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Drive on Two Jap Societies
Continues in California;
92 Arrested in 31 Cities

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**Varied Contraband Seized in the
Raids; Some Evacuees Already
Reported Arriving in Inland States**

FBI agents continued to mop up Northern California and other parts of the Western States in a concentrated drive against members of two Japanese secret societies.

Agents raided in 31 cities in the northern part of California and arrested 92 Japanese. Yesterday morning the San Francisco field office listed the arrests as follows:

Fourteen at Salinas, nine at Oakland, eight each at Sebastopol and Sacramento, six at Stockton, five at San Juan Bautista, five at Marysville, three each at Woodland and Watsonville, two each in San Francisco, Winters, Alvarado and San Mateo, four each at Suisun, Santa Rosa, Mountain View, Petaluma; one each at Berkeley, Napa, Palo Alto, Forrestville, Hillsborough, Clarksburg, Newcastle and Hollister.

A MIXTURE OF CONTRABAND

Contraband seized included small caliber rifles, shotguns, ammunition, short wave radio receiving sets, flashlights and cameras.

The Army warned enemy aliens against panic, advised them not to make hasty disposition of homes or stores at a loss, and emphasized that evacuation of aliens and their citizen-children had not been ordered yet.

At the same time, the Army spokesmen advised Japanese that they could benefit by being pioneers in evacuation. And there were reports from Western States that many Japanese are already en route to non-strategic areas.

From Belle Fourche, S. D., a sugar plant announced the arrival of 100 "carefully selected" Japanese families who will work in sugar beet fields in that area.

Salt Lake City reported 25 Japanese families have arrived from the West Coast. A Japanese clearing house has been established to settle these alien families in parts of the State where labor is needed.

Colorado reported a party of 15 Japanese passed through to Crowley with travel permits. Arizona sources noted several auto loads of Japanese bound for Colorado.

FBI raiders reached into New Mexico and seized a number of enemy aliens and contraband which included a high-power radio set capable of "reaching around the world," plus rifles, maps and ammunition.

Washington press services reported that Representative Carl Hinshaw of California told the House yesterday that Japanese will attack Hawaii in force by April 15 and that the attack will be accompanied by wholesale sabotage on the West Coast.

SECOND PHASE OF JAP ATTACK

"Word has come to us from a source which has been heretofore reliable, though unheeded by our Government, that the Japanese timetable will bring the second phase of their plans into action about April 15," he said.

"This includes a major attack on Hawaii and the commencement of sabotage action on the West Coast."

Today in San Francisco 400 delegates of the Japanese American Citizens' League will open a three-day meeting to arrange evacuation of all Japanese from half of California, Washington, Oregon and Arizona.

The anti-Fascist Italian Mazzini Society will hold a meeting this afternoon at 170 Valencia street.

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JAP, HERO OF 1ST WORLD WAR, LEADS FBI RAID

Nipponese in Alvin York's Outfit Tells House Committee How He Fought Fifth Column

LOS ANGELES, March 7.—(AP)—Tokie Slocum, Japanese granted American citizenship by Congress for his services as sergeant major with the redoubtable Sgt. Alvin York's Tennessee outfit in the first World War, told a House investigating committee today that Japanese living here would go all out with America to help win the war.

"Nearly all the Japanese in Los Angeles are loyal Americans," Slocum told the committee on alien defense migration. "I believe all the traitors are now in concentration camps. I personally led FBI agents to their lair after the treacherous Pearl Harbor attack.

MILITARY CUTTHROATS.

"And since the Army has ordered the evacuation of all Japanese, by golly that is what the Army will get, if I have to lead them. The United States is dealing with a bunch of military cutthroats in Japan and this country is going to have to wake up if we are going to win the war.

"We haven't been half tough enough.

GLAD FOR SACRIFICE.

"I fought in the last World War and was granted American citizenship by a special act of Congress in 1935. Now I am in a position of being forced to evacuate my home to help win this war. I am glad to make the sacrifice—and so are all other patriotic Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"All we want to know is when, where and how. We'll need some money but we have unlimited faith in our Government."

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J. L. De Witt

In announcing the final determination to establish a reception center for Japanese in Owens Valley, Lieutenant General De Witt, commander of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army, disclosed that prefabricated family type dwellings would be constructed for the evacuees.

FULL PROTECTION.

"During its use by the Federal authorities, all necessary precautions will be taken to protect the watershed, municipal aqueduct and water works," General De Witt said. "Because of military surveillance of excluded persons at the reception center the location of the center in this area will actually afford the water supply and facilities greater protection than they have had heretofore."

2—Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army, officially notified the City of Los Angeles he was establishing a reception center for evacuated Japanese on 5,800 acres of the city's watershed property in Owens Valley, Inyo County.

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ALIENS

Off the Coast

The 2000 Japanese who met in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo were bewildered, frightened or angry, according to their temperament. They jabbered and bowed. They wanted a leader badly, and Tokio Slocum looked like their man. Tokio Slocum got his name from the Minot, N. D., Americans who adopted him. He fought in the first World war and had been a rabid American Legionaire. It was Slocum who led the successful fight to get citizenship for all Japanese who served in World War I. Now it was Tokio Slocum who shouted:

"Where the hell are we headed for? Are we all going to Missoula, Montana (a concentration camp)? . . . I don't think we are going, even if the damned *Los Angeles Times* wants it. . . . What's all this damned nonsense about me getting \$25 a head when I pointed men out to the FBI? And \$50 when they checked in at Missoula? It's a lie! I'll tell the FBI anything I can, but I'm not getting money for it. I'm the best damned American citizen in this country, even if I am a Jap—and I can prove it."

Excited Tokio Slocum put into words the feelings of alien and American-born Japanese alike, but he offered no solution. The people of Oregon, Washington and California were themselves angry and a little frightened. Still fresh in mind was the lesson of Pearl Harbor.

Plain Americans looked with sudden suspicion at their Japanese gardeners, at the laundry boy, at the Japanese clerks who were lucky enough still to have jobs. Every newspaper they picked up told them that the fifth column was no myth, that it was thriving along their Pacific Coast.

Investigators reported that oddly enough, most Japanese holdings or activities centered close to important strategic centers. Witnesses before the various committees swore it was no acci-

dent Japanese fishermen settled Terminal island in Los Angeles harbor, which is adjacent to Reeves Field naval base, Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Union Oil and Refining Company, drydocks and oil and butane storage tanks. They insisted that Japanese pretended to work land near Grand Coulee dam and Bonneville, but it was land a jackrabbit would starve on.

The demand for swift, clear action grew. The overwhelming cry was for military command of the Western Coast, expansion of areas prohibited to enemy aliens. On February 15 and February 24 thousands of Japanese, Germans and Italians moved pellmell out of strategic defense areas, sold houses, land, valuables for what they could get. But the people—and thus the Government—were not satisfied.

Nervously, Japanese leaders noted the public temper and set to work preparing their people for what they knew would come. Produce Merchant Kay Sugahara declared: "If the army and navy say we are a menace, let's get out. But if it's merely a question of fighting politicians that would gain favor by hopping on 'those defenseless Japs,' we should fight them to the last ditch."

By last week it was apparent this was no politicians' fight. Some politicians

did miss their cues, such as the Governors of Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah, who publicly insisted they would allow no dumping of Japanese in their States. Only Governor Ralph Carr of Colorado seemed aware of what time it was. He called Wyoming, Utah and Arizona's Governors together and talked tough: "Who is fighting this war? Is it Wyoming, Utah or Arizona, or is it the United States? We in Colorado will do our part by accepting enemy aliens and suspects from endangered areas."

Governor Carr was simply playing the part of a good soldier. For early last week Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, in charge of Western defenses, proclaimed the Coast and southern border of Arizona military zones, from which all Japanese (alien and American-born), most German and Italian aliens would eventually be evacuated.

At last enemy aliens knew where they stood. They must move out of two-thirds of Washington, a third of Oregon, two-thirds of California and a third of Arizona. They could not settle near power lines, dams, railroad tracks or airfields. They knew moving

would be hard, that no effective arrangements had been worked out for protecting their immovable property, that wherever they went they would be under suspicion and probably resented.

But by week's end the first of the estimated 200,000 caught in the pinch had begun to move inland. Mike Masaoka, secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens' League got to work: "We are preparing our people. . . . We want them to go without bitterness, without rancor and with the feeling that this can be their contribution to the defense of the U. S. . . ."

To the politicians who had demanded that evacuees be kept out of their States, General DeWitt administered a slapping: "Military necessity is the sole yardstick by which the army has selected the military areas from which the exclusion of certain groups will be required. Public clamor for evacuation from non-strategic areas and the insistence of local organizations and officials that evacuees not be moved into their communities cannot and will not be heeded . . ."

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JAP SABOTAGE OUTBREAK HELD DUE BY APRIL

Rep. Hinshaw Warns Subversive
Action Near; Army Officially
Announces Camp Site

Far-flung northern California raids by FBI agents and local authorities, scooping up Japanese aliens and members of Japanese secret societies, continued unabated in its second day yesterday.

1—In Washington, D. C., Representative Hinshaw, Republican of California, announced he had information that the Japanese "time table" calls for commencement of sabotage action on the west coast about April 15.

HINSHAW WARNING

Representative Hinshaw's information regarding the asserted scheduled start of Japanese sabotage activities came, he said, "from a source which has been heretofore reliable, though unheeded by our Government."

Hinshaw called on the Administration to "stop fiddling around" with the west coast Japanese problem. Unless quick action is taken to evacuate all Japanese and other west coast enemy aliens, "so great a sin" may have been committed that "even history may never forgive" the Administration, he said.

His information was, he added, that Japanese plans call for not only west coast sabotage next month, but for a major attack on Hawaii, also.

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FBI Continuing Alien Enemies Raids Here

Six Japanese, arrested here yesterday as suspicious aliens, were transferred in an army truck to the United States Department of Immigration in San Francisco today while federal agents, sheriff's deputies and police officers continued their latest activity against members of secret pro-Japanese organizations.

The word that "there may be further arrests today" came from officers engaged in the hunt for enemy aliens whose activities are considered dangerous to the United States.

It was reported in the Record yesterday that Harry Hayashima, 49, theater operator, one of those arrested, owned motion picture houses on El Dorado and Center streets. His theaters are on El Dorado and Market streets. The Center Street theater is not operated by Japanese.

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CONTRABAND SEIZED BY FBI IN JAP RAIDS

Cameras, Guns Confiscated;
New Arrest Made in S. F.;
Aid to Evacuees Studied

A considerable haul of contraband, in addition to the 100 Japanese taken into custody to date in the two day northern California roundup raids, was disclosed by the FBI yesterday.

One arrest was made in San Francisco yesterday, raising to three the number taken into custody here in the current clean up. The latest prisoner was Eiichiryo Itakura, a San Mateo resident, who was seized at 1729 Sutter Street here.

A twenty-three inch Japanese cane sword and two flashlights had been found at his San Mateo home, it was reported.

CONTRABAND FOUND.

Included in the general contraband which the raids netted—raids that extended through more than thirty cities from Salinas to Red Bluff—were:

Four short wave radio receiving sets, a .22 caliber rifle, two shotguns, fifty rounds of .22 caliber ammunition, twenty-three 12 gauge shotgun shells, four flashlights, one motion picture projector, a camera and a separate camera lens, one photographic precision range-finder, and fencing equipment.

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The F.B.I.'s latest roundup of Japanese aliens extended over a 250-mile area from Colusa to Salinas. More than 30 cities were scoured in the move.

Ten "potentially dangerous" aliens were taken into custody in Oakland.

96 JAPS ARRESTED

As Hinshaw delivered his warning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was "mopping up" in its latest roundup of Japanese aliens and members of Japanese secret societies in Northern California. The number of arrests reached the 96-mark last night. The raids began on Friday.

