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"The reverend" also stated, "Sterile opinions cluttered up this department." Is there such a thing as "sterile opinion?" If there is, how could it apply to Dr. Shipley's article? "Sterile" in the medical field, is something that has not or can not be contaminated. Dr. Shipley's article shows that his opinion

is definitely contaminated with what I would call a justified hatred toward an unprincipled, obnoxious, pig-like people and that is putting it mildly. Dr. Shipley only told half of it, for we that have loved ones in this war are not willing to give those Japs another chance to strike again. We do not want them back here, nor do we want their children for seed. Just because they were born here does not make them our kind any more than it would make us Japs if we were born in Japan.

If you lived in Japan and were to raise a family, would you teach your children to forget this United States? Perhaps you would if you were like some of the people that have been writing here in this column — thank goodness there are only a few of you. I am sure that most of us would teach our children that they were Americans. Remembering this, how could we expect the Jap to teach his child to forget Japan? No, my friends, and enemies, too, a Jap is a Jap, born here, there or anywhere; he is a marked man because he does not even look like he might be one of us. He has proven by his acts that he is out to get us if he can.

Remember the two rats that called at the White House. They were speaking of peace, yet how fearful they must have been that their meeting would not end and that they would not be clear of the White House before the bombshell burst. Oh, yes! treat them nice, show them that we hope to Christianize them, let them stab our boys, cut their feet off, run sticks into their eyes and drive them insane — have them back here to marry our daughters — surely you don't object, for they are Americans, you say!

Well, we red-livered Americans don't want this to happen, so we are going to write to our congressmen to protest the return of the Japs. Let us trade them for our own people that are being held in Japan.

"Strong in the strength of the Lord we who fight in the people's cause will never stop until that cause is won."

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"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." Twenty-eighth verse: "Even so ye also appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." Thirty-third verse: "Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how shall ye escape the judgment of hell?"

Why should they be allowed to own land here, to crowd out all Americanism; erect more Buddhist temples; utterly destroy everything which pertains to Christianity? Christ died on the cross to perpetuate that Christianity, which the Japanese have so brutally and cruelly denounced.

I live next door to a wonderfully fine Christian woman, and I mean a real Christian in every sense of the word. Her four sons and her husband, all fine Christian men are in the armed forces offering their lives to protect us here at home. She gives much of her time to Red Cross work, while not neglecting her churchwork. I have never heard her complain, or say "her blood was boiling"—she is too good a Christian for that. But often think of the sacrifice she is making on account of Japan's cruel treachery. There are other mothers whose lives are saddened by what happened at Pearl Harbor while Japan's envoys were in Washington. I wonder if anyone who wants a Jap to own land here would feel that way if she had a son or daughter doomed to a life of suffering, mentally and physically, by Japan's cruelty?

We are at war, and it seems to me people should be very careful as to how much comfort they ignorantly give our enemies by the letters they write.

Very sincerely,

A Granddaughter, Daughter and Sister of those who have offered and given their lives for our God and our Country ever since and during 1776.

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Evidently the Pearl Harbor treachery, perpetrated as the culmination of a long-planned attack at the very time when a mission of Tokyo diplomats was at Washington ostensibly to promote peace between the two countries, has not been sufficient to convince some people of the Japanese capacity for duplicity. Is it conceivable that a Japanese who is actually disloyal to this country and eager to promote the cause of the mikado would hesitate to lie to Uncle Sam if by so doing he could secure the freedom that would enable him to serve the emperor to better advantage against the United States?

The army authorities having jurisdiction in these matters would do better to heed the recommendation made by the Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officials, which was that the government should continue to keep the Japanese in the relocation centers on the ground that their release to take jobs in California might "incite riots." The pertinent statement was made by N. J. Pieper Jr., FBI agent in charge of the San Francisco office, that the disloyal Japanese in the camps have converted many American-born Japanese who previously were loyal to this country.

All of the reasons which justified the relocation of the coast Japanese in the first place hold equally strongly, if not more so, today.



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You say "he says that it was 'generally assumed' that merely putting the West Coast on a military footing was sufficient to insure freedom from danger of Japanese Fifth Column work."

Mr. Fisher says (p. 1) that besides the "war footing," "The FBI, with the co-operation of the other Intelligence services, arrested several thousand Japanese, Germans, and Italians, mostly aliens, and set up civilian hearing boards to ascertain whether or not they should be interned." The text makes it clear that Mr. Fisher holds it was the combination of "these measures" that reassured the public as to danger of sabotage and fifth columns.

You say: "We do not know of nor did we hear of a 'strong body' of opinion against removing the Japanese."

Obviously, you did not read attentively the Hearings before the Tolan Congressional Committee on Defense Migration. In parts 29 and 31, appear a number of appeals for "selective evacuations" of the Japanese, by means of hearings or other methods, made by prominent persons and widely representative organizations. For instance Mayor Rossi of San Francisco said: "After investigation, if it is found that these citizens (nisei) are not loyal to this country they, too, should be removed from the community."

The most eminent body which opposed indiscriminate, summary removal of all Japanese without hearings was the precursor of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play whose chairman was Henry F. Grady, formerly Assistant Secretary of State, and now head of the American President lines and recently appointed American Representative on the United Nations commission to deal with Italy. On March 9, 1942, Mr. Grady sent Gen. DeWitt a memorandum entitled "Selective Evacuation of Japanese-American Citizens," and the next day six representatives of Dr. Grady's Committee discussed the memorandum for an hour with DeWitt's chief of staff. The six men were Provost Monroe Deutsch, now president of the Commonwealth Club, Maurice Harrison, formerly chairman of the State Democratic Committee, Alfred J. Lundberg, then president of the State Chamber of Commerce, Chester Rowell, Jesse Steinhart, and Galen Fisher.

In addition, many of the leading state and national church bodies, including the Federal Council, adopted resolutions advocating selective evacuation and protesting the treatment of the evacuees as though they were lawbreakers or prisoners of war.

You say it would have been unwise to let "110,000 Japanese roam this coast at will until each one of them had been thoroughly investigated . . . Months would have been required." The fact is that the Army allowed the Japanese to roam at will, except for slight restrictions, for nearly two months after it took control and four months after Pearl Harbor. Evacuation was not begun until April and not completed until October. Despite your warning that great damage would have been done to the war effort by leaving them at large for "weeks and months," not one case of sabotage was charged against any Japanese on this coast or in Hawaii, during those months, or at any time, for that matter. Furthermore, it was not a matter of hearings for 110,000, but for about 70,000, since the rest were children or the very aged. In the judgment of competent lawyers, hearings could have been given all these within the months of waiting, by setting up, through the bar

associations, many three-man hearing boards.

Contrary to your statement, Mr. Fisher never says "that it was not necessary to segregate the Japanese." He, in common with many eminent citizens, holds that at least the citizens among them should have had the same chance to prove their loyalty as white citizens would have had, and the same chance as even alien Japanese, Germans and Italians had before they were interned.

