

ORIGINAL REGISTRATION RESULTS ON DSS FORM -304A AND FORM WRA-126, REV.
FOR RESIDENTS OF WRA CENTERS 17 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER BY SEX AND CITIZENSHIP
AND BY CENTER, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1943

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CENTER BY SEX AND CITIZENSHIP	Eligible to Register	Did Not Register	Answer to Question 28						
			Total Registered	Yes	Qualified Yes	No	Qualified No	Did Not Answer	UNK.
TOTAL	77842	3254	74588	65312	941	6733	1142	426	34
Male Citizen	20982	654	20328	15037	340	4414	375	128	34
Female Citizen	19212	732	18480	15749	376	1919	210	226	0
Male Alien	22275	1280	20995	20254	140	137	427	37	0
Female Alien	15373	588	14785	14272	85	263	130	35	0
CENTRAL UTAH	6456	0	6456	5488	148	696	214	0	0
Male Citizen	1707	0	1707	1167	26	432	82	0	0
Female Citizen	1604	0	1604	1199	111	163	131	0	0
Male Alien	1819	0	1819	1812	1	6	0	0	0
Female Alien	1326	0	1326	1310	10	5	1	0	0
COLORADO RIVER	12644	0	12644	11843	9	634	131	27	0
Male Citizen	3474	0	3474	2858	9	501	106	0	0
Female Citizen	3274	0	3274	3119	0	117	22	16	0
Male Alien	3496	0	3496	3478	0	12	0	6	0
Female Alien	2400	0	2400	2388	0	4	3	5	0
GILA RIVER	9609	0	9609	8401	11	1204	21	4	0
Male Citizen	2588	0	2588	1637	-	951	-	0	0
Female Citizen	2394	0	2394	2142	-	252	-	0	0
Male Alien	2750	0	2750	2748	-	1	-	1	0
Female Alien	1877	0	1877	1874	-	0	-	3	0
GRANADA	35015	1	5014	4898	26	82	8	0	0
Male Citizen	1580	0	1580	1474	16	82	8	0	0
Female Citizen	1311	0	1311	1311	0	0	0	0	0
Male Alien	1237	1	1236	1230	6	0	0	0	0
Female Alien	887	0	887	883	4	0	0	0	0
HENRY MOUNTAIN	8042	3	8039	7481	86	292	28	152	0
Male Citizen	2145	0	2145	1760	57	210	25	93	0
Female Citizen	1684	0	1684	1561	19	68	3	33	0
Male Alien	2343	2	2341	2312	5	9	0	15	0
Female Alien	1870	1	1869	1848	5	3	0	11	0
JEROME	5854	6	5848	4304	394	774	330	46	0
Male Citizen	1615	0	1615	1078	125	308	88	16	0
Female Citizen	1588	0	1588	1163	112	277	9	27	0
Male Alien	1569	5	1564	1224	102	5	231	2	0
Female Alien	1082	1	1081	839	55	184	2	1	0

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			Total Registered	Yes	Qualified Yes	No	Qualified No	Did Not Answer		
MANZANAR	6848	0	6848	5074	48	1582	0	144	0	
Male Citizen	1907	0	1907	918	1	977	0	11	0	
Female Citizen	1703	0	1703	960	46	569	0	128	0	
Male Alien	2022	0	2022	1992	1	27	0	21	0	
Female Alien	1216	0	1216	1204	0	9	0	3	0	
MINIDOKA	6718	26	6692	6120	0	183	376	0	13	
Male Citizen	1419	26	1393	1294	0	61	25	0	13	
Female Citizen	1459	0	1459	1416	0	10	33	0	0	
Male Alien	2157	0	2157	1897	0	65	195	0	0	
Female Alien	1683	0	1683	1513	0	47	123	0	0	
ROSWER	5813	0	5813	5372	230	138	55	18	0	
Male Citizen	1578	0	1578	1324	106	101	41	6	0	
Female Citizen	1412	0	1412	1274	88	32	12	6	0	
Male Alien	1807	0	1807	1774	25	3	1	4	0	
Female Alien	1016	0	1016	1000	11	2	1	2	0	
TULE LAKE	10843	3218	7625	6331	21	1238	21	35	21	
Male Citizen	2969	628	2341	1527	-	791	-	2	21	
Female Citizen	2783	732	2051	1604	-	431	-	16	0	
Male Alien	3075	1222	1893	1787	-	9	-	7	0	
Female Alien	2016	386	1430	1413	-	7	-	10	0	

1/ NO RECORD - INCLUDED WITH "YES".

2/ NO RECORD - INCLUDED WITH "NO".