In Seattle, F.B.I. agents and police reported they had seized 100 Nazi swastika lapel pins from 20 alien Japanese.

H. B. Fletcher, agent in charge of the F.B.I. office in Seattle, said that the Japanese were believed to be members of pro-Japanese societies.

Authorities said the aliens may have intended to use the swastika pins to identify themselves as fifth columnists in event of an invasion by Japanese forces.

The agents also seized eight iron helmets, six rifles, 1300 rounds of ammunition and a camera.

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ALVARADO, CENTER
OF BLACK DRAGON
SOCIETY, CHARGED

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Italian, Jap Groups Pledge Loyalty to U.S.

Members of Japanese and Italian societies, faced with evacuation or drastic restrictions under Army rule, met yesterday to plan a course of action in the harrowing days to come and to pledge anew their allegiance to the United States.

Two hundred representatives of 65 chapters of the Japanese-American Citizens' League, representing every section of the country, met here for a special national board meeting.

Yesterday's session was secret, and the press was excluded, but a press release from the society said President Saburo Kido, a San Francisco attorney, had pledged the society would "gladly co-operate" with army evacuation orders.

James Y. Sakamoto, Seattle publisher and a former national president of the league, was quoted as urging those who might be bitter to "turn their bitterness against Japan because the Japanese war lords are responsible for all this."

LOCAL ITALIANS TO PLEDGE LOYALTY

The Italian Mazzini Society, an anti-fascist organization met at 170 Valencia street to perfect plans for a projected mass meeting of all local Italian groups as a demonstration of loyalty.

Sunday, April 12, was set as date for the meeting. The place will be announced later.

FBI raids on Axis aliens tapered off, meanwhile, after 105 arrests in Northern California Saturday in a drive against members of two Japanese secret societies. A quantity of such contraband as cameras, rifles and short-wave radio

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More About Meetings of Italian, Japanese Groups

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receiving sets was also seized. Three arrests were made in San Francisco and nine in Oakland.

Kido, in pledging the co-operation of the Japanese-American Citizens' League in whatever action the Army may take, urged Japanese to take pride in the sacrifice they will be called upon to make.

"Our sacrifice is as great as that which our selectees have been called to make," he said, "for ours is the call to quietly uproot ourselves from all we know and hold dear and to make our way into a wilderness of which we know not.

"Ours is not a spectacular front-page type of duty to our country," he continued, "but rather a kind of behind-the-lines service which is just as important to the winning of the war as the actual battle at the front.

"Let us serve our country, keep-

ing in mind that we have the same objectives as 130,000,000 other Americans, the ultimate and complete victory of democracy's forces."

Colonel W. F. McGill, provost marshal of the Western Defense Command, is expected to address today's session of the three-day meeting. Alien Co-ordinator Tom Clark and Richard M. Neustadt of the Social Security agencies have also been asked to speak.

Work went ahead, meanwhile, on plans for preparation of a reception center for Japanese evacuees in Owens valley, Inyo county. And a statement from Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, commander of the Western Defense Command, urged Japanese farmers to continue to till their land until they are moved.

"They may do so with full assurance they will receive their share of the financial returns," the statement said.

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Raging

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Japan pretends to be "furious" at the deportation of Japanese from American coastal areas, and the German-controlled Paris press similarly rages at the bombardment of munition works in Paris, making munitions for Germany with French forced labor.

That plenty of "rage" is justified is evident. But not by those now voicing that rage. If there is to be any rage about these Pacific Coast evacuations, it should be by the evacuees, not against America for protecting itself, but against Japan for starting the war which brought about these unfortunate steps. Or, if it is to be against anybody in America, it should be against those Japanese, alien or citizen, whose fifth column activities have brought suspicion on other Japanese, most of them individually guiltless.

And the "rage" in Paris should be—and doubtless is—against the German slave drivers, and against the impressment of French workers into the service of their country's historic enemy, to arm it for their further enslavement.

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**Canners Fear
Lack of Labor**

Evacuation of Japs
May Reduce Crops;
Can Shortage Looms

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Japs Rattle Some U.S. Bones

LOS ANGELES, March 8 (AP)
—Said an excited voice on the telephone:

"A group of Japanese are in a huddle in a vacant lot in the 3600 block on South Uorman-die. It looks very suspicious."

Police Officers V. P. Chenault and J. E. Chase hurried to the scene and found 11 Japanese in a tight huddle. They booked the suspects on a charge of gambling with dice.

Members of Tolan Group In S. F. Today

By FLOYD HEALEY
Chronicle Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, March 8—Three members of the Tolan investigating committee will return to San Francisco tomorrow to aid Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt's Civilian Evacuation Committee, and at least one member of the congressional group's staff will sit as adviser with Chief of Staff Tom C. Clark.

The request for advice was made by Clark after telling Committee Chairman John H. Tolan of Oakland and other committee members that the investigation conducted on the Pacific Coast by the Tolan group has "saved us lots of headaches and has made it possible to avoid a lot of pitfalls."

Robert K. Lamb, the committee's staff director, or Jack Abbott, his assistant, will be assigned to cooperate with the civilian organization headed by Clark.

THREE RECOMMENDATIONS

To date, the Tolan committee has held hearings on problems specifically connected with relocation and resettlement of Pacific Coast evacuees at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

As the result of information gathered, it has made three interim telegraphic recommendations to Washington, each of which has been put into effect or is about to be.

The committee asked for a coordinator of activities and Clark was named in a civilian capacity, although he has said the existing agencies constitute a "temporary" board to deal with the immediate problems and has suggested that "an agency should be created by Congress or executive order to handle the problem over the long pull."

A second recommendation of the Tolan Committee was for the "immediate" naming of an alien property custodian for Pacific Coast States, with authority to name assistants. This is about to be done by the Treasury Department and its representatives already are on the Pacific Coast.

"HARDSHIP CASES"

Third committee recommendation was for the establishment of boards to weigh "hardship cases" and evolve a plan of exceptions for all.

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Although termed the evacuation of American-born Japanese from the Pacific Coast area as a "travesty on our good name and rights," Saburo Kido, San Francisco attorney and National president of the organization, pledged "wholehearted co-operation" to the Federal Government.

KIDO'S BITTER PROTEST

"Most of us still cannot believe that we, citizens of this country, have been placed ahead of 'alien enemies' for evacuation from military zones," Kido declared in an opening statement. "Never in the thousands of years of human history has a group of citizens been branded on so wholesale a scale as being treacherous to the land in which they live."

"We question the motives and patriotism of men and leaders who intentionally fan racial animosity and hatred. It is possible that those

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on the Atlantic seaboard and in Washington, D.C., are wondering what specimen of human devilry we are, considering the amount and persistence of falsehoods being circulated against us.

'KEEP FAITH IN U.S.'

"No matter whatever we may do, wherever we may go, retain your faith in the American Government and maintain your self-respect. Let us keep our chins up despite all the travesty being committed upon our good name and rights."

"We are going into exile as our duty to our country because the President and the military commander of this area have deemed it a necessity. We are gladly co-operating because this is one way of showing that our protestations of loyalty are sincere. We have pledged our full support to President Roosevelt and the Nation. This is a sacred promise which we shall keep as good patriotic citizens."

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'NEST' CLEANED OUT

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COUNCIL IS STORMY

In San Francisco, 200 representatives of 80,000 members of the Japanese-American Citizens League entered their second day of deliberations today after a stormy session yesterday during which evacuation problems were discussed.

It was learned that considerable disunity arose at the first session between various groups, Buddhists quarreling with Christians, aliens with citizens. At one time, a fight nearly broke out on the floor between two delegates.

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Meanwhile, it was disclosed that the Army had begun construction of the first of two alien evacuee "reception centers" on a 5800-acre tract of land at Manzanar, located midway between Lone Pine and Independence in the Owens Valley.

Pre-fabricated houses of the family type will be erected there. The site, located 270 miles northeast of Los Angeles, has railway facilities, water supply and agricultural land "sufficient to make the center largely self-sufficient."

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Final Plans Made for Jap Ouster in 10 Days

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With evacuation of Japanese from coastal areas of California definitely scheduled to start within ten days, military authorities, Federal agencies—and the Japanese, themselves—plunged into a series of conferences yesterday to seek answers for some of the many knotty problems raised by the forced migration.

Informed that family ties would be respected, that property rights would be safeguarded, and that no sudden, mass evacuation will be ordered, the Japanese American citizens League named a committee to confer with Tom C. Clark, alien co-ordinator, and other Federal officials.

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Aliens: New Restricted Zones In West Will Be Announced Soon

Additional prohibited and restricted zones will be established in four more Western States to govern enemy aliens and American-born Japanese.

This was announced here yesterday by Army officials, who said that covering proclamation is now being prepared.

SOME RELAXATION

Other officials, however, indicate some relaxation of restrictions will be in sight for certain German and Italian aliens. Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy and members of the Tolson Congressional Investigating Committee were considering the establishment of boards to adjudicate the loyalty of German and Italians now subject to evacuation.

At the same time, the conference agreed that evacuation should be accomplished with as little distress as is humanly possible to attain, even in the case of Japanese.

Meeting with Secretary McCloy were Representative John H. Tolson of Oakland, chairman of the special House committee investigating national defense migration; Committee Members Laurence F. Arnold (D., Ill.) and George H. Bender (R., Ohio) and Robert K. Lamb, Tolson committee's staff director.

Assistant War Secretary McCloy was given a complete summary by members of the Tolson committee of evacuation problems and recommendations developed in a tour of the Pacific Coast.

The committee held hearings here, in Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle.

"We were in thorough agreement on steps which have been taken and which remain to be taken," said a spokesman after an executive discussion. "All were convinced the situation currently is well in hand; that evacuation will take place gradually; that distress and hardship will be reduced to the absolute minimum which can be achieved.

"It was recommended that the appeal boards be under general military direction but with local civilian representation. They would be along the same lines as draft boards. Civilian representation was suggested because individuals technically classified as aliens but who are fully as loyal Americans as anyone else, are known to their neighbors, who can supply valuable and pertinent information regarding their present and past habits, their standing in their respective communities and the degree to which they have embraced and followed the principles of democracy."

Assistant Secretary McCloy told committee members he was "highly appreciative" of the work the committee had done and the recommendations it had made on the basis of information received at Coastwide hearings.

Colonel W. F. McGill, provost marshal for the Western Defense Command, announced additional prohibited and restricted zones will soon be announced for four more western states.

Zones in California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona have already been established, barring enemy aliens and American-born Japanese from approximately one-half of those four States.

IN A FEW DAYS

This new order, he said, will probably be proclaimed in a few days.

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The Home Front

Evacuation Brings Defense Problem

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The military edict regarding Japanese-American citizens and their evacuation from vital areas



JOHN LANDAU

played havoc with the Air Raid Warden Service in Company 32, Captained by John Landau, the soda manufacturer.

Captain Landau had to go around and pick up seventeen armbands and other air raid warden equipment in one sector

bounded by Webster, Post, Laguna and Bush Streets, leaving just five wardens to take care of the area formerly handled by twenty-two. Worst of it all, he said, the Japanese-American wardens had filled out all the questionnaires and had taken all the training, and were all ready to do a good job in the event of a raid.

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5—Mike Masaoka, national field secretary of the Japanese American Citizens' League, denied reports of "disunity" which grew from a closed session Sunday of representatives of 65 chapters of that organization.

"There may be differences of opinion among us," he said, "on how we can accomplish" facilitation of the evacuation process, "but we believe in differences of opinion, as we believe in democracy." As to co-operation in the national defense effort, how-

ever: "We Americans of Japanese parentage are unified in our desires to aid national defense in every way possible."