You sarcastically point out that the San Francisco Chronicle blames the WRA for the disturbances at Tule Lake, whereas Chester Rowell, being a member of "the Fisher Committee," presumably shares Mr. Fisher's commendation of WRA. In the first place, Mr. Rowell has clearly told friends that he has very little to do with the Chronicle's editorial policies nowadays, and in the second place, on the second page of the pamphlet, Mr. Fisher assumes sole responsibility for the opinions contained in it. On the other hand, Mr. Rowell's repeated articles on the evacuation contain direct support for nearly all the positions taken by Mr. Fisher. Note, for example, his column for June 14 and November 25th.

Your most surprising assertion is "that the situations of the interned (sic) Japanese and our boys in the army camps, cancel each other off." You overlook the fact that the boys in the army, including 9000 nisei, are enjoying one of the prime rights of citizenship, to bear arms in defense of their country. You make light of the denial of the constitutional rights of the evacuated nisei. If as you say, "there was no help for it in view of the emergency," there would be no room for argument. But I wonder if after rereading pages 9-14, you will not agree that there was help for it, along the lines of the highly selective evacuation practiced by Gen. Emmons in Hawaii.

May I at one point express my satisfaction that you separate yourself from those vocal groups in California who talk as though no matter of principle were involved in our treatment of this minority group. When you write that it may be necessary to bear down upon these people, you qualify your statement by saying "for the time being." You clearly disagree with those who loudly favor a permanent policy of un-American principles and of unfair play toward these Japanese-American fellow citizens of ours.

But your critique of Mr. Fisher's articles covered only a fraction of the important points made by him. I suggest that in justice to him

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and the vital issues involved, you either quote him at length or present an accurate summary of the main points. Sincerely yours,

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We are glad to comply with Dr. McGiffert's request and print his letter. However, we still feel that the Japanese segregation, no matter how unfortunate it may have been, was justified by the tremendous national emergency, brought on the same date Dr. McGiffert wrote his letter, December 7.

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Witch Hunt

Editor—It is pretty sickening to come home for your first leave in 15 months to find your State the scene of a modern witch hunt rivaling anything seen in New England in early days.

I refer to the persecution now being visited upon interned Japanese by self-appointed vigilantes. I can feel nothing but revulsion at this scene of intolerance toward a racial group in supposedly democratic California. If the "investigating" parties are too blind or too prejudiced to know better, they might learn something from any man in the armed forces. Every nationality and creed is training and fighting side by side; a man's skin or religion or politics means little unless he can handle a gun or tune a radio or drive a tank.

And he is not enduring separation from home and physical hardship and gambling his life so that some persons or groups can tear things apart in this country by firing race and class frictions.

SGT. G. E. MASCHMEYER.
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AMERICANS NOW.

From the Des Moines Register.

At least two of the American soldiers who took part in the landing on Attu, mountainous Aleutian island where the Japanese fought so hard, were of Japanese descent themselves.

Sergt. Ben Moriwaki showed up in a news reel, looking up the side of a vessel from a landing barge, and Sgt. Yoshio Hotta was in the action, too.

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Chronicle - Dec.

The Hate Campaign

EDITORIAL

Readers of the Los Angeles Times undoubtedly have noticed that that newspaper now has what it calls "the Jap Question Editor" whose duty it is to sift through and classify replies to the Times' current poll on "The Jap Question."

To inform those who may not have seen the Times' questionnaire, and also to clarify the following discussion, the eight questions asked by the Times are reprinted here:

- 1—Do you think the War Relocation Authority has capably handled the problem of Japanese in the United States?
- 2—Do you favor Army control of Japanese in this country for the duration?
- 3—Do you approve of the policy of freeing avowedly loyal Japanese to take jobs in the Midwest?
- 4—Would you favor "trading" Japanese now here for American war prisoners held in Japan, if it could be arranged?
- 5—Do you favor a constitutional amendment after the war for the deportation of all Japanese from this country, and forbidding further immigration?
- 6—Would you except American-born Japanese if such a plan as the above were adopted?
- 7—Would you permanently exclude all Japanese from the Pacific Coast States, including California?
- 8—Do you have other suggestions to make?

The framing of this questionnaire, especially in regards to questions 3, 5, 6, and 7 would seem to indicate that the Times believes enough evidence has been produced showing the dangerous character of alien Japanese and Japanese-Americans to justify this roundabout suggestion of vigilante action. Certainly, one does not

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As good a starting place as any is the date of the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor. In the days that followed immediately after, stories spread that the treacherous attackers had been aided by ruthless and widespread sabotage carried out by Japanese aliens and Nisei resident in Hawaii. These stories were printed in the Times—but never since have been denied in the Times. Were they true? The War Department, a Senate investigating committee, the FBI, and the chief of police in Honolulu all have declared that these stories were not true.

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12/3/43

Witch Hunt

Editor—It is pretty sickening to come home for your first leave in 15 months to find your State the scene of a modern witch hunt rivaling anything seen in New England in early days.

I refer to the persecution now being visited upon interned Japanese by self-appointed vigilantes. I can feel nothing but revulsion at this scene of intolerance toward a racial group in supposedly democratic California. If the "investigating" parties are too blind or too prejudiced to know better, they might learn something from any man in the armed forces. Every nationality and creed is training and fighting side by side; a man's skin or religion or politics means little unless he can handle a gun or tune a radio or drive a tank.

And he is not enduring separation from home and physical hardship and gambling his life so that some persons or groups can tear things apart in this country by firing race and class frictions.

SGT. G. E. MASCHMEYER.
Salt Lake City.

ST Chron
Dec. 1943

AMERICANS NOW.

From the Des Moines Register.

At least two of the American soldiers who took part in the landing on Attu, mountainous Aleutian island where the Japanese fought so hard, were of Japanese descent themselves.

Sergt. Ben Moriwaki showed up in a news reel, looking up the side of a vessel from a landing barge, and Sgt. Yoshio Hotta was in the action, too.

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Japanese

Editor—I have read Herbert Resner's comment against the Eastern Star resolution asking for legislation barring the settlement of Japanese in California, as appeared in The Chronicle Saturday, December 25, 1943. Mr. Resner is described as a liberal. All should be "liberal" in their ideas, but no one should be liberal with the lives of American boys.

Mr. Resner speaks of the "misguided people of Japan." There you have it! The same kind of sob-sister stuff—"misguided" and "misled"—that has released many vicious criminals to commit newer and worse crimes. When this war is won, will we pity the poor "misguided" and "misled" Japanese and open our farms, our schools and our colleges to them again? Let us hope that we ourselves may not be thus "misguided" and "misled." How many lessons will we have to have before we learn how to protect our country and our people?

The Japanese should be kept out of California forever and kept away from the entire Pacific Coast. Such procedure will protect and save the lives of tens of thousands yet unborn.

WALDO F. POSTEL.
San Francisco.

"One Thing I Beg"

Sirs:

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J. BART ANDREWS.