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			Total Registered	Yes	Qualified Yes	No	Qualified No	Did Not Answer	Unknown
TOTAL	77 957	3 254	74 703	68 018	595	5376	446	234	34
Male Citizen	21 061	654	20 407	16 435	167	3421	279	71	34
Female Citizen	19 250	732	18 518	16 661	231	1377	144	105	0
Male Alien	22 281	1 280	21 001	20 495	129	341	10	26	0
Female Alien	15 365	588	14 777	14 427	68	237	13	32	0
CENTRAL UTAH	6 456	0	6 456	5769	86	433	168	0	0
Male Citizen	1 707	0	1 707	1292	11	348	56	0	0
Female Citizen	1 604	0	1 604	1346	71	76	111	0	0
Male Alien	1 819	0	1 819	1815	0	4	0	0	0
Female Alien	1 326	0	1 326	1316	4	5	1	0	0
COLORADO RIVER	12 644	0	12 644	11 843	9	634	131	27	0
Male Citizen	3 474	0	3 474	2858	9	501	106	0	0
Female Citizen	3 274	0	3 274	3 119	0	117	22	16	0
Male Alien	3 496	0	3 496	3 478	0	12	0	6	0
Female Alien	2 400	0	2 400	2 388	0	4	3	5	0
GILA RIVER	9 746	0	9 746	8823	21	920	31	3	0
Male Citizen	2 659	0	2 659	1961	-	698	-	0	0
Female Citizen	2 432	0	2 432	2 212	-	220	-	0	0
Male Alien	2 775	0	2 775	2 773	-	2	-	0	0
Female Alien	1 880	0	1 880	1 877	-	0	-	3	0
GRANADA	4 5015	1	5014	5004	0	10	0	0	0
Male Citizen	1580	0	1580	1570	0	10	0	0	0
Female Citizen	1311	0	1311	1311	0	0	0	0	0
Male Alien	1237	1	1236	1236	0	0	0	0	0
Female Alien	887	0	887	887	0	0	0	0	0
HEART MOUNTAIN	8 042	3	8039	7706	41	181	19	92	0
Male Citizen	2 145	0	2 145	1929	22	134	16	44	0
Female Citizen	1 684	0	1 684	1610	12	35	3	24	0
Male Alien	2 343	2	2341	2317	3	8	0	13	0
Female Alien	1870	1	1869	1850	4	4	0	11	0
JEROME	5854	6	5848	4385	270	1089	76	28	0
Male Citizen	1615	0	1615	1139	75	315	72	14	0
Female Citizen	1588	0	1588	1242	46	286	0	14	0
Male Alien	1569	5	1564	1184	98	280	2	0	0
Female Alien	1082	1	1081	820	51	208	2	0	0

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MANZANAR	6848	0	6848	5950	29	825	0	44	0
Male Citizen	1907	0	1907	1395	1	503	0	8	0
Female Citizen	1703	0	1703	1352	27	289	0	35	0
Male Alien	2022	0	2022	1996	1	25	0	0	0
Female Alien	1216	0	1216	1207	0	8	0	1	0
MINIDOKA	6718	26	6692	6605	4	41	29	0	13
Male Citizen	1419	26	1393	1333	0	35	12	0	13
Female Citizen	1459	0	1459	1449	0	5	5	0	0
Male Alien	2157	0	2157	2148	2	1	6	0	0
Female Alien	1683	0	1683	1675	2	0	6	0	0
ROHWER	5791	0	5791	5494	156	113	23	5	0
Male Citizen	1586	0	1586	1431	49	86	17	3	0
Female Citizen	1412	0	1412	1308	75	26	3	0	0
Male Alien	1788	0	1788	1761	25	0	2	0	0
Female Alien	1005	0	1005	994	7	1	1	2	0
TULE LAKE	10843	3218	7625	6439	31	1130	31	35	21
Male Citizen	2969	628	2341	1527	-	791	-	2	21
Female Citizen	2783	732	2051	1712	-	323	-	16	0
Male Alien	3075	1272	1803	1787	-	9	-	7	0
Female Alien	2016	586	1430	1413	-	7	-	10	0