Masaoka, terming "disunity" reports an "exaggerated" reaction to free discussion," added:

"Within a short time, we Americans, together with our alien Japanese parents, must leave our homes on the West Coast to make new homes 'for the duration' in inland areas. We are meeting because we are anxious to do our share in facilitating the evacuation process. Now that the army has ordered our evacuation from coastal zones, we ask only for humane treatment consistent with America's belief in tolerance and fair play."

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Reports yesterday that "disunity" had developed in the Japanese League sessions in San Francisco were denied by Mike Masaoka, National secretary.

LOYALTY REITERATED

"We Americans of Japanese parentage are unified in our desires to aid National defense in any way possible," he declared. "We are unified in our belief in the inevitable victory of the forces of democracy.

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He scouted reports that friction had developed between citizens and aliens, noting that aliens are not admitted to the league, and said reports of religious quarrels were incorrect.

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Japanese Are Said To Wage War By Test Tube

The New York Evening Post recently printed a copyrighted article by Fletcher Pratt, its military writer, in which he declared the Japanese have engaged in bacteriological warfare.

Pratt says the Nipponese are using China as an experimental ground for this test tube war. Over Changteh in Honan Province a single Japanese plane dropped rice grains imbedded in little tufts of cotton. These, Pratt said

contained cultures of bubonic plague; within a week there were cases of bubonic in Changteh, which had not had a case of the disease since the founding of the Chinese Republic.

In other localities the article says Japanese have dropped living fleas infected with cultures of bubonic and typhus and fish eggs similarly treated. Thus Pratt draws the conclusion the wily Japanese hoped to make contact with rats, the best allies they could have in spreading pestilence.

And he adds:

Chinese sources remark rather bitterly that it probably will be a long time before the Western World will believe this sort of thing. Unfortunately this is probably true; but it is worth noting that every prediction, every indication, furnished by the Chinese Intelligence Service thus far in the war, has proved 100 per cent accurate. It is the only Allied espionage service which has a real fifth column of considerable dimensions working behind the enemy lines.

Tales of Japanese debauchery of the Chinese in subjugated territory through open traffic in narcotics at first were thought to be in the fairy tale class. But proof has piled on proof such is the case.

Will it be so with this bacteriological warfare, a type of attack even more horrible to contemplate than the insidious undermining of an enemy by plying him with opium?

That remains to be seen. But if these reports of germ showers from the skies are credible, then the world may have to face a sinister new chapter in the development of inhuman warfare.

Editorial

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3—Members of the Tolán Committee, having completed coastwide hearings on "defense migration" problems, returned to San Francisco for final conferences with Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, western defense commander. Also conferring with the general was John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War.

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While General DeWitt was conferring with governmental authorities yesterday, Tom C. Clark, chief of DeWitt's civilian staff on alien control, addressed the Japanese-American Citizens' League, meeting in San Francisco to plan a course of conduct for members.

FULL PROTECTION

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"We want to see you get there safely, and so we'll have to know when and where you go," Clark said.

Afterward, the League, representing native-born Japanese in 10 Western States, appointed a committee of eight to confer with Federal officials today on all matters relating to evacuation and resettlement. The organization has promised full obedience to any orders issued by the Army.

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As a result, the Army decided to establish the 8,500 acre "processing" camp at Manzanar. Japanese will remain at the camp until permanent locations can be found for them.

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VFW Chief: 'Let's Move All Japanese Away From Coast'

PORTLAND, Or., March 9 (UP)—National V. F. W. Commander Max Singer, Boston, Mass., tonight urged that the United States immediately move all Axis nationals from the Pacific Coast.

"We can't afford to gamble on another Pearl Harbor," Singer said. "Alens on the Coast are in such large numbers that they would be a distinct threat to our national safety if they took united action

against us." Japanese citizens should be interned as well, he asserted.

Singer reported that 19 per cent of the 375,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars in the country are now back in Japan. "That shows how we

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**Montana Beet Growers
Welcome Jap Workers**

HAMILTON, Mont., March 10.—
(AP)—George C. Durland, Ravalli
County AAA Committee chairman,
said yesterday the sugar beet grow-
ers of the Bitterroot Valley had
lined up almost 100 per cent in
favor of the importation of Japanese
from the Pacific Coast for beet
crop work.

Burland explained that because
most of the Filipinos who formerly
had worked in the beet fields had
left for the Pacific Coast to re-
place Japanese evacuated from the
area the valley labor situation was
acute.

The growers favor permitting the
evacuees and detainees among the
Japanese to work during the harvest
under guard, he said.

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OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Other developments of the day included:

1--The army began construction of the reception center for evacuees on 5800 acres of land at Manzanar, midway between Lone Pine and Independence in Owens valley.

SELF-SUSTAINED CENTER

The reception center in Owens valley is on land acquired by the Government from the city of Los Angeles and the territory in which it is located was described as having sufficient railway facilities, water supply and agricultural acreage "to make the center largely self-sustained."

Pre-fabricated houses designed for family occupancy are to be erected so families can be kept intact until such time as further movement may be decided upon.

United Press advised that the Los Angeles City Council gave "back-handed approval" to the Manzanar project by not adopting a resolution opposing the program.

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The order was issued as it was reported that removal of some 10,000 Japanese from coastal areas would start within 10 days and as an official of the Japanese-American Citizens League predicted that Japanese farmers stand to lose \$100,000,000 in the impending evacuation, but that non-alien Caucasians will lose "billion-dollar investments."

At Same Time Army Warns That Plowing Under of Crops Will Constitute Sabotage

GENERAL'S WARNING

Warning against plowing under crops came from Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt of the Western Defense Command, who declared that "destruction of growing foodstuffs is outright sabotage and will be dealt with accordingly." Aliens would face immediate internment for the duration, while citizens would be confined at once and tried.

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No Plans for Japanese in Park Garden

Following receipt of numerous letters asking preservation of the present "garden atmosphere" in the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, the Park Commission announced yesterday it had no present plans for conversion of the beauty site.

Jerry Linares, commission secretary, pointed out a Japanese family still holds the lease and has not been asked by the Army to move. The commission, he said, wants to conform with Army requests that Japanese not abandon their occupations till instructed to do so.

One proposal before the commission is for alteration of the spot into a Chinese tea garden. This was made by Ching Wah Lee, San Francisco Chinese, operator of a sightseeing bureau, and one of the promoters of the Chinese Village at the Exposition. He also led the movement for rebuilding of the "Old Chinatown" section in Cameron Alley.

Lee offered to increase substantially the \$50 monthly rental now paid by the Japanese family. He proposed, in a letter to the commission, to change the garden motif to Chinese and maintain the same atmosphere.

One other proposition has been received by the commission, from Steve Rice, former operator of the Elephant Train line in the park. Rice proposed to sell soft drinks.

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Sabotage

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Coincident with the prediction came a declaration from military authorities that plowing under of crops by Japanese aliens or citizens would be considered sabotage and prosecuted as such.

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ALIEN EVACUATION TO CAUSE LOSS OF BILLIONS, SAYS JAPANESE LEAGUE

FINDINGS OF SURVEY

To the Japanese citizens' group, conferring in San Francisco with Army and Government authorities on the prospective exodus, Nobumitsu Takahashi, agricultural coordinator for the Northern California district council of the organization, reported the findings of a survey on probable agricultural displacement.

Total displacement of vegetables to be expected from evacuation of Japanese would amount to 40 per cent of the total farm acreage, or some 200,000 acres.

Fully 50 per cent of the total canning tomato acreage in California, which produces one-quarter of the

U.S. pack, is operated by Japanese, Takahashi declared, and the evacuation would reduce the 1942 pack by 5,000,000 cases.

Japanese farm at least 75 per cent of the State's celery acreage, he continued, and in the leading celery counties the holdings run nearer 95 per cent. Value of the Japanese produced crop amounts to \$5,900,000.

JAPANESE PRODUCTION

He estimated other Japanese crop production as follows: snap beans, 80 per cent; cauliflower, 65 per cent; peas, 80 per cent; strawberries, 95 per cent; processed spinach, 60 per cent; garlic, 75 per cent; peppers, 95 per cent. The approximate value of Japanese produced crops is believed to be over \$40,000,000.

"The Japanese farmers stand to lose approximately \$100,000,000 in investments," Takahashi concluded, "but due to the complexity of economic systems, billion dollar investments by others (Caucasians) will also be lost.

"The economic structure of the vegetable industry, both wholesale and retail, will be seriously weakened. Sudden curtailment of their production of farm products by evacuation of the Japanese will cause far-reaching economic disruption of wholesale produce markets, grocery, retail stores, fertilizer, insecticide, petroleum, implements, banks, land-owners, labor and other interests."

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31 Additional Aliens Jailed In Seattle

SEATTLE, March 9 (UP)—Week-end arrests of 29 Japanese and two Germans in the Puget Sound Area were announced today by the Federal Bureau of Identification.

An army patrol arrested nine Japs yesterday at Port Townsend following a fire and explosion in a section building on the Port Townsend Southern Railroad and turned them over to immigration authorities here.

Raids on homes and business houses in Seattle Saturday resulted in the arrest of 20 Japs in possession of 100 Nazi swastika lapel pins which Federal officers said apparently were intended for use as fifth column identification badges in the event of an invasion of the Pacific Northwest by Japanese troops.

Two Germans in possession of a veritable arsenal and a short wave radio receiving set were taken into custody in Port Angeles Saturday.

One of the Germans had a three-barreled Krupp combination shotgun and rifle, a double barreled 16-gauge shotgun, a .22 caliber rifle, two large hunting knives, two pairs of binoculars, a spyglass, a camera and 1089 rounds of ammunition.

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3—In Washington, Secretary of War Stimson asked Congress for legislation allowing the Army to proceed in criminal courts against persons "entering, remaining in or leaving military areas" contrary to orders of evacuation or exceptions thereto. The proposed legislation would provide penalties for violation up to a fine of \$5000 or a year in jail, or both.

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Arrests

JAP GIRL WITH SOLDIER; JAILED

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SANTA MONICA, March 9.—
(INS)—A pretty 22 year old
Japanese widow was sentenced
to 180 days in jail today after
she was arrested in the early
morning hours with a soldier on
the beach.

The girl, Betty Miya, denied
any attempt to use the soldier
for espionage purposes, saying:

"I am not a spy. I was just
lonely and looking for atmos-
phere. My only desire in as-
sociating with soldiers was to
console them when they were
lonely. I thought it was my
patriotic duty."

She said she was born in the
United States and was employed
as a servant by "movie people"
in Hollywood.

The soldier, Private William H.
Martin, 24, was questioned by
Army authorities.

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Japanese With Maps Of Military Areas Is Jailed

HONOLULU, March 10.—(P)—Keizaburo Hirano, 56, an alien and former lieutenant in the Japanese Imperial Army, was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to five years at hard labor by a provost court today for failing to report possession of maps showing naval and military establishments in California.

Hirano is lucky that he is not being shot, said Lieutenant Colonel John R. Hermann, in passing out the maximum sentence.

The maps showed the location of military installations at Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Jose, Salinas and Fresno.

Police said they found in Hirano's possession three suitcases full of radio tubes, a shortwave radio receiving set registered as owned by a citizen housemaid in his home, three swords, three cameras, a pair of binoculars and twenty gallons of gasoline. Under rationing regulations civilians are allowed but ten gallons of gasoline monthly.

Hirano is owner of the Honolulu Gold Exchange Company.

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Loyal Japanese Must Keep Faith, Win Reward

Editor of The Bee—Sir: It is a tragedy that the evacuation of all Japanese eventually must occur yet there is no alternative if we are to protect ourselves from internal sabotage while engaged in a desperate external defense of our way of life. Hardship and humiliation inevitably will befall many Japanese who are actually good Americans, but there is no way of distinguishing the good from the bad, so the good also must go.