BLIND NISEI

Sirs:

I read your article on the Jap atrocities in the Philippines with a great deal of interest, having served in a losing and retreating army for 75 days in France in 1940. But I don't understand your printing such an article and then completely refuting its moral by publishing a sob picture of a blind Nisei.

It is my belief that you have given every muddleheaded American in this country who is afraid to face the fact of evil a chance to feel that, after all, Japs are not so bad because some are fighting with us.

PAUL T. MARTIN

Ex-Lieut. French Foreign Legion
New Orleans, La.

● Legionnaire Martin fails to see the highest moral of LIFE's story of the Japanese atrocities; to promote and extend a just and democratic society. Of this, the picture of Yoshinao Omiya is no refutation.—ED.

Sirs

Your full-page picture of Yoshinao Omiya is a fine answer for the California race-baiters.

W. C. CARR

Los Angeles, Calif.



YOSHINAO OMIYA

Sirs:

Thanks for the picture of the blind Nisei. When Japan struck Pearl Har-

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Japanese Americans 65

Dear Editor:

As one of the many Japanese Americans in this country fighting for democracy, I want to add my word of thanks and appreciation for including in your newspaper Harold Lavine's article *Japanese Americans Target of Coast Hate Crusade*.

Like many of my fellow Japanese Americans, it is hoped that in time to come what the President has said would come true, namely, that "the Japanese Americans can go home as soon as the military in the Pacific war permits." This, we hope, will be interpreted to mean that the Japanese-American citizens, particularly of Arizona, California, Washington and Oregon will be free to settle where they please and will be given governmental assistance and protection whenever necessary after the war is over.

New York TOSHIMI TATSUYAMA

N.Y. PM 1/28

CHINESE STUDENTS

The president of Swarthmore College, in his annual report, tells of forty-nine Chinese naval officers who have been assigned to the college for the current term. Early in the fall the college was asked to receive them as soon as they arrived in this country. The men appeared on the campus on Oct. 28 and began classes on Nov. 1. As a result of a lend-lease agreement between the United States and China they are at Swarthmore under the aegis of our Navy for three to five months of work in English before being assigned to various technical naval training schools. They live in Wharton Hall, have meals in the college dining room and participate to an increasing degree in the social life of the college. As President Nason wisely remarks, "We have as much to learn from them as they from us."

This is a sample of what is happening in more than one American college. It means the beginning of friendships and closer understanding which should last long after the tragedy of war has passed. It will help to bring us nearer to "one world."

NY Times 1/28

Tolerance

Editor—After hearing and reading what Sergeant Ben Kuroki said at the Commonwealth luncheon yesterday one feels that the all important objective of American education is tolerance. In no place on this little grain of sand on the strand of the universe is it more important than in the U. S. A., with its races, creeds and colors.

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PVT. NATE PRESSMAN.
Pittsburg.

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Seattle Star
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BAR ALL JAPANESE

In times past, as a Christian American citizen, I have deplored any discrimination exercised against the Japanese in

this country, particularly here on the west coast.

But since Pearl Harbor, and now especially after reading of the barbarous, inhuman treat-

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In a recent issue of your paper, appeared the report of a resolution passed by the Washington State Council of Churches urging the return of the interned Japanese to the Pacific coast. I have watched in wonder, and have not recognized any opposition to that resolution. I must say I am amazed at such apparent earnest solicitation for the interned Japs, and wonder why these gentlemen wish to transplant anew among us this horde whose very culture is obnoxious to the believers in Christian faith and concepts.

Do we require their Shintoism, their Spirit of Bushido, mingling again among us? Is there no end to our gullibility and their dastardly deceitfulness? Have they not thrown off their mask of deceit and hate? Can't we recognize the workings of that Spirit of Bushido, which is ever whispering to them, "It is no sin to do a wrong to a foreigner if it is for the good of the emperor." Do the signers of that resolution wish to eventually turn over to them these beautiful western states? When we bring our own soldiers home we should return all Japs in this country back to their own land, back to their sacred Fujiyama into whose crater Tojo and his bunch should crawl, and sweat out of their overstocked minds the excess deceit stored within them these many years. Other organizations should also send resolutions calling for a complete settlement of this question.

JOSHUA GOODWIN,
1117 W. 62nd street.

Bomb Disposal

Physical department, Army-Navy Young men's Christian association, open 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Swimming 12 to 8:15 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Coffee hour 3 to 5 p. m. and parade of melodies, 7:30 p. m. Dances, 8:30 to 11 p. m., Seattle U. S. G. canteen, 1011 Second avenue. Dancing luncheon, 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Social hour, 8 p. m., Colman club, 4th avenue and E. Olive street. Ski dance and surprise lottery, 8:30 to 10:30 p. m., U. S. Army Recreation center, 4100 15th avenue S.

Seattle Star 2/7

Tolerance

Editor—After hearing and reading what Sergeant Ben Kuroki said at the Commonwealth luncheon yesterday one feels that the all important objective of American education is tolerance. In no place on this little grain of sand on the strand of the universe is it more important than in the U. S. A., with its races, creeds and colors.

What this Japanese boy has stood up against and conquered is, as he well said, living and practicing true democracy, that in the end it may not be echoed: "Liberty! What crimes are committed in your name!"

FRANCIS KRULL

San Francisco.

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Contrast

Editor—Sgt. Ben Kuroki's radio speech, which I heard and later had the pleasure of reading in The Chronicle, was the speech of a brave and sincere American who believes in democracy and is willing to fight for it.

How sharply his calm good sense, tinged sometimes with sadness, contrasts against the shrill, hysterical nonsense of the home front "professional patrioteers" who want us to believe that every man with a yellow or brown skin and "slant eyes" is a barbarian.

San Francisco. D. W. WARD.

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Intolerance

Editor—How anybody can be condemned because of the accident of birth is beyond me, and the story of Sergeant Kuroki's fight against intolerance because of his ancestry, as reported in The Chronicle of February 5, certainly is indicative to me that there is no real substance (and under the circumstances there can't be) behind the various slogans that one hears today re good will and toleration.

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BAR ALL JAPANESE

In times past, as a Christian American citizen, I have deplored any discrimination exercised against the Japanese in

this country, particularly here on the west coast.

But since Pearl Harbor, and now especially after reading of the barbarous, inhuman treatment of our men and boys, (together with the valiant Filipinos), who have become prisoners in their hands, I say with all my heart that no Japanese should be allowed within the borders of these United States for any reason whatsoever at the termination of the war.

Let us return them to their own country, to the last man of them, and under no circumstances permit any one of them immigration to this country!

UnAmerican, you say?

Well, when a supposedly civilized nation, as a whole, has so completely proven itself bestial and savage, that nation should be isolated, ostracized, and guarded by all other nations, as surely as would be such an individual.

No sane man would nurse a viper in his bosom and hope for survival.

Let's rid America of the Japanese forever.

Many will ask: But what of these American born Japanese who have become Christians? In reply, I would say that no place on earth could a true Christian do more good than to return to his pagan nation and bend every effort to teach others of his race Christianity.