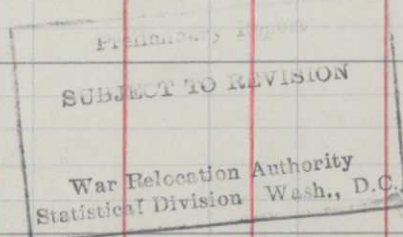
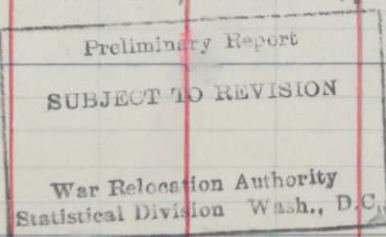
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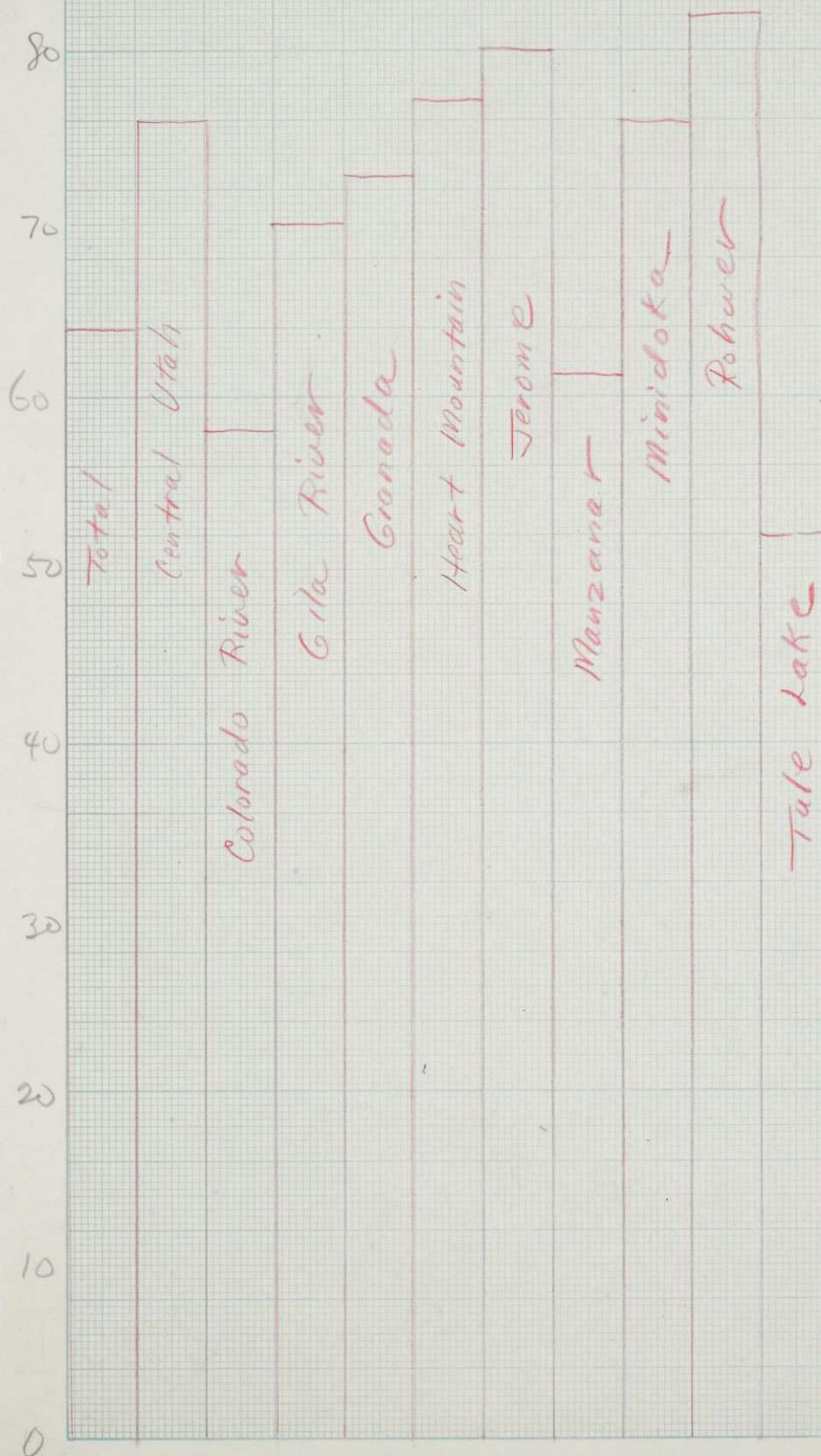
PERCENTAGE OF UNQUALIFIED YES ANSWERS TO TOTAL ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER.
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ORIGINAL RESULTS

% Non-Qualified-Yes Answers.
FINAL RESULTS

	Total		CITIZENS		ALIENS		Total	CITIZENS		ALIENS	
			MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
Total	84	8390	72	7167	82	8197					
	116	1610	28	2833	18	1803					
Central Utah	85	8501	68	6837	75	7475	89.36	75.69	8892	9978	9925
(4)	15	1499	32	3163	25	2525					
Colorado River	94	9366	82	8227	95	9527	Unknown				
(9)	6	634	18	1773	5	473					
Gila River	87	8743	63	6325	89	8941	90.53	7375	9075	9993	9984
(5)	13	1257	37	3675	11	1053					
Granada	98	9767	93	9329	100	10000	9978	9939	100	9992	100
(10)	2	233	7	671	0	0.00					
Heart Mtn	93	9302	82	8205	93	9270	9582	8973	9561	9889	9893
(8)	7	698	18	1795	7	730					
Jerome	74	7351	67	6675	73	7324	7491	7053	7821	7546	7579
(2)	26	2649	33	3325	27	2676					
Manzanar	74	7409	48	4814	56	5637	8689	7315	7939	9871	9924
(3)	26	2591	52	5186	44	4363					
Minidoka	91	9110	91	9119	97	9705	9832	9399	9931	9958	9952
(6)	9	890	9	881	3	295					
Rohwer	92	9241	84	8390	90	9023	9487	9023	9263	9849	9891
(1)	8	759	16	1610	10	977					
Tule Lake	58	5838	51	5143	58	5764	Unknown				
(1)	42	4162	49	4857	42	4236					
Did not register	(30)	2968	(21)	2115	(26)	2630					
All Centers	90	8953	9500	8610	9618	9627					
Other than Tule Lake	10	1047	25.00	13.90	3.82	3.73					

PROPORTION SEGREGATED DUE TO
REPATRIATION AND REGISTRATION
i.e. Those who openly declared themselves as "disloyal"



Type of Segregate at Tule Lake 9/43 - 5/44 WRA data.