However, I am sure those of Japanese descent who are 100 per cent Americans will realize the very hardships they will be called upon to endure will constitute part of their bit in assisting the country of their birth or adoption to win the war to preserve our liberties against imperialism and Fascism.

The citizen who bears up under calumny and abuse wrongfully inflicted is indeed a citizen well worth the honored title of American. I am sure such a one will be repaid for his faith.

War is no respecter of persons and drastic measures are as much a part of the grim game as the roar of cannons. To those real Americans of Japanese ancestry, all we can say is keep the faith and time will bring its reward.

HUGHE C. WILLIAMS.
Porterville.

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According to Tom Clark, chief of General DeWitt's civilian staff on alien control, the government has no intention of requiring any sud-

den mass evacuation. There will be no "forced labor gangs," he said and prevailing wage rates will apply.

Those who go to the two announced "clearing stations—one in Owens Valley and one in the Palo Verde valley in Colorado—as well as those who evacuate to other inland points will be given full Governmental protection.

"We want to see you get there safely," he said, "and so we'll have to know when and where you go. But if we don't know where you go, it will be difficult to do anything for you."

He told the Japanese delegates, "You'll be rendering your country the loyalty you owe it if you cooperate with us. Frankly, you have the opportunity to show the American people who you are and what you have in your hearts."

VIGILANTISM TO BE PUNISHED

He warned that any display of vigilantism against evacuees cooperating with the Government will be punished by Federal prosecution.

Claiming that only 140 requests for Federal assistance were made out of 8000 Japanese moved in the February evacuations, he praised the Japanese for "solving their own problems."

At his request, a committee was named to confer with him and Colonel McGill today. The committee includes Tom Yego, Newcastle; James Sakamoto, Seattle; Masao Satow and Fred Tayama, Los Angeles; Mamaro Wakasugi, Portland; Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Fresno, and Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the league, San Francisco. The committee, meeting last night, drew up proposals to be submitted at 10 a. m. today.

Herbert D. Armstrong and W. B. Palland, representing the Federal Reserve Bank, announced that institution has been delegated to assist avacuees in problems of property disposal. All avacuees have been told not to dispose of their property at a loss, and that if necessary property custodians will hold their possessions for them until the end of the war.

Final Plans Made for 
Jap Ouster in 10 Days

S.F. Examiner - Mar. 10, 1942

With evacuation of Japanese from coastal areas of California definitely scheduled to start within ten days, military authorities, Federal agencies—and the Japanese, themselves—plunged into a series of conferences yesterday to seek answers for some of the many knotty problems raised by the forced migration.

Informed that family ties would be respected, that property rights would be safeguarded, and that no sudden, mass evacuation will be ordered, the Japanese American citizens League named a committee to confer with Tom C. Clark, alien co-ordinator, and other Federal officials.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. John L. De Witt was discussing the in-

involved program with John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, and with representatives of the Treasury and Agriculture Departments.

In two or three days, the General announced, the Government will disclose definite plans for protecting property rights and crops of evacuees.

At the same time, De Witt warned that Japanese farmers who plow under or otherwise destroy growing crops will be arrested for sabotage.

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CROP SABOTAGE

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2—Associated Press advised from Salt Lake City that large-scale movement of Japanese agriculturists was noted there and conferences were held for resettlement.

At Salt Lake, three representatives of Pacific Coast Japanese groups conferred with S. J. Boyer, executive secretary of the Utah Farm Bureau Federaton, regarding truck farms.

Boyer told Associated Press one of the spokesmen represented 500 families "who have their own farm equipment and money to buy most any land."

LANDS INSPECTED

It was announced inspection of farming lands in Idaho, Cororado and Arizona also was being undertaken by the Japanese committee.

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Property Rights Of Evacuees Are Guarded By Bank

Custodians Will Protect
Japanese, Aliens From
Fraud, Forced Sales

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—(AP)—The Federal Reserve Bank will set up a custodianship to protect the property rights of persons forced to evacuate military zones on the Pacific Coast.

Thousands of Japanese—alien and American born—and German and Italian aliens are affected.

Details of the custodianship were received today from Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, by Congressman John H. Tolan, chairman of the house committee investigating defense migration.

Protected From Fraud

Those who have to liquidate their property on short notice will be given protection from fraud, forced sales and unscrupulous creditors.

Secretary Morgenthau telegraphed Congressman Tolan that "properly staffed offices under the direction of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank will be opened at once in the local communities from which evacuees will be moved."

Morgenthau said it is expected that in most instances the evacuees will voluntarily avail themselves of the facilities.

Sanctions Are Needed

"Government sanctions," he said, "will be necessary to deal with creditors and others who seek unfair advantage of the evacuees."

The Federal Reserve Bank, the fiscal agent of the treasury department, has branches in Los Angeles, Seattle and Portland. The reserve bank will work in close liaison with

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the Federal Security Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, and other federal and state agencies in dealing with property in the course of liquidation.

As to agricultural properties, an attempt will be made to arrange for the leasing or sale or, if there is need, for the growing of crops with a view to preventing their loss through inattention.

Morgenthau stated that "evacuees threatened by creditors will be encouraged to come to the representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank for advice and guidance."

Nobumitsu Takahashi, agricultural coordinator, Northern California District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League, declared in a statement today that forced evacuation of Japanese farmers from California will result in losses of billions of dollars.

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'Remember California'

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Well, at long last it seems we are to evacuate the Japanese, but let us not hurry. A delicate situation like this requires handling with kid gloves. First let us turn the other cheek. Then when we have awaked from our Rip Van Winkle slumber to the shock of seeing our air bases bombed and our power plants blown up, we probably will add to "Remember Pearl Harbor" another slogan, "Remember California."

As long as they are spending the taxpayers' money so lavishly, let them employ a board which will act on this alien situation at once and save our state from destruction. MRS. FORD V. MILLS.
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In a wire to President Roosevelt last night, Congressman Tolan announced that a preliminary report on its western enemy alien hearings will be submitted to Congress next week.

A second, more detailed report with recommendations will follow in several weeks, Tolan revealed here.

Tolan's message paid tribute to Lieut. Gen. John De Witt, Western Army defense commander, informing the President that "the committee feels that General De Witt is doing a fine job."

Civilian morale on the Pacific coast "is of the highest degree," Tolan added. "However, our people out here are all eager to take their coats off and pitch in to win this fight."

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TAKAHASHI TELLS RESULT OF STUDY

High Percentage of Japanese Production Of Vegetables Verified

Nobumitsu Takahashi, agricultural coordinator of the Northern California district council of the Japanese American Citizens League, Monday presented to the national council meeting a detailed report on the effect the evacuation of Japanese farmers from California would have on the agricultural economy of the state as well as the nation.

He pointed out the loss to the national food production program that would result from any abrupt cessation of farm operation by the Japanese such as the impending evacuation makes necessary.

The text of Takahashi's report follows:

The eventual evacuation of Japanese from California will inevitably bring about a serious problem caused by the abrupt disruption of essential vegetable production.

As Secretary Wickard stated on December 19, 1941, "One indispensable line of war production is food. The fighters need food, and the workers who help equip the fighters need food to make possible the top performance which is demanded by the danger we are facing as a nation and the danger that many of our men are facing as individuals. We all know that vegetables make an essential contribution to the better nutrition and thus to the health and strength of all our people, and to the virility of the nation."

Secretary Wickard realized the vital necessity of vegetables for a stronger nation when he said, "Let's make it the three V's—'Vegetables for Vitality, for Victory.'"

We will attempt in the following lines to show how much less will be suffered from the evacuation of Japanese farmers and farm hands. Before we go further, it might be useful to keep in mind the goals that Secretary Wickard has set for 1942. They are as follows:

- 40 million cases of canned tomatoes
- 38 million cases of canned peas
- 12½ million cases of snap beans
- 24 million cases of canned corn.

From these figures, we can see that in order to accomplish this goal, a tremendous effort must be put forth.

40 Per Cent Loss Seen

In California, the total displacement of vegetables to be expected from an evacuation such as is impending would amount to 40 per cent of the total acreage farmed in the state or 200,000 acres. This means quite a large loss to the war production effort. A further breaking-down of this total of 40 per cent into certain specific commodities produces some very interesting results. Take tomatoes, for instance. The Japanese produce fully 50 per cent of the total acreage of California canning tomatoes and California as a whole produces one-fourth of the total United States tomato pack. This means 5,000,000 cases of the total 1942 goal are dependent on California Japanese alone.

The Japanese farmers in California stand to lose approximately \$100,000,000 in investments, but due to the complexity of the economic system, a billion dollars in investments by others (Caucasians) will also be affected.

In other words, the economic structure of the vegetable industries, both wholesale and retail, will be seriously weakened. This can be easily seen when many concerns are largely or wholly dependent upon these Japanese for the continuance of their business.

Sudden disruption of Japanese farm products by evacuation will have a far-reaching effect on the wholesale produce market system, on grocery retail stores, on the fertilizer, insecticide, petroleum and farm implement industries, on banks, land-owners, labor and many other facets of the economic system.

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Jap Invasion of U.S. Declared Set for April 15

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Special to S. F. Examiner.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The War Plans Division of the Army General Staff and the Office of Operations of the Navy today were put on notice to thoroughly investigate reported plans of the Japanese war lords to attempt an American invasion about April 15.

The subcommittee of the joint conference of Pacific coast Congressional delegations dealing with West coast defense problems, charged with maintaining close contacts with the War and Navy Departments, at a meeting at the Capitol today had representatives present from the War Plans Division and the Operations Office.

The Army and Navy officers were informed that reports had been received, "from a source which has been heretofore reliable," that the Japanese war timetable will bring the second

phase of their plans into action the middle of next month.

These reported plans, they were informed, include a major attack on Hawaii and the commencement of sabotage action on the Pacific coast, leading up to an attempt to invade the Continental United States.

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McGill, Clark Assure Fair Treatment in Evacuation of Coast Areas in Talk to JACL

DELEGATES HEAR FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Mutual Evacuation Problems Must Be Solved Says McGill

Evacuation of the west coast's 120,000 citizen and alien Japanese will be handled in the "most humane way possible," Col. W. F. McGill, Provost Marshal of the Western Defense Command, assured the 200 representatives of the Japanese American Citizens league's 66 chapters at Monday afternoon's national council session.

Col. McGill announced that another proclamation from Lieut. Gen. John DeWitt "within a few days" would define additional prohibited and restricted areas in the states of the Western Defense Command not covered by the original proclamation last Tuesday.

Tom Clark, Alien Co-ordinator and chairman of Gen. DeWitt's civilian staff on evacuation, assured the delegates that everything possible would be done to minimize personal hardships and property losses through evacuation.

"You'll be rendering your country that loyalty you owe as citizens when you depart under evacuation orders," Clark said.

Insisting that family units would be maintained, Clark said:

"Tell your people that we have no intention of separating families."

Clark also favored all voluntary efforts to solve evacuation problems, noting that government agencies were already taxed to capacity.

He said that all Japanese who are voluntarily evacuating coastal zones and proceeding to inland areas would be given protection en route and upon their arrival at their destination.

"We want to see that you get there safely but we must know where you are going and when you intend to go. If we don't know your plans, it will be difficult for us to do anything."

He added that efforts would be made to establish communities of Japanese with their own doctors and other professional men, their own merchants and services which could be under the protection of military authorities or whatever authorities are established.

Kawai asked if citizen Japanese would be allowed unrestricted movement once they arrived in their new communities outside the prohibited and restricted areas. Clark replied that the problem would have to be worked out by the military authorities in relation to the amount of protection necessary for each community.

Suggestions by Nisei Asked

Clark commended the Japanese residents on the fact that the great majority of those who were ordered out of prohibited areas in February left voluntarily. He said that only 140 out of 8000 evacuees had asked for federal assistance.