If they have, as American citizens, learned a better way of life, they must have found better living conditions here, for no other reason than that this, our beloved country, was founded as a nation upon Christian principles. What we have done alone, another nation can do, with the right leadership. It should be a splendid challenge to Christian Japanese youth.

MRS. R. D.

Nisei in Battle

Sirs:

There are a lot of people in these United States who have nothing but a one-track mind. In some of the articles of your Letters to the Editors (TIME, Jan. 17) I saw some of these people in true light.

I just came from Italy where I was assigned to the Japanese 100th Infantry Battalion. I never in my life saw any more of a true American than they are. To these people who don't have any military rank, probably don't even know that these little "yellow-bellies" (as one writer wrote) are saving his skin: I only wish that these people could witness these little "yellow-bellies" fight.

Ask anyone who has seen them in action against the Jerry [to] tell you about them. They'll tell you when they have them on their flanks they are sure of security in that section. . . .

They, my friends, are not the little "yellow-bellies"; you are.

E. D. CHASSE
2nd Lieutenant

Moore General Hospital
Swannanoa, N.C.

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Sirs:

We are just back from overseas where we were trying to preserve democracy for the very same people who say the Nisei should be deported.

I was bodyguard to an American of Japanese descent who was risking his life to act as an interpreter for us. He was a target for both Jap and American bullets. . . .

I wish to God that some of the people at home who say, "Democracy is for the white race only," could be made to go out and fight for it.

(SERVICEMAN'S NAME WITHHELD)
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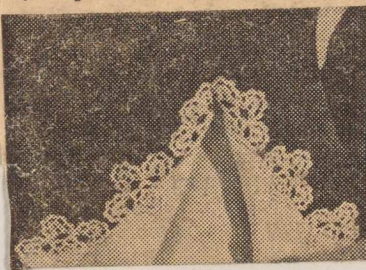
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In saying the opposition is organized, Myer is a little confused. The ones who are organized and persistent are those seeking the promiscuous release of the Japanese—and of that fact the national director of the WRA should be fully aware.

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As an American just back from 10 months' interment under the Japanese Army in the Far East, I object to this type of wholesale race sneering. In our interment camps we had a number of petty official and personal obstructors, but there was always one thing that helped us to keep our heads high as Americans. It was that we believed we were better men because our country stands for a tradition of democracy and fair play, a land in which men and women, risen from the oppression and prejudice of older lands, have toiled and sweated together to create a mighty, throbbing nation. The roll of any army or navy group, any factory, any school, bears family names from a score of different countries and races—Clark, Cohen, Duffy, Inoue, Wong, Orapello, Herman, Harterian, Mischenko. As an American I rejoice at the mixtures and grieve at the separations.

Another deplorable part of this Christmas-inspired comic strip is that the vast majority of child readers will make no distinction among "Jap internees" as Japanese subjects, Japanese long since naturalized as American citizens, and second- or third-generation Americans of Japanese parentage. Although the FBI has designated the dangerous people in the camps and has dealt with them accordingly, the average youngster reading this story will condemn all of the internees, and also quite naturally, those who are not living in camps. There is nothing in the comic-strip story to suggest differences in guilt, or that many are actually guilty of nothing. For taking advantage of the child's inability to discriminate between guilty and innocent, between bad-intentioned and well-intentioned internees, the motive behind this little story is the deliberate stirring up of hatred against an entire people, many of whom are decent, God-fearing citizens of the

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Finally, the existence of race hatred in the U. S. A. is one of the most potent political weapons that Tokyo possesses in trying to mobilize both the Japanese and other people of East Asia. Folks in this country would be very much surprised to know how many of our American sins appears today in the Japanese-controlled newspapers in east Asia. When we see how hard our country is working to turn out the materials of war, it is indeed amazing to watch Tojo's political ammunition being manufactured and handed over to him for nothing. Therefore, it is about time that we in this country recognize that our enemy has been openly on the loose all over the world since Sept. 18, 1931—not just since Dec. 7, 1941—and that there are Japanese in east Asia, who think so, too.

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The "better than thou" attitude of the Nazis and their cruel treatment of the Jews, Poles, and others is the underlying reason why we are in the war. If United States citizens cannot leave the enforcement of law to the proper authorities, our Democracy is doomed.

We condemn the Nazis for killing innocent hostages when sabotage is committed. Yet there is more excuse for it than for white rioters to wreck the Negro section of Beaumont, Texas, because two white women were attacked by two known Negroes. Why should the innocent suffer like that?

When I read of United States citizens indiscriminately condemning all the Japanese in this country and advocating they should be sent back to Japan when the war is over, I put such a person down as lacking in democratic ideals. If it is necessary to put all the Japanese in concentration camps, those loyal to our country should be segregated and protected from alien enemies.

A real application of the Golden Rule would settle a good many of our troubles. A small minority of hotheaded fanatics can cause a lot of trouble, but the hope of our country lies in those who "pledge allegiance to the Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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Dear Editor:

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As an American just back from 10 months' interment under the Japanese Army in the Far East, I object to this type of wholesale race smearing. In our interment camp we had a number of petty official and personal obstructors, but there was always one thing that helped us to keep our heads high as Americans. It was that we believed we were better men because our country stands for a tradition of democracy and fair play, a land in which men and women, risen from the oppression and prejudice of older lands, have toiled and sweated together to create a mighty, throbbing nation. The roll of any army or navy group, any factory, any school, bears family names from a score of different countries and races—Clark, Cohen, Duffy, Inouye, Wong, Orapello, Herman, Harterian, Mishchenko. As an American I rejoice at the mixtures and grieve at the separations.

Another deplorable part of this Christmas-inspired comic strip is that the vast majority of child readers will make no distinction among "Jap internees" as Japanese subjects, Japanese long since naturalized as American citizens, and second- or third-generation Americans of Japanese parentage. Although the FBI has designated the dangerous people in the camps and has dealt with them accordingly, the average youngster reading this story will condemn all of the internees, and also quite naturally, those who are not living in camps. There is nothing in the comic-strip story to suggest differences in guilt, or that many are actually guilty of nothing. For taking advantage of the child's inability to discriminate between guilty and innocent, between bad-intentioned and well-intentioned internees, the motive behind this little story is the deliberate stirring up of hatred against an entire people, many of whom are decent, God-fearing citizens of the

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Finally, the existence of race hatred in the U. S. A. is one of the most potent political weapons that Tokyo possesses in trying to mobilize both the Japanese and other people of East Asia. Folks in this country would be very much surprised to know how many of our American sins appears today in the Japanese-controlled newspapers in east Asia. When we see how hard our country is working to turn out the materials of war, it is indeed amazing to watch Tojo's political ammunition being manufactured and handed over to him for nothing. Therefore, it is about time that we in this country recognize that our enemy has been openly on the loose all over the world since Sept. 18, 1931—not just since Dec. 7, 1941—and that there are Japanese in east Asia, who think so, too.

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 ... for a while.