T = Total
C = Citizens
A = Aliens

	Total			CENTRAL UTAH			COLORADO RIVER			GILA RIVER			GRANADA			HEART MOUNTAIN			JEROME			MANZANITA			MINIDOKA			ROSWELL			TULE LAKE		
	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A	T	C	A			
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100			
Segregation Parolee	0.7	0.0	2.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1	—	0.4	0.5	—	1.5	0.4	—	1.3	2.2	—	7.1	—	—	—	1.5	—	3.0	.5	—	1.6	1.1	—	3.0
Leave Denial	2.8	2.7	2.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.3	0.5	—	—	—	—	5.3	5.2	5.5	11.1	7.8	10.6	—	—	—	6.0	9.0	3.0	—	—	—	3.2	4.4	0.9
Repatriation (Expts)	39.2	37.7	42.5	59.5	57.7	64.6	38.2	29.9	60.6	41.6	41.1	43.1	70.7	65.6	82.1	69.6	66.9	75.5	72.4	75.5	65.5	28.9	21.0	47.5	68.6	55.6	81.5	71.6	67.2	81.2	11.2	10.7	12.1
Registration	26.0	26.2	25.5	17.1	23.0	0.8	20.4	28.0	—	22.7	30.4	23.9	1.9	2.7	—	8.0	9.2	5.5	7.4	8.0	5.9	32.2	44.1	4.0	7.8	12.6	3.0	10.4	13.8	2.9	41.0	32.6	55.1
Vol. Family Members	30.5	32.7	25.9	23.4	19.3	24.6	41.4	42.1	39.4	29.3	28.0	32.6	26.9	31.7	16.4	16.7	18.7	12.2	6.9	8.7	2.9	38.9	34.9	46.5	16.1	22.8	9.5	17.5	19.0	14.3	41.1	50.1	26.3
Other Authorized Res.	0.6	0.6	0.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.9	1.9	1.8
Unauthorized Res.	0.2	0.1	0.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.5	0.3	0.8
Rep. + Registration	65.2	63.9	68.0	76.6	80.7	65.4	58.6	57.9	60.6	70.3	71.5	67.0	72.6	68.3	82.1	77.6	76.1	81.0	79.8	83.5	71.4	61.1	65.1	51.5	76.4	68.2	64.3	82.0	81.0	84.1	52.2	43.3	67.2

LEAVE CLEARANCE HEARING OF [D.E.]

Date: September 14, 1943

Time: 3:15 P.M.

Committee: [Mr. A.]

[Mr. B.]

[Mr. C.]

[Mr. A:]

Q. What is your name?

A. [D— E—]

Q. How old are you?

A. Twenty-one.

Q. What is your address here?

A. [Gives barrack number]

Q. What were your previous addresses in reverse order?

A. Los Angeles, California.

Q. Where did you live before you lived in Los Angeles?

A. In Seattle, Washington.

Q. Is that where you were born?

A. Yes.

Q. You lived there until you moved to Los Angeles?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you register for selective service?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. At the Assembly Center.

Q. Why had you not registered before that?

A. Because I was not old enough.

Q. What is the name of your father?

A. [M— E—]

Q. What is the name of your mother?

A. [F— E—]

Q. Are they both alive?

A. Yes.

Q. Where do they live?

A. [Same barrack]

Q. How old is your father?

A. He is approximately 45.

Q. And your mother?

A. Forty, I think.

Q. What is your father's occupation?

A. He is a film technician.

Q. What is your mother's occupation?

A. She is a housewife.

Q. What is your father's occupation here?

A. Camp projectionist.

Q. Your mother's?

A. Cashier at the Beauty Shop.

Q. Have they applied for repatriation?

A. No, they haven't.

Q. Your father is a citizen of Japan and your mother a citizen of the United States?

A. My dad is not technically a citizen of Japan as he was born in Hawaii and was taken to Japan at an early age.

Q. He claims Hawaiian birth?

A. Yes.

Q. Has either parent been interned?

A. No.

Q. What has been your education?

A. I have gone to Junior College almost two years there in Los Angeles.

Q. You have never been outside of the United States?

A. No, I haven't.

Q. You have had three years of Japanese Language School?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any brothers and sisters?