He asked for suggestions from the Japanese saying that "you know your own problems and we welcome your suggestions." He said that he and his staff had been studying the problems of the Japanese community for the past five or six weeks but "you've been living with those problems all your life."

He said that the evacuation crisis had given the young Japanese a chance to prove their loyalty and added:

"Frankly, you have the opportunity in carrying on the evacuation to show the American people who you are and what is in your heart. You will have the protection of the government when you get there and anyone who harms you will be prosecuted under the law."

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Hongkong Woman Affirms British Atrocity Charge

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, March 11. — (AP) —

Phyllis Harrop, first foreign woman to escape from Japanese occupied Hongkong, gave an eyewitness account today of the atrocities committed by the invaders, in complete confirmation of the report before Britain's house of commons yesterday by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Miss Harrop, whose anti vice crusades won her the name of "Hongkong's District Attorney Dewey" said both Chinese and Europeans were victims of the invaders.

Servant Mistreated

"My own house boy was killed— bayoneted in the stomach for no apparent reason," she declared. "Fourteen other Chinese in the same house were killed. My own amah (woman servant) was mistreated by three or four Japanese soldiers and left in a very serious condition.

"Foreign women also were attacked, including an English woman I knew who first was slashed in the face with a soldier's belt. Her husband afterwards found her dead with bayonet wounds in the stomach.

"The Japanese did not shoot any of their victims, but invariably bayoneted them to death."

Miss Harrop, an English woman who escaped from the former crown colony in mid January, said all American, Dutch and British men, women and children were interned in the Stanley district on Hongkong Island, while prisoners of war were interned in Kowloon, on the mainland.

She said the civilian internees— 600 Americans, 3,000 British and seventy Dutch nationals — were given two bowls of rice a day each, in addition to a small ration of vegetables. They also were given fish occasionally, but never any meat.

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29 Japanese in Seattle Area Arrested by FBI

SEATTLE, March 10—Weekend arrests of 29 Japanese and two Germans in the Puget Sound area were announced Monday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An army patrol arrested nine Japanese Sunday at Port Townsend following a fire and explosion in a section building on the Port Townsend Southern railroad and turned them over to immigration authorities.

Raids on homes and business houses in Seattle Saturday resulted in the arrest of 20 Japanese in possession of 100 Nazi swastika lapel pins which Federal officers said apparently were intended for use as fifth column identification badges in the event of an invasion of the Pacific northwest by Japanese troops.

Two Germans in possession of a veritable arsenal and a short wave radio receiving set were taken into custody in Port Angeles Saturday.

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Aliens: Federal Reserve Bank of S. F. Appointed Property Custodian on Coast

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Officials of the War and Treasury Departments yesterday wiped out a growing maze of legal and financial entanglements by appointing a "scandal-proof" alien property custodian for the Pacific Coast.

The custodian is the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

The selection was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau in a telegram to Representative John Tolan of Oakland, head of a congressional committee investigating alien affairs.

In the program described by Morgenthau and approved by army officials, the bank will have broad powers to protect evacuated aliens from gouging creditors, prevent huge losses in enforced sales, store non-perishable goods, aid in the sale, lease or operation of property, and act as agent with power of attorney.

BANK GIVEN POWER

Although Morgenthau emphasized the bank hopes aliens and creditors will use its services on a voluntary basis, he indicated the bank can also "step in and take over" if necessary.

With details of evacuation from new prohibited zones still undisclosed by the Army, enemy aliens and American-born Japanese were rushing to clean up their affairs in coastal territories. Highlights were:

1—The Japanese-American Citizens' League announced its national headquarters would be moved from San Francisco, in the center of the prohibited zone, to Salt Lake City.

An emergency council, headed by Saburo Kido of San Francisco, national president, will direct the league's activities.

2—A delegation from the league placed new proposals to modify evacuation orders before Alien Co-ordinator Tom Clark, assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, and other Federal authorities.

3—Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy urged Japanese in prohibited areas to start making their own vocational survey.

4—Army officials in Washington and Hawaii were reported to be considering enforced evacuation of Japanese from the Hawaiian Islands. Approximately 40 per cent of the island population is Japanese.

According to W. M. Hale, head of the Federal Reserve Bank here, plans are virtually complete for the property custodianship.

AID TO THOUSANDS

"We ought to be ready to go within the next day or two," he said. "The Army, which will have final say, has already approved Secretary Morgenthau's program."

As announced by Morgenthau, the plan calls for aid to the tens of thousands of aliens and Nisei about to be evacuated from Pacific Coast areas, and the "protection of the property of such persons against fraud, forced sales, and unscrupulous creditors."

He admitted the emergency would "obviously" cause financial loss to the evacuees, but claimed they were entitled to "reasonable protection consistent with the war effort."

SEVEN-POINT PROGRAM

In brief, the custodianship is based on a seven-point program to be conducted by the bank, "subject to over-all control by the army."

1—Special offices will be maintained in Seattle, Portland and San Francisco and special representatives sent to smaller cities in the prohibited zone.

2—Availability of the bank's services will be publicized throughout the area.

3—The bank will aid evacuees to "obtain buyers, lessees and other users of their property on fair terms," or, if necessary, to "act as agent for the evacuee under a power of attorney or similar arrangement and take steps to liquidate the property on fair terms."

4—The bank will give advice and guidance to evacuees threatened by creditors and discuss the matter with the creditor "with the view to working out a fair settlement and limiting the remedies that may be pursued by the creditor who threatens unfair action."

(By and large, Morgenthau declared, the mere existence of this program will eliminate or forestall most of the sharp practices that are now feared.)

5—The bank will assist in arranging storage of property if its real value can only be realized at a future time. This, it was said, would apply particularly in case of such goods as Japanese novelties.

6—Working with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the bank will attempt to arrange for the leasing or sale of agricultural property, or "if need be for the growing of the

crops, with a view to preventing their loss through inattention."

7—The bank will attempt to keep matters on a voluntary basis, satisfactory to the evacuee. "Where these efforts fail, it may be necessary for the bank's representative to step in and take the property over for the purpose of obtaining a fair and reasonable liquidation."

EXPERTS ARRIVE

Morgenthau said military officials and the Treasury Department now have ample legal authority to put this program in effect. This authority will be delegated to the Federal Reserve Bank here so there will be no need to refer every decision to Washington.

In San Francisco, Hale of the Federal Reserve Bank said a group of experts had already arrived from Washington, and a satisfactory staff is now available.

"If more help is needed," he said, "Secretary Morgenthau has promised additional men will be flown here from Washington."

During the last three days, Hale had been working out final details with John W. Pehle, assistant to Morgenthau and in charge of foreign funds control. Pehle plans to leave here today for the Northwest.

At the meeting of Government officials with representatives of American-born Japanese, Assistant Secretary of War McCloy urged the Japanese to start an immediate vocational survey. He indicated such a project would facilitate organization of resettlement communities, providing each group with necessary physicians, merchants, teachers, workers and laborers.

He urged them likewise to avoid

any hysteria and declared the government is doing everything possible to prevent unnecessary hardships.

The government has undertaken this evacuation with a feeling of good will toward the Japanese in America. This feeling, he claimed, is contingent on their good behavior. "This is one of the penalties of war which must be endured," he added.

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Crops Will Be Attended

In the cases of agricultural properties on which crops are growing, attempts will be made to arrange for leasing or selling the property, or for continuing attention to the growing crops to prevent their loss, Tolan said.

The bank set to work immediately to protect the evacuated aliens from fraud, forced sales and unscrupulous creditors. It set up an office in the old NYK, Japanese shipping firm, office and announced that starting tomorrow it will give aid to any aliens seeking it.

At the same time, reserve bank officials from Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles, who conferred here on the alien matter, returned to their home cities to set up similar offices.

Plans also were made to set up suboffices in cities with heavy concentrations of aliens, such as Sacramento, Stockton, San Diego, Salinas and the Monterey area and the east bay area.

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**Japanese Own 15,225
Acres in Fresno County**

FRESNO, March 10--District Attorney W. C. Tupper reported today that Japanese owned 15,225 acres of land in Fresno county, most of it east of the restricted zone recently proclaimed by the Western defense command. The survey is being continued to determine how much land is lease held by Japanese.

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Property Problems Studied

Herbert D. Armstrong of the Federal Reserve bank in San Francisco announced that the Federal Reserve bank had been delegated to assist evacuees in handling property problems. He disclosed that the Federal Reserve bank was creating a new department which would handle these evacuation problems.

Armstrong suggested that American-born Japanese attempt to solve their property problems privately but said that the government stood ready to help them if they were unable to do so.

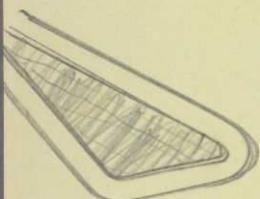
Prefacing his remarks with the statement that he would not discuss the issue whether the decision to evacuate citizen Japanese should be reconsidered, Col. McGill stated that evacuation would come when the machinery for handling such problems had been properly set up. He drew attention to recent statements by Gen. DeWitt urging the Japanese farmers to continue farming as well as continue maintenance and care of property.

McGill stated that he and the delegates had "mutual problems" on evacuation and hoped that he could meet on "common ground" with them.

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Elks Ask Removal of All Japanese

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record as urging the immediate
removal from the West Coast of
all Japanese, both alien and Amer-
ican born, and of all Italian and
German aliens.

A copy of the resolution was
ordered sent to the President, all
members of Congress, army lead-
ers and others.

The resolution points out the
danger of saboteurs causing con-
siderable damage to plants and
installation along the West Coast,
which the army has termed a com-
bat zone.

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Japanese Rush To Muroc Range Area Revealed

Land Ownership Maps Show Military Areas Attracted Foe Aliens

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—

State officials said today six Japanese families moved to the barren desert bordering the United States Army Air Corps bombing range at Muroc Lake after the range was developed, although before that time there was not a Japanese farmer within miles.

Warren Olney, Jr., deputy state attorney general, said maps of Japanese held lands show several instances where Japanese settled "farms" soon after the army had constructed an army post. It was not a case of the army establishing bases where the Japanese happened to be living.

Muroc Case Is Cited

The most convincing instance of this, Olney stated, was in connection with the army air corps' practice range in the Muroc Lake area of Kern and San Bernardino Counties. This lies near the heart of the Mojave Desert. It is questionable whether even sage brush would flourish there. So far as the records show, there was not a Japanese farmer for miles around.

But, said Olney, as soon the air air corps established its Muroc Lake bombing and gunnery range, six Japanese families moved to the border of the military reservation. They said they were farmers. Olney said it was quite plain the only thing that could be raised there is dust.

Air Base Draw Aliens

Another striking example of Japanese families following the army, the deputy attorney general stated, it provided in the Santa Maria area. Until the army began establishing air bases and posts in that section, Japanese nearly were non-existent. Now they are much in evidence in fields surrounding the military establishments.

One of the most serious situations exists, in Olney's opinion, in the coastal strip between Ventura and Gaviota. Included in this area is the oil refinery near Goleta which was shelled a few days ago by a Japanese submarine.

Invasion Is Recounted

A few years ago, the study reveals, few Japanese lived in all of Santa Barbara and practically none in this vital strategic area. Now they are to be found at nearly every cross road.

"The curious thing is this," Olney stated. "This entire strip is exceptionally fertile. Any part of it would lend itself to the type of farming operations generally engaged in by Japanese.

"But the Japanese farms are found nowhere in this entire area of hundreds of thousands of acres except close to military establishments or other vital defense facilities.

"And they are around every one of these, so close they easily could practice sabotage. This appears to be somewhat more than a coincidence."