Now our daily papers are
 crowded to the margins with ac-
 counts of brutalities inflicted
 upon OUR fighting men by the
 same excuse-please barbarians
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Yes, it has happened to US!
 American war prisoners starved
 and tortured unto death. Yet,
 today, I received a letter from a
 "guest" at one of the United
 States relocation camps ... a
 Japanese girl (American born)
 who was a high school student
 in my city before the war ...
 telling me about a few of the
 "blessings" at her center. "Christ-
 mas we had ham for dinner, New
 Year we had chicken. January
 9 we had turkey which we were
 very thankful for." (Emperor's
 birthday?) "I am going to grad-
 uate this June. Many students
 have received scholarships on
 graduation from T— High
 School." Does that sound like
 uncivilized tactics?

Whenever I hear the question,
 "What has Japan up her sleeve?"
 I am reminded of the meeting I
 attended on a mountain top in
 China. August 16, 1936, a group
 of Chinese and Americans was
 invited to meet an important Chi-
 nese official. One of the most
 significant stories he told was
 about a Japanese officer who had
 been caught on forbidden prop-
 erty and, after ignoring several
 calls to halt, was shot. A note
 found on the body of the dead
 man said in part, "After Japan
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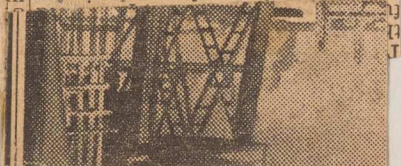
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Loyal Nisei

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tion has occurred in the lives of
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are we considered undesirables.
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The recent food and UNRRA conferences should be followed by a conference dealing with the problems of displaced persons. We need desperately three things: a population census at the earliest possible moment; a policy toward the migration question, or preferably toward the whole complex of population; and a United Nations Population and Migration Authority to administer the policy.

This authority should prepare a survey on all conditions under which the redistribution of the displaced millions must take place, and then advise individuals with regard to establishment, repatriation or emigration, whichever seems wisest in the particular case. If this is not done, the unorganized dispersal of tens of millions of displaced people must lead to massacres, starvation, epidemics, civil wars, and eventually to a new world war.

In order to accomplish the census, the survey and the clearing, an adequate freezing period is indispensable, during which no change in residence would be permitted.

The food conference failed to discuss migration; UNRRA emphasizes that it is an organization for assistance, the life of which is limited to two years after the end of hostilities. The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in London is a recently rejuvenated edition of the old machinery of the League, which was a stepchild, several times condemned to death.

Because of the lack of adequate authority and financing, the work of the old organization was so curtailed that the opening of World War II found several hundred thousands of World War I refugees still unrehabilitated and without relief. The Bernuda parley, which somewhat revived activities in London, has produced no substantial results.

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None of the impotent older refugee organizations can be adapted to solve the unprecedented population chaos in Europe. It is not merely a case of rescuing some millions of "refugees," as after 1919 or after the first flights from Germany (1933-37). In the first place, the Greco-Turkish exchange of minorities, which, with American aid, was highly successful, was followed by poor imitations which were dismal failures. The subsequent shifts for the labor, population and strategic interests and racial manias of the Nazis swelled the stream of the displaced persons to a raging torrent.

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At least fifty million Europeans, including Russians, may have to be relocated or established wherever they are after the armistice. Only a general census can give the real picture. A separate enumeration of the "refugees" has never succeeded, and we do not have figures of a census of 1940. The fate of 10 per cent or more of a continent's inhabitants must sensibly affect the living, working and political conditions of the whole population and the trend of population increase not only in Europe but on this entire planet.

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To the Editor of The Spokesman-Review: I am writing this letter as a plea against race prejudice and intolerance on the part of many of my fellow Americans against loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Many whites seem totally ignorant of the fact that many thousands of Japanese born and living in Japan have been shot and imprisoned for opposing the Japanese militarists and their entry into the war.

Having lived among the Japanese as a roomer for the last 20 years I have found them to be a sober, industrious, clean living and intelligent people. Most of them I have met I consider good loyal American citizens.

There are many thousands of Japanese boys who are in the armed forces of Uncle Sam, and they are brave, courageous and

loyal to this country. They are living up to the best of American traditions. They are in no way responsible for the atrocities being practiced by Japan.

Let us prevent at all times mob actions, persecutions or violence against helpless minority groups in our beloved country. Many hundreds of us who know these loyal Japanese will welcome their return to Seattle again as fellow Americans.

GUY B. ASKEW,
Russell Hotel 806 7th Ave. So.
Seattle 4, Wash.

International Census Urged

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The people apparently are quite unanimous for support of the Constitution as drafted. Those who did appear largely endorsed it, although some made suggestions for modifications. When the hearings conclude, the Legislature will frame a final draft for submission to the voters. The three main divisions of the proposed charter—executive, legislative and judicial—were assigned for hearings to the three committees. One of the judicial proposals made today was that the minor courts in the municipalities be embraced in the general program for reorganizing the State's courts. In the executive section, some spokesmen opposed the present restraint on a New Jersey Governor succeeding himself. New Jersey is one of the few States in which the Governor is elected for a single term.

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Loyal Nisei

To the Post-Intelligencer:

"4C to 1A"—this transformation has occurred in the lives of Japanese Americans. No longer are we considered undesirables. Rather, we have regained our just place as Americans, endowed with the inalienable right to fight and protect our democratic way of life against the atrocities of every aggressor nation.

Thus, the war department has partially removed the sting from the mass evacuation order. We are now definitely on the road

back. We are provided with the means to prove that once an American always an American. The brilliant record of the Japanese American combat team in Italy is but an example of the undying faith and loyalty that we have for our country.

Still there remains one stumbling factor which we must overcome; "community acceptance." Thus, those who are serving and we who are about to serve ask that no one lose sight of the fact that our great nation has been built on the ideals and efforts of many nationalities all working together. Let's continue to pull as one. Let's erase that imaginary racial line.

Yes, we citizens are going to be mighty little fighters—we must be to gain victory and the complete confidence of each and every person of our one and only country—America.

M. KUROIWA, Spokane.

Hidden Jap Web

To The Post-Intelligencer:

Several years before Pearl Harbor a physician of my acquaintance had a medical contract with a lumber company. Among the employees were a number of Japanese. In discussing his contact with the Japanese he made this comment:

"The young Japanese who grow up in this country and break away from contact with Japan are in a tough spot. A young fellow, well educated in our schools, spoke of his situation not long ago.

"He said that it is almost impossible for him to get respectable employment of any kind without going to Japanese agents. And to get a job where Japs are hired on the group basis as at the sawmill, it is necessary for him to join some society that is hooked up with that Greater East Asia organization. He says that outfit is now collecting 2-bits a day from every Jap employed by the lumber industry.

"The young Jap asked me,

"Why does the United States government allow an organization like that to operate here?" He said, 'I don't want anything to do with it, but, what can I do?'"

It seems that an answer to the young Japanese-American's question might be of interest to the Dies committee.

JESS TRIMBLE, Seattle.