A. I have a sister.

Q. What is her name?

A. [H—E—]

Q. And her address?

A. [Same barrack]

Q. How old is she?

A. She is twenty.

Q. What has been her education?

A. She has gone almost half year to Junior College.

Q. Has she ever been outside of the United States?

A. No, she hasn't.

Q. What, if anything, was her employment before evacuation?

A. She was a school girl.

Q. At the present time, is she employed?

A. Yes. She is a teacher at the High School.

Q. What does she teach?

A. Physical Education.

Q. Has she applied for expatriation?

A. No, she hasn't.

Q. Do you have any close relatives in the United States who are interned or who have been interned?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any close relatives in Japan?

A. On my father's side, but I don't call them close.

Q. How are they related?

A. His brothers and his brothers' sons and daughters.

Q. No grandparents?

A. No.

Q. Do you happen to know whether any of them are serving or at any time were serving in the Japanese Army or Navy?

A. We haven't heard from them for five or six years, so I don't know.

Q. Before that time, did you know of any of them serving in the Japanese Army or Navy?

A. I remember--No, I don't think so.

Q. What were you going to say when you said "I remember"?

A. I think there was one uncle who might have served.

Q. In the Army or Navy?

A. In the Army, I think.

Q. You are not married?

A. No, I am not.

Q. What has been your employment record? Were you employed prior to evacuation?

A. No.

Q. Are you employed?

A. Not now. I was working for the [camp] newspaper.

Q. How long since you have been unemployed?

A. Approximately two months.

Q. What was the reason for your leaving the employ of the newspaper?

A. I completed my special work on the Anniversary Booklet.

Q. How long did you work on that?

A. One month.

Q. Were you employed before that?

A. Yes.

Q. In what capacity?

A. As artist on the newspaper.

Q. What I am trying to get at is for you to give me your employment record here in the Center--on the Project.

A. When first I came I worked as junior clerk in the Administration Building for a month and after that I went to the newspaper, for four months.

Q. Is there any reason why you have not undertaken other employment after the Booklet?

A. I am waiting for the proper kind of a job in art.

Q. When you say the "proper kind of a job" do you mean in the Center?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you registered by your parents for dual citizenship?

A. No, I was not.

Q. You obtained that information from your parents?

A. Yes. But I think I remember my parents having registered me at birth, but just before the war broke out they cancelled it.

Q. How?

A. By writing to the Japanese Consulate.

Q. Where?

A. In Los Angeles.

Q. Have you any papers to show that cancellation?

A. In order to have the Japanese citizenship cancelled we had to turn the Japanese citizenship paper in, so we have no record of it. Just before the war we had it cancelled--in December.

Q. The first week in December?

A. I don't know exactly when it was, but it was before the war broke out.

Q. What date did the war break out?

A. December seventh.

Q. The first week of December?

A. I think it was cancelled in November.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

A. Well, first of all, when I relocate I want to go back to school. But in the meantime, I think I will have to work to go to school.

Q. Is there any part of the country that you prefer for relocation?

A. I prefer to relocate in the Midwest.

Q. What additional education are you seeking?

A. I wish to complete my university education.

Q. Along what line?

A. A liberal course involving all the things that a person ordinarily would learn, majoring in art, of course.

Q. Have you been studying art here?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. In school?

A. Not in school.

Q. You are studying at home?

A. I attended night school about a week, but I am studying privately now.

Q. Who is your teacher?

A. [Mr. O---]

Q. You have no interest in any professional or vocational course?

A. Yes, I would be interested in commercial art and fine arts. To define fine arts, I mean painting, drawing and water color.

Q. And your object and ambition is to be an artist?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your feeling about returning to the West Coast?

A. Well, I would like to go there if we had a chance, but mainly because I feel I haven't completed all the subjects that were available at the Junior College education, so for that reason I want to go back there.

Q. What advantage would that be? Similar educational instruction is offered in other parts of the country.

A. There would not be a real motive except for the sentimental side-- teachers, school mates.

Q. You expect to find the same teachers and school mates?

A. I probably won't find the same school mates, but I would find some of the teachers.

Q. Do I understand then that you would prefer to go to the West Coast for sentimental reasons rather than because of better instruction than in other parts of the country?

A. My particular desire is to return to the West Coast and continue my education there, but if that is impossible and so long as it is impossible, my purpose would be to go to the Middle West and continue my education there.

Q. If you found living conditions and working conditions satisfactory in the Midwest, would you remain there even though opportunity were afforded you to return to the West Coast?