Fifth Column Mentioned

Following the shelling of the oil refinery reports were current there had been signalling from the hillsides a short distance back from the coast. It can be stated, also, there are other phases of this shelling which are under investigation by the authorities indicating the Japanese submarine had help from fifth columnists in that area.

Olney said he has not received information from other sections of California and could not state whether this apparent program of camping on the army's heels has been general throughout the state. But he believes it has.

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U. S. SETS STAGE FOR JAP REMOVAL

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Federal Reserve Bank Named Custodian of Property

Machinery for evacuation of thousands of Japanese aliens and citizens from coastal areas of California and adjoining States neared completion yesterday with designation of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as property custodian for the evacuees.

The bank, with its branches in Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle, is charged with helping evacuees solve the multiple financial problems attendant upon their forced removal and with "protection of the property of such persons against fraud, forced sales and unscrupulous creditors."

DETAILS SENT TOLAN.

Details of the program which the bank will carry out were communicated to Representative John H. Tolan of Oakland, chairman of the House Committee on Defense Migration, in a telegram from Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

Property custodian offices, properly staffed under direction of the Federal Reserve Bank, will be immediately opened in local communities from which evacuees are to be moved. Bank representatives in those offices will assist evacuees in liquidating property and protecting them against "those seeking to take unfair advantage of their plight."

John W. Pehle, assistant to Sec-

retary Morgenthau, is now in San Francisco for the purpose of putting the program in effect.

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Japanese Army Officer Fined In Honolulu

HONOLULU, March 10—(U.P.)—Keizaburo Hirano, a former lieutenant in the Japanese army, was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to five years at hard labor Monday for failing to report his possession of maps showing military and naval establishments in California.

Provost court officials said he had three suitcases filled with radio tubes and a shortwave receiver, three swords, three cameras, binoculars and 20 gallons of gasoline.

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PROBLEMS OF EVACUATION DISCUSSED BY GEN. DEWITT, ASSISTANT WAR SECRETARY

Word on Property of Evacuees Promised After Conference

Problems incident to the evacuation of Japanese and others from prohibited zones in the Pacific coast states and Arizona were the subject of a lengthy conference Monday between Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and Fourth army, and representatives of various Federal agencies which will have a part in the program.

Taking part in the meeting after a flight from Washington by military plane was Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy. Others present were Tom C. Clark, chief of the civilian staff on alien control under General DeWitt, and spokesmen for the U. S. Treasury and Federal Reserve bank, the U. S. department of agriculture, and the Social Security board.

Property Announcement Soon

Out of the conference came word that definite announcement will be made within two or three days of the steps which the Federal government will take to safeguard property, crop and other interests which evacuees must leave behind.

There have been many indications that the Japanese facing evacuation have been waiting anxiously for specific information on plans for protecting their property, and the promised announcement is expected to be followed by a rush of Japanese to place their tangibles in government hands.

General DeWitt told the conference that Japanese living in the barred zones are still being encouraged to make and follow their own arrangements for resettling inland, and that many were doing this — just how many or what percentage of the whole he did not know.

Following the conference, General DeWitt announced that Japanese farmers, aliens or citizens, who plow under growing crops, will be arrested and prosecuted as saboteurs.

"Destruction of growing food-stuffs is outright sabotage and will be dealt with accordingly," the General declared. Immediate internment for the duration of the war is one punishment that could be handed out to alien food saboteurs, while in the case of citizens the procedure would be confinement and speedy trial.

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Japanese With Maps Fined \$5000, 5 Years

HONOLULU, March 10 (INS) —Keizaburo Hirano, an alien and former lieutenant in the Japanese army, today was fined \$5000 and sentenced to five years at hard labor by a provost court for failing to report possession of military and naval maps, radio equipment, cameras and other articles forbidden to aliens.

Maps found in the possession of the 56-year-old pawnbroker showed military and naval establishments in Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Jose, Salinas and Fresno, Calif. He also possessed a short-wave receiving set, three suitcases full of radio tubes, three cameras, a pair of binoculars, three swords and a cache of 20 gallons of gasoline.

Hirano had lived in Honolulu for eight years and was the owner of the Honolulu Gold Exchange Company. He had previously lived in California for five years.

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1—Representative John Costello of Los Angeles told interviewers in Washington that he believes the Army is considering evacuation of 20,000 Japanese from Hawaii to the mainland. Army authorities had no comment.

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Seek Truck Farms in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, March 10 — Three representatives of Pacific coast Japanese groups conferred with S. J. Boyer, executive secretary of the Utah Farm Bureau federation, regarding truck farms.

Boyer said one of the spokesman represented 500 families "who have their own farm equipment and money to buy most any land."

Nicki Bei
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**Japanese Sued
For Damage in
Accident Case**

SAN JOSE, March 10—James Gratton, psycho - therapist, Monday sought \$25,000 damages from F. Yoshihara, Japanese farmer, as result of an auto crash here February 7. Gratton claims he was permanently injured in the accident, which he says resulted from the defendant's negligence.

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'Evacuate All Japs From Hawaii'

WASHINGTON, March 10 (P) — Representative Costello (D., Cal.), said in an interview today that the Army should move 20,000 Japanese from Hawaii to the mainland of the United States "before it is too late."

"The Army should take the same precaution in Hawaii that it is taking in California and remove Japanese from areas where they might become dangerous," Costello said. "It should take 20,000 of the Japanese in Hawaii who are most likely to be subversive in case of an attack upon the Territory and remove them to the mainland, far enough from the coast so they cannot engage in sabotage."

"It is my guess the Army is considering such a program, but it should do it now and not wait until the South Pacific situation gives the Japanese the opportunity to attack Hawaii."

Meantime, four sub-committees on the Pacific Coast Congressional delegation went to work to investigate the defense of the Coast.

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A Viewpoint on The Evacuation

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: It has finally and definitely been decided that eventually all the German, Italian and Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans will be evacuated from all the designated military zones.

I am led to believe and realize that this is to prevent sabotage and fifth column activity, as well as for our safety. Although moving will inconvenience us who know loyalty to only America, we accept this with no thought of bitterness or rancor, for what is willed by the army is for national safety.

However, according to the papers, all German and Italian

aliens whose sons are in the armed forces will not be forced to evacuate. Hypothetically, it means that those whose sons are in the armed forces will not have to move. A great number of Japanese-Americans, nisei, are serving in the armed forces of our country, so aren't Japanese entitled to the same consideration? Or is there a line drawn because of racial prejudice and filthy politics? If this be the case, chalk it up as one score for the Axis, for this is just what they are working and praying for, to undermine this fair country.

Discrimination against the Japanese seems to be the order of the day these days. Whatever the source, it reeks of nothing but filthy politics—those who would benefit by the expulsion of their competitors by hook or by crook. I have never believed in the old saying: "Money talks," but now I know money talks.

HARRY YANARI.

San Leandro.

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Japanese Sentenced For Destroying Crop

VENTURA, March 11.—(INS)—
Found guilty of destroying four
acres of lettuce on his Oxnard
farm, Yotaua Obana, Japanese alien,
today began serving a fifty day jail
sentence.

He was taken into custody shortly
after General John L. DeWitt, com-
mander of the 4th Army, warned
that Japanese farmers who de-
stroyed crops would be prosecuted.

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3—Japanese on the civil service eligibility list became a problem when two of their number reported for temporary work in the office of Assessor Russell L. Wolden. They are not given work and the Civil Service Commission will meet today to establish a policy for such cases.

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When two Japanese women, certified by the civil service commission, reported to the assessor for work yesterday, Wolden put them off. He explained it would be useless to train them inasmuch as they will be compelled to leave the city shortly.

As the commission prepared to discuss the problem today, it was suggested that eligible Japanese be placed on a "waiver list" and kept there until they can return to San Francisco.

A. F. Edawiner

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As scores of military and civilian agencies were coping with other problems of alien control, these were highlights of the day:

Associated Press reported FBI agents and local officers raided the Riverside and March Field district in Southern California, seizing 20 Japanese and more than \$250,000 in Japanese bonds.

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OREGON ACTION

In Medford, Ore., the agents searched several homes and arrested an Italian who had contraband.

In Southern California, FBI men and local officers raided the

Riverside and March Field districts and took 20 Japanese into custody.

Stockton Daily Record
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Aliens: Federal Reserve Bank to Assume Property Advisory Duties Here Today

The San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, acting under emergency orders from Washington, will take over its duties today in helping evacuated aliens and others to dispose of their property.

William M. Hale, head of the bank here, announced a special office will be ready this morning to offer advice and aid to all enemy nationals and American-born Japanese facing evacuation from the Pacific Coast States.

NYK QUARTERS

The new office is located in the Financial Center Building quarters formerly occupied by the Japanese-owned NYK Line.

Meanwhile, in Washington, President Roosevelt dashed the hopes of thousands of applicants by filling the job of Alien Property Custodian with Leo T. Crowley, now director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The announcement was made by White House Secretary Stephen T. Early, who said Crowley will continue as head of the FDIC. He receives no salary for either position.

The new Alien Property Custodian is expected to come to San Francisco within the next few days.

According to Federal officials here, there is now a clear division of responsibility for alien-owned property. Crowley, as alien property custodian, will have charge of approximately \$7,000,000,000 worth of frozen assets belonging to aliens living abroad.

Enemy aliens now living in this country and facing evacuation from military zones will deal with the Federal Reserve Bank.

WILL NOT TAKE PROPERTY

The bank, it was emphasized, will not take over property, but provide aid and assistance to owners who ask for it. Bank officials will attempt to obtain fair prices for alien-owned property, assist in arranging changes in leases, arrange for storage, if necessary, and generally prevent gouging by unfair

creditors or purchasers.

The San Francisco office will be under the direction of R. E. Everson, assistant cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank here.

Special representatives will be sent to important cities with large alien populations.

"We may call on many local banks to assist us in offering advice and information," Hale said, "but the Federal Reserve Bank will not delegate authority to other banks to make actual negotiations."

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FBI Seizes Aliens Near March Field

RIVERSIDE, March 12.—(INS)—Nineteen Japanese aliens were jailed today and Japanese bonds worth more than \$250,000 were seized in sweeping raids by the FBI in the vicinity of the March Field army air base and elsewhere in Riverside County.

The federal agents and sheriff's deputies from three counties conducted more than 100 raids in the military district.

The surprise roundup climaxed reports that enemy agents had flocked to Riverside County to observe airplane flight movements at the air base and troop movements at nearby army posts.

It was understood that the contraband bonds seized in the raids included City of Tokio and Japanese Utilities Corporation securities.

The arrests were made in Riverside, Lakeview, San Jacinto, Thermal, Perris, Arlington and Casa Blanca.

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Immigration Unit Head Fears Alien Evacuation Delay

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—

The fear that federal authorities may wait too long in evacuating enemy aliens from the Pacific Coast area was voiced today by James K. Fisk, chairman of the California Joint Immigration Committee and state adjutant of the American Legion.

"Unless these aliens are removed from the vital coast area at once," he said, "there is liable to be much trouble—and much sorrow."

Investigate For Years

The California Joint Immigration Committee has spent years investigating Japanese activities in this state and was one of the first to sound the warning of the danger that might arise from the presence here of a large number of Japanese aliens, and also of many citizens of Japanese descent.

"It is our opinion the situation demands immediate and drastic action on the part of the federal authorities in moving the Japanese from this strategic area," he declared. "If this is not done we may have to suffer dire consequences. Every day we delay increases the danger."

Resents Tolan Rebuff

Fisk expressed resentment at what he described as systematic efforts of the Tolan congressional committee investigating national defense migration to avoid receiving testimony from the immigration committee.

"Unquestionably," Fisk stated, "because of our long study of this problem the California Joint Immigration Committee is the best qualified organization in the state to give testimony on this matter. Yet, the Tolan committee studiously gave us the 'run around.'"