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This smile encouraged young and old,
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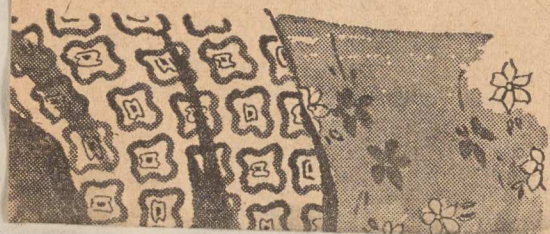
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MODEL A TRACTOR ON RUBBER, 2-well broke, 2 sets of harness, extra collar, manure spreader like new, Pape grain drill with grass seeder attachment, 3-sec. harrow, 3-sec. spring too mower, runs in oil; 4 hay wagons, 190-l complete, 4-line fork, single plow, full wood circle saw, cement mixer, 2 riding road ties, a lot of pipe fittings, 150 ft. Editor Record. My previous pre-

9 MILK COWS, 37 GUERNSEYS AND FRESH, 7 CLOSE SPRINGERS, 40 ABOUT 2 MONTHS, 12 BREED 16 MONTH TO YEARLINGS; 3 GUERNSEY BULLS. This is a clean grade A market milk dairy of cows and heifers, mostly Guernseys bred cows in the peak of production.

90 DAIRY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH
RAIN OR SHINE —

FOR GILBERT HEN
One mile east of Manteca on the Manteca-Light to first place on right past railroad

Stockton Record 3/6

We, The People

Editor, San Jose News: In view of the widespread and totally unjust attitude of some Americans toward loyal "American born" citizens of Japanese extraction, I can no longer conscientiously sit back and watch this ever growing movement toward race persecution take shape without registering a protest.

My words may probably not get any further than your waste basket, but at least I'll have the satisfaction of knowing I tried.

It is fully realized that among alien born and some American born Japanese, there is, and has been disloyalty, to this country. However, it is certainly irrational and unjust to condemn all American born Japanese because a few disloyal ones are in evidence.

These people constitute a legal minority in this country and the loyal ones should have the same rights and privileges accorded them after this war as any other citizen.

Serve In Army

Quite a number of American born Japanese are serving our country in the armed services with distinction; especially those units on the Italian front. Many others have suffered the ignominy of being confined in a concentration camp by their own government; which I may add was unavoidable under the circumstances.

So it is with no small degree of concern, I here refer to the news dispatch of February 11, from Seattle, Wash., to the effect that 85 Washington posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars had gone on record as favoring the deportation of all foreign born and American born Japanese within six months after the war ends.

It is truly amazing that a group of middle aged veterans, whose thinking should be automatically associated with calm and rational deliberations, could espouse such bitter intolerance. What they are recommending is the abrogation forever of all civil rights of a constitutionally-protected minority. This, coming from them, adds to the danger of such a trend and should be roundly condemned by all clear-thinking believers in our form of government.

The action taken by these veterans is hard to reconcile to the pledge they frequently make in reference to preserving the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

Urges Protests

If we are to continue as a country of free men with liberty and justice for all, irrespective of race, color, or creed—then we better raise a voice in protest against any group who would deny these rights to other American minorities. Otherwise, we are in danger of being confronted with a proposition to eliminate certain minorities who may be unfortunate enough to incur the displeasure of a larger more prominent group. If such agitation culminated successfully, it would only be a matter of time, until some other group would be attacked and attacks based on irrationalism would not stop at the "race" line.

I'll agree, we should have some means to permanently banish from this country and its possessions, all people whose loyalty is pledged to any other country and whose presence within our boundaries constitutes a threat to our security.

As to atrocities, I fail to understand how anyone can rate German brutality, holier than Japanese atrocities. They are both deplorable, and in case of deportation, they should bear the same

precedence. However, the mere fact that a person loyal to this country and a citizen by birth happens to be of German descent or Japanese descent should not place such person in mortal fear of being deported to an ancestral country that at no time had their allegiance. Yours very truly,

C. W. MARTIN, 927 Elm street,
Veteran of World War I, grandson of
a Civil War veteran, father of an American soldier in Italy.

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Dear Sir: 268

The Cabinet of the YWCA of UCLA wishes to commend you on your excellent spread on Sergeant Kuroki, Japanese-American now serving with the United States Armed Forces.

As you know, the YWCA has worked with many of the loyal Japanese-Americans, and it pleases us to see their loyalty and service recognized in such a manner.

We hope we may see many more such articles in your newspaper in the near future.

Cordially yours,
Pat Campbell,
Secretary

(A number of readers have expressed interest in the story of Sergeant Kuroki and they and others may care to hear what he has been doing since he arrived at the Redistribution Station in Santa Monica.

The week following NBC's cancelation of his appearance on the Ginny Simms' program, Sergeant Kuroki was accompanied by Maj. John R. MacFaden to San Francisco and there addressed more than 600 members of the Commonwealth club. At the conclusion of his talk, in which he told of his experiences on his 30 bombing missions over Europe, Africa and the Middle East, his audience arose and applauded him for several minutes.

That night Sergeant Kuroki made four short-wave broadcasts to our men in the Pacific area and one, delivered in Japanese, beamed at Japan. Again telling of his experiences overseas, Sergeant Kuroki described the growing air might of the United States and told Japanese that the day of their defeat is coming.

This week Sergeant Kuroki was to appear in the final scenes of Lieut.-Col. Frank Capra's war training film, "Know Our Enemy, Japan." His part is intended to show that Japanese ancestry per se is meaningless and that given a chance, under principles of democracy, Japanese can shake off the yoke of militarism and become good citizens of the world.

By the week's end, Sergeant Kuroki was to report to Hammer Field near Fresno and there await assignment to a new combat unit. Asked if he thought he had a chance of realizing his greatest hope—fighting in the Pacific—Sergeant Kuroki said: "I'm not worried about it. I think I'm definitely going to get there."

Before the war, Ben Kuroki had a sort of understanding with a girl whose home is not far from his parents' farm at Hershey, Neb. When the time seemed right, they intended to get married. She is now a student at the University of Nebraska and Ben has written to her, asking her not to expect him to return.—Ed.)

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Recently our County Court has performed an act which should draw a word of respectful praise from every loyal American. Within the past few days they have forwarded to all Oregon lawmakers in the Congress, a memorial demanding, in no uncertain terms, that they use their utmost efforts to promote legislation which will forever forbid the resettlement of any Japanese in this country, in Oregon or in the United States.

The Court has seen that which should have been fairly obvious to any thinking man since December 7, 1941, that the Japanese as citizens are of questionable loyalty as they are unacceptable and unassimilable in the social structure of this nation.

There are certain acts and crimes which place either an individual or a nation forever beyond the pale of human sympathy or forgiveness. Such acts and crimes have been committed by our Asiatic enemy during this war with a frequency which causes one to pause and ponder if they deserve the classification of member of the human family, or if they are not instead off-sprung from those simian tribes who once roamed the Malayan jungles.