- A. Well, that would depend entirely upon the job--the pay, living conditions and the attitude of the people living there.
- Q. Suppose that the job, the pay and the living conditions, also the attitude of the people were just as they are today?
- A. Well, in that case my decision would depend entirely upon when the job is available or how much the job pays or what type of a job it is.
- Q. Do you know anything about the attitude of the people on the West Coast?
- A. Well, all I know is what I read in the newspapers and if the newspapers play up the disagreeable side, that is what I know.
- Q. Have you any intention of visiting Japan in the future?
- A. No. Not at present or in the future. The way I feel now, I have no desire to visit Japan.
- Q. Have you any immediate plans for relocation as to a particular place to go or a particular institution in which to continue your education?
- A. No.
- Q. Have you corresponded with any institutions or any relocation offices in which you are particularly interested?
- A. No, I have not--yet.
- Q. Have you ever applied for expatriation?
- A. No, I haven't.
- Q. Do you or your family own any property or investments or have you any business connections in Japan?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you have any prospect of inheriting any Japanese property?
- A. No.
- Q. What have been your interests outside of your education and your art?
- A. I would say a good job.
- Q. No, that is not what I mean. Have you been interested in sports, activities, etc.?
- A. I have been interested in music.
- Q. In what form?
- A. As a listener and also as a performer in the choir.
- Q. Have you taken up any sports?
- A. Not recently. In school I enjoyed swimming.
- Q. Did you ever belong to any athletic team?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you ever participate in any Japanese sport?
- A. No. Except when we had picnics, where a person ran, high jumped, etc.

Q. That is not a peculiar Japanese sport. You never participated in judo, kendo, etc.?

A. No, no Japanese sport.

Q. Have you participated in any activities since you have been here besides your work on the newspaper and your art work?

A. No.

Q. Have you belonged to any Japanese organizations at any time either here or before you came here?

A. No.

Q. Have you belonged to any American organizations other than High School fraternities? Have you been a member of the Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A. or any other organization?

A. No.

Q. What is your ability to speak Japanese?

A. At home all I spoke was English, but I can understand Japanese.

Q. Can you speak it?

A. A little bit.

Q. Can you read it?

A. A little bit.

Q. Can you write it?

A. I can write my name but not much more.

Q. Have you subscribed to or read Japanese periodicals or publications?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Have you contributed to any Japanese societies or funds of any sort, or any Japanese organizations of any sort whatsoever?

A. No.

Q. Have you contributed to any American societies or organizations?

A. Red Cross.

Q. Have you purchased any War Bonds or stamps?

A. Yes. I have a \$25 War Bond.

Q. Have you taken any part in American drives or anything of that sort in connection with raising funds?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever been arrested or questioned by police?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever had any dealings with Internal Security at the Center or been questioned about any of your activities?

A. No.

Q. When you first answered question 26 on the military registration questionnaire, you answered that question in the negative?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that a true answer when you gave it?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you explain the reason for your answering the question that way?

A. In the first place, the Japanese were put in camps while the American citizens of German and Italian ancestry were not. The conditions in the Assembly Center such as living in stables where there was no ventilation and in lining up for hours at a time in order to eat at a mess hall- those were the conditions which influenced me. The main reason was because we were in camp.

Q. Did any one influence your decision in any way?

A. No.

Q. Did you arrive at all those conclusions by yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. And the sum total of your objections to this treatment led you to state that you refused to swear allegiance to the United States?

A. Right.

Q. Was that the part of the question you were answering in the negative or were you motivated in any way by the other part of the question which asked if you were loyal to Japan? Did that part of the question enter into it at all?

A. What do you mean by that?

Q. The question - "Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or any other foreign government, power or organization." You have stated that this request led you to refuse to say you would swear unqualified allegiance to the United States. Did your answer also lead you to feel you would swear allegiance to the Japanese Emperor or did that enter in at all?

A. We were placed in these camps and the attitude of the press as it was then made me feel that maybe Japan was the place where I would have my best opportunity for the future.

Q. So, at the time you answered this question you were inclined to feel that you might be willing to swear allegiance to Japan?

A. That is right.

Q. Now, in other words, at the time you answered the question on February 11th you definitely felt this way about the United States?

A. Yes.

Q. And one week later, I believe on February 18th, you expressed a desire to change your answer to question 27?

A. Yes.

Q. You were willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States and you, I believe, did change your answer on that day?

A. Yes.

Q. Since that time, have you expressed a wish to change your answer to question 28?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. About when did you make that application the first time?

A. When segregation hearings were begun. I don't remember exactly when that was. It was right after I had my segregation hearing.

Q. That was the early part of this year. Is that right?

A. Yes. It was my desire to have it changed when I had my hearing.

Q. Will you state the basis on which you wished to change your answer at that time? Why, at that time, did you wish to change your answer?

A. Over a year had passed since the war broke out. The attitude of the press had changed since we were first sent to camp and the fact that people were more willing to accept us as citizens and give us equal opportunities. These prompted me to change my answer.

Q. You speak about the press of the nation. How much of the press of the nation did you see during the period when you were disloyal to the United States?

A. Why I saw just the Pacific Coast papers, particularly the Los Angeles Times, Examiner and Herald Express.

Q. What led you to believe the attitude of those papers has changed in any way?

A. Their attitude has not changed but the papers in the Midwest and the East are favorable.

Q. Did you see those papers at the time you were bitter about the attitude of the West Coast?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. What basis of knowledge do you have that the rest of the country felt more kindly towards Japanese-American citizens at any time?

A. They seem to be very agreeable toward us, so I think that is a very healthy sign.

Q. Was your feeling of loyalty or lack of loyalty to the United States dependent entirely upon the attitude of the people and the press towards your minority racial group?

