislative resolution asking that Congress compensate American civilians detained in Japanese prison camps before paying reparations to Japanese detained in WRA centers during war. He added that Sec. Ickes had said such payments to relocation internees in this country are being contemplated.

L. A. HERALD-EXPRESS, Jan. 15; L. A. TIMES, Jan. 16; HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN-NEWS, Jan. 15.

An item was printed quoting the County Manager, Wayne Allen (Los Angeles County) in a report to the L. A. County Board of Supervisors as to the number of returnees on Los Angeles County relief. The number Allen gave was 4,000. He said the county is forced to spend \$500,000 for direct relief for them. Also that they are unable to find "suitable" employment. The purpose of his report was to bolster his budget for direct relief generally. He said that the addition of these Japanese was unexpected, hence his budget had been set too low.

The Hollywood Citizen-News, same date, quoted him further that "public antipathy" toward them was preventing them from obtaining jobs.

The next day the Santa Monica Eve. Outlook quoted a county welfare official as saying that there were actually ONLY 84 people of Japanese descent on L. A. county relief now. This official added that almost a thousand more had applications pending.

WRA was not quoted, inasmuch as the county relief had told WRA it could not give it figures on number on relief, due to the fact that their cases were not separated by race.

"Rafu Shimpō" Jan. 16 also had this story about only 84 being on relief; evidently obtained separately from the Santa Monica Outlook story, but coinciding nevertheless, thus indicating accuracy.

Jan. 17 the L. A. Times had a full column with a 3-col. head, page 1 of second section, "FLOOD OF JOBS OFFERED JAPS FOLLOWING REPORT ON RELIEF -- Transportation and Housing Held Crux of Problem." It also quoted "county welfare officials" as saying that only about "1,000" Japanese cases are entirely dependent on the county, "the 4,000 representing the total numbers quartered in emergency public housing at this time." (Note: The ones in hostels, barracks and trailers in L. A. county do number about 4,000; but they pay their rent and are definitely not on county welfare or relief.)

The upshot of the Times article was to drive home to the public the fact that returnees are available for jobs, and to bring out the fact that they are in demand by employers for jobs as "gardeners and domestic servants." It also intimated that Mr. Allen had in mind 4,000 that MIGHT be on relief -- that he was referring to those in temporary shelter now who might be needy later, and did not, apparently, have reference to those actually on county welfare.

The Times included a paragraph as follows:

(continued on next sheet)

"The L. A. manager of the U. S. Employment Service said 365 Japanese had applied for work with the Federal agency during the past month, of whom only 50 accepted jobs, mostly in the domestic field. The WRA gets more requests for servants than it can fill, but few openings for skilled Japanese labor." (Note that the USES gave no figure on how many of the 365 applicants were offered jobs. Merely that out of an unstated number of jobs offered, "only 50" accepted jobs.)

And the same article added:

"The number (of 4,000 reported) was also sharply challenged by the War Relocation Authority here, whose own figures failed to confirm any such staggering proportion of unemployed Japanese."

And: "The citrus industry during this navel orange season (starting next month) will require at least 2,000 pickers at \$6 a day average, according to the Agr. Ext. Service...Most Japanese, however, will not accepted work in the groves, 20 to 50 miles from their temporary residences, unless housing is provided by the growers for whole family units, Ellis S. Coman of citrus emergency harvest declared. Present single men's dormitories are unacceptable to the Japanese."

The Hollywood Citizen-News Jan. 16 had this editorial:

"THEY EARNED THE RIGHT TO WORK"

"Four thousand people are on relief here because 'public antipathy' toward them makes it difficult for them to obtain jobs.

"They are ready and willing to work. They are good workers. Many of them lost sons on our battlefields. Other sons came back with rows of ribbons on their chests. Their sons belonged to the most-decorated unit in the United States armed forces.

"These people find it hard to get jobs because their parents or grandparents came from Japan. Their loyalty was doubted. They proved their loyalty."

And today, Jan. 17, the Hearst L. A. Herald-Express (which started the chain of news items with its original front-page story Jan. 15 headed "4,000 Japs Dumped on L. A. County Relief") had this editorial:

"ELEGANT JAPS ON LOS ANGELES RELIEF"

"With 4,000 Japs on direct relief in Los Angeles county at \$500,000 a year cost to L. A. taxpayers the question of 'what is happening to America' again arises.

"These Japs returned from relocation centers claim they are unable to obtain 'suitable employment.'

"Well, we know some suitable employment for this bunch of Japanese.

"Put them at work building roads and other county projects which are being held back by shortage of American labor.

"If that isn't 'suitable employment' ship them back to Japan.

"Anyway, get them off our relief rolls."

THAT IS THE STORY OF THIS NEWS ITEM TO DATE. PROBABLY MORE TOMORROW!

MISC. -- Atty. Gen. Robert W. Kenny reelected as honorary chairman of L. A. "Mobilization for Democracy"...Campaign to get 178,765 voters' signatures to place a state Fair Employment Practices measure on state ballot will get underway throughout California immediately.

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LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS, Jan. 19 (P 3, 2 In.)

"ONLY 84 NISEI ON COUNTY RELIEF"

(Full quote:)

Only 84 persons of Japanese ancestry are on the county relief rolls, not 4000. (In Los Angeles county.)