This county, with an approximate nine thousand population, has, at this writing, some thirteen hundred men and women in the armed forces of this nation. A goodly portion of these men and women have or will have service in the Pacific areas. At the close of hostilities they will have first-hand knowledge of the bestial depravity shown by the Japanese to those so unfortunate as to fall into their hands. That knowledge will leave in the minds of those men and women scars which will never heal while life lasts.

Those men are out there in the jungle living by the first primitive law of the human race. They are living by the law of claw and fang, they are killing for the furtherance of their cause and for the preservation of their own lives, to the point where the snuffing out of a human life becomes the merest detail of daily routine. Return those men to civil life and impose conditions unacceptable or unbearable and the outcome should be fairly obvious.

Those men will revert to the primitive much more easily than the man whose life has been spent in peaceful pursuits and should they succumb to the urge of primordial passion and destroy a creature that, to them, is abhorrent, I hold that the fault is less theirs than it is of the people who have so far forgotten their duty to their defenders, that, in order to nurture in their bosom the viper whose mortal sting they have already felt, would condemn their own sons to a life of lawlessness, for, make no mistake, the sight of a leering Japanese face will always have for them the same effect as the proverbial red rag before the angry bull.

I hold that it is permissible and even advisable—and it would establish no precedent—for a nation, in the case of an individual or a race, to refuse residence within their borders, if that individual or race is found undesirable or unassimilable into the civil structure of that nation.

This nation is an industrial nation, the life-blood of America lies in her foreign commerce, and to insure that 'freedom of the seas' which we have declared a major objective in this struggle, we must, after the close of hostilities, be in control of certain insular possessions from where we may enforce the safety of our merchant fleet and I hold that it is not far-fetched to suppose that any Japanese, who at the end of the war, may still enjoy the benefit of the doubt, could be as easily resettled in those island possessions within the continental United States, where, under the guiding and restraining hand of the world powers, they could be allowed to form and administer a government of their own. And where under the rigid surveillance which the security of the postwar world will require, they would cease to be a menace to the white race.

Admitting the possibility of certain cases of Japanese loyalty, and realizing that a measure of sorrow and hardship would be entailed, I still contend that it were better that a few should suffer than that a nation should again be betrayed.

Once again, Judge Nickelsen, Commissioners Arens and Stranahan, my hat is off to you, in a gesture of respect one gives to real Americans and to honest men who have the courage of their convictions to speak in defense of what they know to be the sentiments of a large percentage of their constituents.

I salute you!

Owen B. Hill,
Parkdale, Oregon.

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Editor Record: My previous predictions have come true. Quoting from an article in the Record, February 26, it said: "Japanese Demand Rights as Citizens." "They urge that Japanese taken into this nation's armed forces hereafter be commingled with citizens of other racial extractions and not be assigned to segregated units." If such privileges are granted, Japanese soldiers of the American Army will be so cocky they will crowd citizens off the sidewalks. The Japanese soldier wants his family given permis-

sion to roam at will, regardless of military edicts. In other words, they are to be recognized as our equals in every instance and under all conditions. From another article in the Record, February 25, I quote: "Enemy assets on the coast \$29,000,000. Of this amount \$27,000,000 were Japanese owned. Of the 51 businesses taken over on the Pacific Coast 43 were Japanese, 7 German and 1 Italian." Japanese domination of business is seen in these figures. Now they want to come back, take over these properties and fit into your home, school, politics and social life on a grander scale than before. The Japanese demand has been submitted to their henchman, Dillon Myer of Tule Lake fame. From him it is to go to President Roosevelt. That's a cinch for the Japs. In a news item of date February 23, it appears pressure has been brought to cause Congressman Johnson to softpedal his original stand regarding the Japs. I trust you have not forgotten the Philippine atrocities by the Japs.

J. BART ANDREWS.

Lompoc, Feb. 11, 1944

Mrs. Brydon To

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The affair will be in the nature of a pot luck and will be followed by a program.

Editor Record: In these turbulent times too many of us are allowing ourselves to be swept along by groups who are attempting to put over some un-American ideas.

SEE OUR STOCK

exclusion placards on their cars? Look at them carefully. Most are not more than a generation away from a foreign soil. Others are neophytes who have flocked into our country.

WANTED—Flat top truck, 40 in. long, 22 in. wide, 25 in. high or larger; good condition. Ph. 2-4868.

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FOR SALE cheap, 1936 Packard Sedan truck, \$375; 1931 Graham-Dodge 1½ ton truck, \$355; partly built semi, \$150, incl. tires, 1765 Palm Ave. 2½-TON Diamond T truck, 30-ft. semi; new motor, new tires; all ready to go; butane equipped. Can be seen Sat. Apply 2416 Waterloo Rd. Ph. 2-8906.

1936 GRAHAM SEDAN.
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Editor — The Japanese problem lying around at loose ends, as it is, is loaded with dynamite. Let's solve it right now. Take 100 of the Japanese-American soldiers who distinguished themselves in the Italian campaign and settle them with their families here on the West Coast, which appears to be the most hostile spot. The rest

could be settled in the Middle West. Then, forget about them; they will find their own way into the future. After all, there is only a mere several hundred thousand of them, scarcely one-tenth of 1 per cent of our population.

The cornerstone of our democracy is the idea that distinction is not made between men because of a difference in color, race or creed. This cornerstone must be rehammered into its niche.

San Francisco. N. KEANE.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Lompoc, Feb. 11, 1944
To the Editor of the Lompoc
Record:

Dear Sir:

We see stickers on cars calling for sending all Japanese back to Japan, I have been told of one peace officer, sworn to protect all persons, who said that if any Japanese came here they would probably be assaulted, and he would not do anything to protect them.

They have been charged with being disloyal. They have been charged that their Christian religion was only to gain their ends. They are looked upon as unfit to learn our civilization, which may be a slap at our educational system.

It seems to me that the enclosed letter, from one who received his education here, and is looking forward to at least a visit here, in the near future, gives good answers to these charges. If possible, I wish you would publish it in your columns, and thank you for doing so.

I hope the readers will remember that our Declaration of Independence declares all men free and equal, that our Constitution gives every citizen the right of freedom and opportunity to earn a living, that God's word declares us all children of One God, joint heirs with Christ.

Also, remember that while the army gave the orders to take away their liberty, yet they have never shown that they felt them a menace. All the efforts have come from the civilians.

After two years of investigation, the army is now ready to declare them innocent, by inducting them into the army. With this privilege comes the right which the army has granted all Japanese-American soldiers, to get a permit to visit in the restricted areas.

The question is, What are we going to do with them when they come? God's word declares they have been wronged. Our Constitution declares the same, and now the Army agrees. Can we not do the same?

Another phase which we have to face is the effect which our treatment of other races, in our midst, will have on the nations, who we are hoping to lead to a democratic form of government. South America has always been suspicious of us, and strongly German.

Thanks for the favor,

Geo. F. Kimbel.