A. I would say yes.

Q. And if you discovered that the government or military policies might affect your minority group in a way which you considered unjust, would you on that basis either gain or lose loyalty to the United States?

A. Well, that would depend entirely on what happens to American citizens of German or Italian ancestry. If those policies might be put into operation against or were applied to Germans and Italians as well as Japanese, I would not mind, but on the other hand, if they applied only to us, then I would not know. I might change my answer.

Q. Are we supposed to infer from these answers that your loyalty or lack of loyalty to the United States is entirely selfish to quality?

A. It could be interpreted as selfish.

Q. I am asking you to interpret it for us. We are anxious to know whether it is based entirely upon the treatment which you received individually as a member of a minority racial group, or whether it is based upon the fact that you consider that democracy has so failed generally as to be an institution to which you cannot be loyal?

A. The two statements which you give are slightly disconnected, are they not?

Q. You will have to separate them and answer them. What I am driving at is this. You are doubtless aware that during the period when you were growing up, if you studied American history, at all times there has been oppression of one class or race by another, based upon race prejudice or class hatred. You are probably also aware of the fact that today there are certain oppressions in the southern states against Negroes which do not exist as far as white people are concerned, although both are citizens in the eye of the law and the Constitution. Does the fact that the southern states, to some extent, oppress Negroes cause you to be disloyal to the United States, or is it only when the oppression reaches you personally through the group of which you are a member that your loyalty to the United States wavers?

A. I would say that if it affected me personally, I would change my answer. It would depend upon how I am treated personally.

Q. In other words, when I asked you if your loyalty or disloyalty is based entirely upon what we might consider the treatment of yourself, the answer to that would be "Yes"?

A. Yes.

Q. All I can say is this. Is your loyalty which you now profess caused by a change of attitude towards loyalty to the fundamental principles of this country as you learned them in school and college, loyalty to the principles of democracy as set forth in the Constitution of the United States and all the different states and the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and the other documents which Americans point to as indicative of the government we are supposed to have, or is it based upon how nearly the governing bodies, governing individuals—people of the United States—arrive at successful administration of those principles with regard to your own personal place in the population of this country?

A. While the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are all fine documents, they are only documents. It would depend entirely upon how their administration is handled by the people and those documents can only stand as long as the people desire to carry out those principles.

Q. I assume from your original answer to question 28 that your belief was that the constitutional provisions broke down and failed in so far as the treatment of your group was concerned.

A. I would not say that the documents broke down but the interpretations broke down.

- Q. What test of the interpretation have you made, or what attempt have you made to test the strength of those documents in relation to your own situation?
- A. First, we have been promised that we could pursue happiness, a very important principle. I don't think that was possible in the assembly centers or in the relocation centers.
- Q. I am afraid again that you misunderstand the Constitution of the United States, the fundamental law of the United States. As you know, there are judicial bodies throughout the United States up to and including the United States Supreme Court. There are tribunals in which every citizen and every alien may complain of any injustice or violation forbidden by the Constitution of the United States. You are aware of that, are you not?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You feel that there has been injustice and discrimination in your particular case—in the case of people of Japanese ancestry? What effort have you made to preserve your rights through the democratic channels of the United States?
- A. I have not made any personal effort, but I think a certain person in Portland, Oregon, and another fellow who lives on the Pacific Coast, made that test and took their cases to the Supreme Court.
- Q. Are you familiar with the results?
- A. I am not too familiar, but some of the cases that the Supreme Court passed were unfavorable, were they not?
- Q. You personally, however, have made no effort in your own favor?
- A. No.
- Q. Have you considered any legal aid which is free, which is offered in most any community through the Bar Association or through the other channels or employing a lawyer, in the event that you or your family wanted to do that? Have you taken that step?
- A. No, I haven't.
- Q. Do you consider it fair to condemn a system of government or to relinquish your loyalty to a system of government without giving it a chance to see whether it works or not?
- A. I haven't tested it but these people I mentioned before tested it.
- Q. What I am afraid of is that your original answer and your desire to change were based solely and exclusively upon your own selfish interests, without any regard to your rights or obligations as a citizen. I would like to have you demonstrate to me that I am wrong. If you feel that you are being dealt with with absolute fairness—I want you to be fair to yourself and I want you to be fair to us; but what can I conclude except that your loyalty depends upon how the officials of the press and the people of the United States deal with you personally? Would you serve in the United States Army?
- A. Yes, I would.

Q. Would you serve in the United States Army regardless of whether you were loyal to the United States or not?

A. If I had said I were disloyal, I don't think I would, but I am loyal now and would serve in the Army.

Q. If you were refused leave clearance, would you serve in the United States Army?

A. If I were drafted, I would, yes.

[Mr. B:]

Q. That one answer to that question right there--if you were drafted. We know you would serve then, but would you be willing to serve?

A. Yes, I would be.

Q. You are loyal enough to serve or just serve because you had to serve?

A. You know if I did not want to stay here and if I did not want to serve in the United States Army, I would repatriate to Japan, would I not?