Fisk said he spent several days attempting to talk with Congressman John H. Tolan of Oakland, chairman of the committee, but was forced to "cool his heels" without having an opportunity to see Tolan or any other member of the committee.

"We had some information we thought it was our duty to give the committee," said Fisk. "It was of such importance I spent three full days trying to see Congressman Tolan."

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SPECIAL OFFICE

In San Francisco a special office was opened by the Federal Reserve Bank to offer advice and assist aliens who face removal.

The bank will not take over property owned by aliens, but will attempt to obtain fair prices for alien-owned property, assist in changing of leases, arrange for storage of valuable and in general prevent unfair action by creditors or fraudulent dealers.

As these details are being ironed out, the Federal Bureau of Investigation continued its round-up of suspected dangerous aliens.

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DE WITT ACTS ON S.F. JAP PROPERTY

Co-operation, Speed, Fairness Declared Goal in Evacuation

With evacuation of Japanese from military areas on the Pacific coast expected to be ordered momentarily, Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, Western Defense commander, called for speedy disposition of evacuees' property problems yesterday.

Commenting on announcement that the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco has been designated to aid evacuees in selling, leasing or otherwise protecting their properties, the general said:

"Co-operation, speed and fairness are the keynotes of this program and expeditious handling of the evacuees' property is essential because of the urgency of the West Coast situation."

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Japanese Convicted Of Having Guns

Following unusual court procedure, Yukio Kita, 40, Japanese trucking operator of Irvington, was found guilty today by Superior Judge Lincoln S. Church of violation of California's alien gun law.

Defense Attorney William H. Older asked for probation and the case was continued until April 2 for sentence.

The case was submitted to Judge Church in February on the Niles Justice Court preliminary hearing transcript without any further testimony being taken in the higher court. Judge Church reached his decision today. Kita has been free on \$500 bail.

He was arrested December 10 after sheriff's deputies found a revolver, a shotgun and a rifle in his home. The case was continued early in February when it was learned that Kita had been mysteriously stabbed.

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Evacuation: news clip

**Evacuation of Citizens
To CCC Camps Urged**

SPOKANE, Wash., March 12.—(AP)—An appeal for the prompt evacuation of American-born Japanese from the Northwest coast to abandoned CCC camps in the Spokane region was made today by the Very Rev. Charles E. McAllister, dean of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Dean McAllister said he had asked Maj. Evan W. Kelley, regional U.S. forester at Missoula, Mont., for the co-operation of the Forest Service, which has the supervision of camps in the area.

The appeal was made at the behest of Bishop S. Arthur Huston of the diocese of Olympia, who sought a haven for two Christian congregations of Japanese to be evacuated from the coastal area.

"It is absurd to confine Japanese designated as enemy aliens in commodious quarters at Fort Missoula while Christian Japanese and those who are citizens are driven from pillar to post," said Dean McAllister.

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Arguments for "BT"

Evacue Is Speaker

Action by the board followed an address by Mrs. Ward C. Goesling, wife of a United States Army lieutenant colonel stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, who related highlights of her personal experiences during the Japanese raid in December on Pearl Harbor.

"It was not the Japanese from Japan who made monkeys of your army and navy," she said, "but the young Japanese from American mainland and Hawaiian schools, along with those prepared for internal sabotage. The latter were the American born Japanese, the fourth generation boys who drove tractors and bulldozers into our massed planes.

'No Move Too Drastic'

"It is these people against whom we must be on the alert here. No move is too drastic, no action you take too drastic in the face of the danger they create. Let us, however, avoid the mob rule which is sure to come unless proper steps are taken.

"The Japanese are merciless. You are dealing with brutes. The thing to do is to get rid of them now. One does not deal with rattlesnakes with a feather, nor try to treat the Japanese with kindness."

Mrs. Goesling voiced a plea for all civilians to take part in the home defense program and "above all else, avoid panic in case of a raid."

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Citizenship: Attempts to
divine gap

MOVE STARTS TO BAN JAP CITIZENSHIP

Army orders were expected momentarily today calling for the evacuation of all Japanese from California and other coastal military zones as a U.S. Senate Immigration Subcommittee set March 23 as the date to start hearings on a measure to exclude American-born Japanese from citizenship.

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Sabotage

**Crop Sabotage Costs
Japanese 50 Days** 3/11

VENTURA, March 11 (INS)—
Found guilty of destroying four
acres of lettuce on his Oxnard
farm, Yotaua Obana, Japanese
alien, today began serving a 50-day
jail sentence.

He was taken into custody
shortly after Gen. John L. DeWitt,
commander of the Fourth Army,
warned that Japanese farmers who
destroyed crops would be prose-
cuted.

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Gen. DeWitt Tells Aliens to 'Hurry'

out that they must settle their
affairs quickly.

Evacuation Order Expected Soon

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12 (INS)—Believed ready to order evacuation of Japanese aliens from prohibited zones on the Pacific Coast at any moment, Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commander of the Fourth Army, today warned the nationals to get their financial and property affairs in order as fast as possible.

He promised fairness to the aliens by allowing them to dispose of their holdings, but pointed

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Violence to J.

Two Men Held In Attempt To Burn Japanese Hotel

DINUBA (Tulare Co.), March 12.—Waldo Ammons, 34, and Edward Bernard, 25, of Oroquieta, face arraignment in the superior court on charges they attempted to burn a hotel operated by Japanese in Sultana.

The men were held for trial in the superior court following a hearing before Justice J. W. Floyd in Dinuba.

They testified they believed they were acting with patriotic motives in attempting to burn the Japanese property. Constable C. V. Martin, who arrested the men, said both had been drinking. The fire was started at 2 o'clock in the morning.

The officer reported Bernard and Ammons poured gasoline on an automobile belonging to S. Ogata which was parked in a small garage adjoining the two story hotel. After the car was set afire, Martin said the men drove away and, thinking they were being pursued, fired three revolver shots into the air.

Sultana residents aroused by the shooting noticed the fire before it spread to the main hotel building and fought it with small extinguish-

ers until the arrival of firemen from Dinuba.

The automobile, valued at \$225, was destroyed.

Judge Floyd told the accused men their patriotism had been misapplied, and commented the entire town of Sultana might have been burned.

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Ag Park

Farmers Urge Removal Of All Enemy Aliens

A recommendation that all enemy aliens and all "potential fifth columnists" be removed from the state as soon as possible featured a meeting the Associated Farmers of Fresno County yesterday afternoon in the Hotel Fresno.

President R. F. Schmeiser presided at the session.

"We are conscious of the effect on our agriculture of such measures, but believe loyal farmers can make up the produce losses very rapidly," says the resolution. It also recommends the aliens be kept in areas where possibilities of sabotage are "very limited."

Ask Dropping Of Agencies

Another resolution asks that all "depression born" relief programs such as the WPA, FSA, NYA and CCC be discontinued for the duration of the war because they diminish the limited supply of farm labor now available.

The secondary boycott and hot cargo tactics being used by labor unions are assailed in a resolution which urged that every possible effort be made to obtain passage of the anti secondary boycott and hot cargo bill at the statewide election in November.

Another resolution urges congress to "see that Social Security ruling, Section 21.10 which allows any labor organizer to stop referrals of workers to farms be changed so that the United States Employment Service may be used by agriculture during this war emergency."

Praise WPA Officials

WPA officials were commended for their action in making workers available to agriculture upon request by farmers.

Resolutions also were adopted condemning the practice of able bodied men drawing unemployment insurance at a time when workers are badly needed in agriculture; restrictions, for the duration, on employment of women which is requiring hiring of additional men in industry and taking them from the farms; urging abandonment of the forty hour week during the war emergency, and urging national legislators to investigate the part played by union leadership in so-called 'slowdown' strikes.

Copies of the resolutions will be sent to California congressmen, state legislators, President Roosevelt and General John L. DeWitt, western area commander. The measures also will be presented at the state senate interim committee hearing on economic planning in Fresno April 16th.

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A NISEI SPEAKS

By Shuji Fujii

As practically every witness pointed out to the Tolán Committee at its Los Angeles hearing, the greatest confusion and bewilderment exists among our people.

Much of it, however, is not the result of the Army's order for evacuation, nor the suspense caused by the questions of property custodianship, housing, reception centers, and etc. Such confusion is but temporary, as clarifications are being made daily by the authorities.

It seems, after reading the testimony of those who presented the Japanese situation, that much of it flows from lack of understanding, of conviction as to the necessity of wholesale evacuation under the war situation.

Views and opinions against it are still being presented by some of those who took the stand at the hearing.

Nevertheless, it is doubtful whether or not they actually represent sentiments and views of those who have lost employment since the war, who for one reason or another are destitute, who have been homeless due to the evacuation order, and who are willing to seek opportunities elsewhere, and the farmers who must plant a few months ahead—those who undoubtedly constitute the overwhelming majority of the Japanese population.

If the majority of people have already set their minds on evacuation, the minority bloc should not and cannot speak as their representatives; there should be a clear-cut distinction between the two. They should not belong to the same organization. The interests of the two groups are incompatible.

If at the same time, there is a need for proper representation and organization of a group of people who think of the evacuation problem in terms of "what-the-hell; business as usual" or who consider their own loyalty unquestionable and therefore prefer to stake everything on remaining, then they should set up a separate organization for their own program and leave the majority alone. Then the majority in favor of evacuation will be less disturbed and hampered, and confusion will be greatly reduced.

As the Army orders indicate, this evacuation will be carried out gradually, and eventually there won't be any exceptions.

However, who should get preference in the evacuation ahead of others?

In a statement submitted to the Tolán Committee by Shuji Fujii, Isamu Noguchi and others, it was requested that evacuation be "carried out in an equitable manner by first moving those from vital defense areas and those without home, work or money".

Families should not, of course, be broken up, but even among people in the same organization or community, those who are in need should get preference. The disintegration of existing organizations and a reshuffling of the people seems to be inevitable as reorganization in the process of resettlement is a necessity.

Both Governor Olson and Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles recommended hearing boards for German and Italian aliens so that political refugees among them might be sifted. Both left out suggestion as to like procedure for the Japanese, as both rightly doubted the sincerity of protestations of loyalty by certain Japanese leaders who "overplayed" their hands before Dec. 7.

Nevertheless, Governor Olson stated "there is no question but that a large part of the population of the Japanese people in California are so completely divorced from any natural feeling of loyalty or sympathy to the militarists of Japan, and its brutal aggressive methods, as to be wholly horrified at the way their racial nation has gone."

Mayor Bowron too affirmed "I still believe that on the part of a large number, possibly a majority, that it was sincere. I believe that many of the local Japanese residents would do nothing harmful, appreciate what they have here, the protection, and the democracy under which they are living."

In the statement submitted to the Tolán Committee, Shuji Fujii recommended among other matters that the Federal Government:

Establish at processing stations Federal hearing boards for examination

and certification, so that only those persons who by their past records and present activities have proven their loyalty may be placed in positions of leadership in the new communities for the purpose of:

- a) Education and morale-building of those who are confused
- b) Engagement in intelligence work and vigilance against any fifth column or subversive elements

In testing for loyalty we wish to point out that loyalty is not entirely a matter of citizenship or educational background, nor a matter of religious or political affiliation.

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From The Tolan Committee Hearing...

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are excerpts from the official transcript of the Tolan Committee hearing in Los Angeles. It is presented for the benefit of our readers, although DOHO does not agree with the proposed "selective evacuation".

MR. JOE SHINODA (United Citizens Federation panel): The order of the day is evacuation. We believe that total and complete evacuation is more difficult and creates more dislocation and would be far more inefficient than almost total evacuation. The farmers, the merchants, the home owners, the property owners feel that if America will do this to citizens, if America, the land of freedom, the land of liberty, will do that to us they feel somewhat uncertain as to what to do with their properties.