The letter Mr. Kimbel refers to is from Noboru Wakimoto,

and reads in part:

"With the Selective Service going into effect on the Americans of Japanese ancestry, I am waiting for my turn to serve our country. I expect to be in the Army within 30 days and when everything is set and I am inducted, I am looking forward to seeing you again in Lompoc. I am really looking forward to it."

"I am happy to hear that the long awaited day for Reverend Ferguson has finally come. There isn't a more needed place than the armed forces where the consolation of the Lord is more needed and more assuring."

Former Lompocers

Other items regarding former Lompoc young people of Japanese ancestry are:

Yoeko Iwamoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Iwamoto of Spanish Fork, Wash., recently married Private Roy Tomomatsu of Salt Lake City. Mrs. Tomomatsu is a graduate of the Lompoc high school and Woodbury Business College. She was a bookkeeper with the Lompoc Vegetable Union. At present she is doing bookkeeping work in Salt Lake City. Private Tomomatsu is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Technical Sergeant Mas Ushiro, formerly of Westside Food Center, is stationed in Cleveland, Ohio, in the map service.

Fourth Grade Technician Mas Honda, formerly of Burpee Seed Co., has volunteered to the Military Intelligence School of Camp Savage, Minn., from Camp Blanding, Fla.

Mike Ohara, former Lompoc employe of the Guadalupe Produce Co., has graduated from the Camp Savage Military Intelligence School and is now overseas in Australia.

Chiyoeko Iwamoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Iwamoto, is at present attending the University of Utah at Salt Lake City.

Chiyoeko Nakashima and Kiyoko Iwamoto are attending L. D. S. Business College in Salt Lake.

Mas Shintani, former operator of a gasoline station in Lompoc, is working in St. Paul, Minn., and M. Matsuno, former foreman for the Guadalupe Produce Co., is working in Salt Lake City.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

JAP PRISONERS.

As an ex-soldier who spent several months guarding Jap P. W.'s (prisoners of war—captured in actual combat), I am particularly "wrathy" as I read of the treatment accorded American prisoners of war in the hands of the Japs, especially when I recall how those "Sons of Heaven" were coddled and pampered here in the United States.

As we read today how fine American boys were starved, how they were forced to sleep in mosquito-infested jungles with no protection whatever, how they were forced to perform slave labor, how they were forced to live and work without proper clothing to protect them from a relentless tropical sun, how the sick and wounded were deprived of medical treatment, I cannot help recalling how bountifully and how beautifully those Jap "so and sos" were provided for here in our internment camp.

While they were starving our American boys, Jap prisoners of war in the United States received a ration allowance of 57 cents per day per man, exactly the same allowance our own soldiers receive and which, incidentally, was many times the allowance they received when they were in their own army.

While American prisoners were forced to sleep on the ground in open jungles with no protection from mosquitos, Jap P. W.'s here lived in comfortable barracks with screened windows and doors. What's more they slept in comfortable beds between snowy white sheets and they had ample

blankets to keep them nice and "comfy."

While American prisoners were being forced to perform slave labor, with Jap P. W.'s work was strictly optional. If they chose to work, they were paid at the rate of 80 cents per day—far more than they received in their own army in most cases. If they preferred to play or loaf, we provided baseball gloves, balls and other athletic equipment to help while away the hours for them.

While American prisoners were given no clothing or shoes to protect them from a blistering sun, Jap P. W.'s were furnished all of the clothing they needed, including a nice warm overcoat, and this in spite of the fact their place of internment is in the deep South, where the temperature rarely falls below 40 degrees.

While American sick and wounded prisoners were given no medical treatment or attention, Jap W. P.'s over here were being cared for in a hospital provided for them exclusively and I am willing to go on record as saying, no army hospital is better equipped or better staffed anywhere.

While American P. W.'s of the Japs were being brutally man-handled, beaten, lashed, murdered, I can truthfully say I never saw a Jap P. W. mistreated in any way and this in spite of slurs and insults directed at us, knowing as they did that we would have been court-martialed had we so much as laid a finger on them.

While Jap tanks and army trucks deliberately went out of their way to run down American P. W.'s as they fell by the wayside during the March of Death

from Bataan, our orders were never to shoot an escaping Jap P. W. until he had cleared the first inner fence into a runway between two fences, for it was feared a stray bullet might accidentally hit another Jap P. W. inside the enclosure.

Knowing the above, and considerably more, is it any wonder I would relish the opportunity to return and take up where I left off? It wouldn't be long before I would be standing court-martial.

HOWARD C. WIRICK.

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"With the Selective Service going into effect on the Americans of Japanese ancestry, I am waiting for my turn to serve our country. I expect to be in the

Spent Week End—
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Petersen
and daughter spent the week end
visiting relatives in Santa Bar-
bara.

removed by a program.

Tuesday evening for members and friends of the Methodist church in the church basement. The affair will be in the nature of a pot luck and will be followed by a social.

Editor Record: In these turbulent times too many of us are allowing ourselves to be swept along by groups who are attempting to put over some un-American ideas. How can we censor the Germans for their persecution of the races they dislike? How can we hold up our heads and say we believe, and fight for freedom and democracy with justice for all?

Here among us we have two so-called patriotic organizations, the American Legion and Native Sons, as well as many less well-known bodies who are trying to stir up race hatred against the American Japanese who have lived in this state for years. Why? The Japanese people lived quietly among us for years. They were law abiding and co-operative. Their children were intelligent and polite. Our children enjoyed their companionship. There was no so-called "problem." Now why try to make them seem like evil people? Can it be some wealthy land baron is coveting Japanese-owned land and using these popular organizations to foist this propaganda upon the ever gullible public? Japanese-owned vineyards, rented at \$75 an acre, are returning to the tenant \$500 or \$600 an acre this year. The idea of greed and coveting might be possible.

Who are these people with the

exclusion placards on their cars? Look at them carefully. Most are not more than a generation away from a foreign soil. Others are people who have flocked into California in the last year and have no knowledge of the Japanese people, except by hearsay.

All Californians are not subscribing to this propaganda so popular just now. We are ashamed of it, and feel the injustice done to many of our old friends and neighbors is a boot on the word American. CHARLOTTE PACKARD, Lodi

Editor Record: It has long been the policy of those who would have American democracy overthrown, to wave the Constitution and the Stars and Stripes and to demand the protection granted to them under the Bill of Rights, whenever their positions are threatened. The American-born Japanese have found this to be a convenient weapon. After refusing to sign oaths of allegiance to the United States or even to denounce their allegiance to the Japanese Emperor, many of these "American citizens" cry out against violation of their rights. It is hardly conceivable that anyone could be fooled by such common and time-worn trickery, but apparently John Zuckerman has been taken in.

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Editor — The Japanese problem lying around at loose ends, as it is, is loaded with dynamite. Let's solve it right now. Take 100 of the Japanese-American soldiers who distinguished themselves in the Italian campaign and settle them with their families here on the West Coast, which appears to be the most hostile spot. The rest

could be settled in the Middle West. Then, forget about them; they will find their own way into the future. After all, there is only a mere several hundred thousand of them, scarcely one-tenth of 1 per cent of our population.

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