Q. You would ask for it probably.

[Mr. A:]

Q. Under what circumstances would you volunteer for service in the United States Army?

A. It is difficult to say. It would depend upon the time.

Q. Give a set of circumstances under which you would volunteer.

A. Well, I would volunteer if the Japanese people were allowed to return to the Pacific Coast because the threat of invasion by Japan no longer exists.

Q. Would you, under those circumstances, volunteer for service in the Pacific?

A. Yes.

Q. You would have no objection to fighting against your people?

A. No, no objection.

[Mr. C:]

Q. I have a man working for me who has asked for repatriation. He made a lot of money in the United States. I asked him why he was repatriating and he said his family was in Japan. Then I asked him what his reason was for repatriating in Japan and he said he would go over until this thing is over and then come back. I wonder what your attitude is toward that story. What is going to happen to him in Japan and what will he do when he comes back to the United States? He has made lots of money here in the United States, he has lots of property, and we are talking about loyalty and treatment, etc. here. What do you think of his reception when he lands in Japan and when he comes back to the United States to make more money? Do you think he will be allowed to keep all that money over there? Do you think when the war is over he will be allowed to come back to the United States? Do you think that is a true program which he can work out?

A. No, I don't think so, I would not call him a very fine person. He certainly is not patriotic.

[Mr. A:]

Q. If your feelings were based upon inadequate information, not knowing how the country as a whole felt, and if you failed to exercise your rights as a citizen by seeking redress in the courts of the United States, would you still feel that it was not up to you to do anything, not up to you to find out how the rest of the country felt, but so long as you were being oppressed in newspapers, would you be justified in declaring yourself disloyal to the United States? Do you see the point?

A. But would not a person not a Japanese have the same ideas? Would he not answer the same way if he were put into camp?

Q. I am not asking about anybody else. I am asking about you.

A. The thing is, what knowledge is acquired by an individual would affect his decision and if the attitude of the press of the nation was not known to you, [stresses the word] then I think even you would answer the same way.

Q. Let me put it this way. If somebody assaulted you on the street without justification and broke your jaw and knocked some teeth out, and injured you, and if you had gone up to the policeman on the corner and asked him to arrest this person and you knew who it was who assaulted you, and the policeman refused to do it, would you feel justified, for instance in killing the policeman?

A. No, I would not.

Q. Why not?

A. Because the policeman is not responsible for my broken jaw.

Q. He is responsible for your immediate deprivation of your rights, isn't he?

A. Yes, I would report him to his superiors.

Q. What else would you do?

A. I would find another policeman.

Q. You would not take that action because you know you could get redress in other ways. Now then, suppose that you failed to do any of those things or nothing about it, would you feel justified in stating that law and order had completely broken down in that community and that you had no use for that type of government?

A. If I were persecuted outside, at least I would have my liberty and it would make me fight.

Q. Suppose you went to Cleveland, got off the train and a policeman took you and locked you up in jail because you looked like a Japanese?

A. I would get a lawyer and see if I could get out.

Q. You would not have your liberty then, would you?

A. I would have liberty in my grasp.

Q. What difference is there?

A. The thing is, if I had the opportunity to go outside, I would be more free than I am here.

Q. Have you been deprived of permission to communicate with lawyers?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever, for instance, come to the office of the Project Attorney here and asked to obtain a lawyer?

A. No.

Q. Don't you think you have neglected to even attempt to protect your own rights?

A. I guess I have.

Q. Don't you think that your answer, in the fact of such neglect, is not logical? The situation is the same. It is not changed. Any change which appears to you is unreal, transitory. People throughout the United States have not changed their attitude as a whole towards your racial minority group. If anything, the change would have been for the worse because of the force which comes out of the Pacific because some people are unable to distinguish between an enemy alien and a citizen of this country and that situation will probably get worse.

A. I have many friends who have relocated. I have not heard of a single case where a person has failed because of the attitude outside.

Q. You were living here, outside of California, for many months before you answered that question. I think we have gone far enough, but I am trying to get you to understand the basic reasoning which led you to answer this question and your own failure to acquire knowledge of the situation and protect your own rights—you say would not anybody in the same situation answer the question as you did. It is my own opinion that the majority would certainly have not answered it that way. I would not. I would have exercised my legal rights.

A. You, as a lawyer, would be closer to those things.

Q. There has been a lawyer right here. You haven't even attempted to consult a lawyer inside or outside. You haven't raised a finger to protect your rights. How can you blame a situation when you have not done anything?

A. I have been a school boy almost all of my life and led a sheltered life, but I know that there is no excuse for me not doing anything about it.

[Mr. B:]

Q. You are asking to do everything now that democracy stands for?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. The thing that those other boys who are fighting for the United States would like to do?

A. Yes.

HEARING CONCLUDED

No risk, but cannot affirmatively recommend clearance. Does not possess a real sense of loyalty.

[Mr. A]

Committee Chairman