The War Relocation Authority made that plain yesterday in pointing out that some newspapers, not the Daily News, had erroneously reported 4000 returned internees were being supported by county taxpayers. (In Los Angeles county.)

Most of the 84 on relief are old, feeble and ill, without families to care for them.

LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS, Jan. 21 (P. 6, 3 In.)

"COUNTY SEEKS AID IN RETURNEE COST"

(Full quote:)

Move to get the federal government to relieve the county of the cost of relief for returned Japanese-Americans who are unable to obtain employment will be launched at a board of supervisors meeting tomorrow. (Jan. 22.)

Supervisor Leonard J. Roach said he will urge that the board send county manager Wayne R. Allen to Washington to argue the case if the federal government cannot otherwise be convinced that it should maintain its support of returnees until they can become self supporting.

The county at present is reimbursed for only the first 60 days of relief granted to former evacuees.

HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN-NEWS, Jan. 18 (4 In.)

"JAMES L. SHELLY APPOINTED W.R.A. AREA SUPERVISOR"

(Full quote:)

James L. Shelly has been appointed supervisor of the Southern California area, the War Relocation Authority has announced. Shelly formerly was assistant director of the Gila River, Ariz., relocation camp. He succeeds Paul G. Robertson, who recently resigned.

E. Price Steiding, former assistant to Robertson, has been named relocation officer for the Los Angeles City-County district, succeeding Earl L. Kelley, who also resigned.

District offices at Santa Barbara, Santa Ana, San Diego, El Centro and Los Angeles will be closed May 1, H. Rex Lee, division relocation head of the WRA, said, and the area office will cease operating May 15.

NOTE: L. A. TIMES, Jan. 18 and other papers carried similar story. The Times also mentioned that "less than half Los Angeles County's prewar Japanese population has returned, WRA officials disclosed -- 16,000 of the 36,866 in L. A. county before the war. Of this number, a total of 11,000 are now living in Los Angeles city. The state population is estimated at 43,000, against 93,717 in 1940."

L. A. DAILY NEWS, Jan. 21 (P. 16, 26 In.)

"EQUAL TREATMENT OF RACES PAYS OFF, SAYS F.E.P.C. HEAD."

Malcolm Ross, Chairman, Committee on Fair Employment Practice, quoted in length.... "The majority of the world is 'colored people'."

For January 23, 1946 -- No. 11 Issue

The Los Angeles Times, Jan. 22, carried the Knudsen Dairy Products regular column "Food for Thought" advertisement. This is not the usual type of ad, but is in the form of a columnist's thoughts. The columnist is Elinor Gene, and her photo and name appear at top of the column; at bottom is the only "commercial" in the form of the name "Knudsen Dairy Products". Also at bottom is mention of Elinor Gene's KNPC radio "Twilight Tales" heard Tues. & Thurs. at 4:45 PM. All this leads up to her Jan. 22 column, headed "Now it can be told...." It read in part:

"Never before in history has one army known so much of the enemy plans as did the U. S. Army during the Pacific campaign and this knowledge was almost wholly due to our loyal Japanese-American Language Detachment.....

"They translated the entire Japanese battle plans for the naval battle of the Philippines, thus bringing about the greatest defeat in naval history; they made known the Japanese plan for the defense of the Philippines long before our forces landed on Leyte."

(The remainder was similar to what Lt. Col. Moore has said in favor of the Nisei soldiers in the Pacific in his speeches and magazine articles of late.)

 MORE ABOUT THE RELIEF SITUATION IN L. A. --

L. A. Herald-Express Jan. 21 announced that County Manager Wayne Allen would present facts and figures about the Japanese Americans on relief in L. A. County, to the Board of Supervisors on Jan. 22.

Allen made a report accordingly, copies of which went to the press as is customary. The L. A. News, Jan. 23, said under a headline "Extra fund provided to return Nisei":

"County supervisors yesterday made an adjustment in the county budget to provide \$65,000 for the extra load incurred by the bureau of public assistance to handle Japanese and Japanese-Americans returning from relocation centers. The board also passed a resolution asking the federal govt. to provide funds for such cases beyond the 60 days for which the govt. now reimburses the county. Arthur J. Will, (head of L. A. County Welfare), had said that only 84 cases had been certified for public relief, and that 916 were on temporary relief pending further investigation."

The L. A. News article ended by quoting Henry Mori of Rafu Shimpō in this way: "Henry Mori, editorializing in the recently reopened Japanese paper, Rafu Shimpō, pointed out that 'for a minority group, that has gone through the mills of evacuation and has lost much of their property during the three and a half year period, 84 cases of relief on record are a very good indication that returnees are fighting courageously to get back into the saddle of the normal way of living.'"

The L. A. Herald-Express, Jan. 23, carried a "Letter to Editor" signed by "John Sherman" answering their editorial, "Elegant Japs on Relief", by saying "if their being Japanese is the real issue, then how about the Negroes, the Jewish people, and the Italians on relief? But when this program is undertaken, we had better crate up the ideal of our American democracy and ship it out with these people" (referring to the Herald-Express suggestion about shipping back to Japan). He pointed out that if these Japanese are on relief, they must be on it legitimately, and if so, "they are entitled to the same privilege as all the rest of us."