They don't feel completely free to leave them in trust. So I would recommend that certain assistant custodians, or certain certified known loyal Japanese nisei citizens, be delegated to receive the assignment of these crops if it must be they have to go.

'Evacuation denies citizenship'

But when they ask a citizen who has not, up to now, questioned any of the sanctions that we have here with our liberties, when they ask us to evacuate, that I say is a denial of our citizenship.

MR. ARNOLD: You believe that you Japanese group would feel better if he (a government custodian—Ed. Note) could have on his staff nisei who would look after the Japanese property in detail?

MR. SHINODA: Yes, I do.

MR. ARNOLD: You are also advocating that some Japanese be allowed to remain and engage in farming and also in business?

MR. SHINODA: I would say only those who were necessary to continue the farming operations and the related lines.

MR. ARNOLD: What about their safety?

Mob violence risk preferred

MR. SHINODA: That by and large I would rather depend upon my friends here, upon the people I have known for

30 years rather than to risk the evacuation and wherever we may land.

I think in time to come the complete and utter disregard for our right to make a living, to share in the defense effort in this area will some day appear as a very black page in American history.

Mr. Tanaka 'interprets'

MR. TOGO TANAKA (on the same panel): May I point out Mr. Shinoda's views were to call to your attention what he thought would be an effective and speedy manner of evacuation and resettlement. There is no intent on his part to say that the policy already outlined and announced is wrong.

'If they can stay, why can't we?'

MR. SHINODA (answering Congressman Arnold): As to your direct question, I feel that if this war is not a race basis, but a clash of national interests, if there are Chinese and Koreans still remaining, it is not impossible that loyal Japanese should also remain.

MR. CURTIS: I hope that the loyal Japanese will feel that in complying with a military situation, that in that very compliance you are rendering a service to your country.

But Mr. Shinoda is an altruist

MR. SHINODA: We are not speaking of our rights. We are speaking on the possibility of making those sacrifices that you spoke of. If we are evacuated, what can we contribute to the defense effort? I can't see that there is any intelligent scheme there if they make a farmer, let us say, stop producing right now. But here in evacuation, the government denies him the right to produce. It is a matter of denying us the chance to work in this entire thing as citizens.

I don't believe that a mere appointment of a proper government custodian would result in immediate resumption of farm activity on an all-out basis. It is virtually impossible to take a crop over at any intermediate stage of growth short of full production and

place a value as to the amount of money expended in that crop up to that point.

Church representatives speak

DR. F. W. HECKLEMAN (speaking for the Protestant Church): We cannot help asking ourselves very often: Is this wholesale evacuation necessary when the vast majority are people of education, character and undoubted loyalty?

In conclusion (after lengthily outlining their proposed program—Ed. Note) we are ready to respond to the call of the Government. We will gladly go ahead of the group to do what we can to prepare the way and places; we are ready to go with them to share their fate, their lives, their fortunes and for their spiritual guidance and comfort.

DR. E. C. FARNHAM (Executive Secretary, Church Federation of Los Angeles): There has been and there still exists, I am convinced, a widespread hope that there may be a selective process in the evacuation than just a mass procedure, feeling that there are individual cases, as has been mentioned by Mr. Booth, such as students and others with health conditions and possibly some in gainful production that ought to be given.

REV. LESTER SUZUKI (Minister Japanese M. E. Church): In your plan of evacuation we would recommend that you allow a good portion of the Japanese and maybe a large portion of the Japanese Americans to remain here and be of greater usefulness for America's defense and offense.

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CALIFORNIA JAPS AIDED 'WAR CHEST'

Evidence Reveals Even U.S. Citizens Contributed to Tokio Arms

The Japanese war machine, which rolled relentlessly across the South Pacific and is now rumbling toward Australia and India, might with a fair degree of accuracy bear the label: "Made in California."

Many an American dollar went into the building of that Juggernaut—many a dollar spent by Californians in Japanese shops, contributed by Japanese shopkeepers, citizens as well as aliens, to money-hungry Japanese "patriotic" societies, and siphoned through the Japanese consulate in San Francisco, directly into the Japanese war chest.

LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Indisputable evidence of the substantial contributions made to the Japanese military machine by Japanese who made their living in California—and also by Japanese who were American citizens—has been uncovered, as the Federal Bureau of Investigation rounds up the leaders of the underground Japanese societies and catches glimpses of their records.

Pre-eminent among organizations which industriously devoted themselves to the suprisingly easy job of pouring American dollars into Japanese war preparations was the Japanese Imperial Military Veterans Association. Its sturdiest and most profitable offshoot was the Heimusha Kai—the Military Duty League—which maintained national headquarters at 1706 Bush Street, San Francisco, under the able guidance of Masao Nonaka, president.

WIDE INFLUENCE.

On its roster were no more than 1,500 names—but through these 1,500 members, pledged to serve in the Japanese armed forces, the league reached into every Japanese cleaning shop, berry farm, nursery and houseboy's home.

The league was frankly and persistently the "collection agency" for the war chiefs in Tokio. The league brought strong pressure to bear when an occasional Japanese seemed reluctant to contribute to the glory of the Empire. And on rare occasions when the league's persuasion failed, the Japanese consulate could be relied upon to send its infallible persuaders into the breach.

SMALL BUT NUMEROUS.

Actually, records disclose that the individual contributions were small—as small as a dime, a nickel, or even a penny. But they were numerous and they were frequent. They were the drops which combined to form a stream which poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into Japan's military establishment.

Not only did Japanese residents of California contribute their nickels and dimes. Exhorted by the league as it launched campaign after campaign and drive after drive, the farmers and laundryworkers and houseboys contributed tinfoil, or clothing, or

whatever the league knew could best be used by the Japanese armed forces.

NAVY LEAGUE.

Vying with the league for favor with the consulate for the greater strength of Japanese arms was the Japanese Togo Society, affiliate of Japan's Navy League which was named after the Admiral Togo, hero of the Russian War. The Togo League operated from national headquarters at 1860 Bush Street.

While these societies were collecting money and materiel, fifty-seven "state societies"—Kenjinkais—were indoctrinating young, American born Japanese with the spirit of Yamato Damashi—the creed of emperor worship.

"STATE SOCIETIES."

These "state societies" were formed originally to unite immigrants from the same province or ken—just as Iowa societies and New England societies spring up in California. But the celebrated Black Dragon Society, and other superwar groups, and the Japanese Government through its consulates found other uses for such groups.

Through their ceaseless efforts, American born Japanese were formed into junior provincial organizations and saturated with Japanese ideas, Japanese ideals, Japanese traditions—and Japanese aspirations. These were the young men—the American citizens—who hurried to Japan when war seemed near and are now fighting Americans on Luzon.

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Protest Is Advised

Editor of The Bee—Sir: We continuously are being advised from different parts of the world where Americans, British and others have been taken prisoner by the Japanese, that they have been tortured, starved and that women have been molested, tortured and killed.

It appears to me some of the loyal American Japanese would band together and make a protest to the officials responsible in Japan and elsewhere to discontinue this outrageous, inhumane practice.

In the good old U. S. A. all alien prisoners are treated well and are protected by the law. It is high time the Japanese citizens did something to show where they stand. We are going to win this war; it can be done; it must be done, and the time will come when Japan will pay and pay dearly for this trickery and cruelty.

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Japanese Control 10,639 Acres Of Land In Merced

MERCED (Merced Co.), March 13.—County Agricultural Commissioner C. H. Kinsley announced today Japanese aliens and American born Japanese own or otherwise control approximately 10,639 acres of farm land entirely or partly in Merced County.

Kinsley reported a detailed survey by his department shows 3,357 acres are planted in grapes, 958 in rice, 877 in cotton, 599 in peaches, 582 in wheat, 351 in almonds, 290 in barley, 258 in tomatoes, 209 in apricots, 105 in grain, 104 in onions and 100 in melons.

The remainder of the Japanese controlled land is planted in fruits, nuts, vegetables and berries in plots varying from one to ninety acres. Lands used as open range, for canals, buildings and dry yards total 2,225 acres.

The agricultural commissioner said approximately 2,800 acres of the property is in holdings partly in and partly out of the county.

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JAP EVACUEES AIDED BY U. S. RESERVE BANK

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Staff of 30 Set Up Here to
Assist in Disposal of
Property Under Fair Terms

First definite steps to aid and advise aliens and citizens about to be evacuated from coastal areas in the disposal of their property were taken locally by Federal agencies yesterday.

Developments in the move to untangle snarls developing in the forthcoming evacuation were:

1—The Twelfth Federal Reserve District established a branch office in the offices formerly occupied by the Japanese N. Y. K. Steamship Lines at 500 California Street and began the task of assisting local Japanese citizens as well as aliens in disposing of their homes, shops, farms and other property.

2—In Washington, Leo T. Crowley, alien property custodian, announced he might open branch offices in San Francisco to take over control of alien property although he was not sure what powers he would be given.

TO CUSHION LOSSES.

A staff of thirty formed the nucleus of the branch Reserve Bank office which, on orders of Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau, will protect evacuees from large losses through forced sales, and will aid them in selling, leasing or operating property if no other agents can be found.

Most of the Japanese appearing at the office wanted assurance that they could give any American citizen, not subject to evacuation, power of attorney according to R. E. Everson, assistant cashier, who has been designated head of the Evacuee Property office.

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2—In Washington, Leo T. Crowley, alien property custodian, announced he might open branch offices in San Francisco to take over control of alien property although he was not sure what powers he would be given.

S. F. BRANCH OFFICE.

Crowley, asserting he would open administrative offices in Chicago with main branches in San Francisco and New York, indicated his office would take over some powers from the Treasury Department and leave others with the Secretary of Treasury.

The resolution adopted by the Associated Farmers, pointed out:

"We are conscious of the effect on our agriculture but believe loyal farmers can make up the losses very rapidly."

The meeting recommended removal of dangerous aliens to points "where sabotage possibilities are very limited."

—Defend America — Buy Bombers!—

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Coast Solons Named

Members of the house from Pacific Coast states and Arizona appointed a subcommittee today to draw a resolution expressing to government officials the westerners' views on what should be done about subversive activities in those areas.

Representative Lea, Democrat, California, will serve as chairman. He named as the other members Representatives Voorhis, Democrat, California; Costello, Democrat, California; Smith, Democrat, Washington, and Angell, Republican, Oregon.

Lea said the action of the house members is in addition to work being done by committees appointed by a joint senate and house committee representing the Pacific Coast.

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FBI Agents Nab Seven Japanese Aliens In Fresno

Four Buddhist Priests Are
Arrested; Charges Are
Not Disclosed

Seven alien Japanese including four Buddhist priests and a woman were booked in the Fresno County Jail today by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The FBI agents said those arrested are connected with Japanese language schools in Fresno and other communities, mostly in the capacity of members or instructors.

400 Arrests Expected

They reported the local arrests are a part of a campaign in which approximately 400 aliens connected with Japanese school activities are expected to be apprehended.

The priests who are being held are Sumoku Kosaka, 33, a resident of Fresno County for the past five years; Enoyo Shigefuji, 26, who has been in Fresno County for eight years; Gijo Moeda, 32, also a resident of the county for eight years, and Makato Todoroki, 41, who has been here for one month.

New Resident Included

The others who are held are Mrs. Tomo Todoroki, 42, also a resident here for the past month, Totaro Kitmura, 54, a gardener who has been in the county for the past twenty days, and Masayuki Kuranaga, 43.

Shigefuji, who had \$525 in his possession at the time he was booked in the jail, has been a priest at the Fresno Buddhist Church at 835 E Street for the past eight years. Kosaka and Moeda also are attached to the church here.

Local Japanese said Mr. and Mrs. Todoroki, Kitmura and Kuranaga are newcomers to this community and little is known concerning them.

FBI Silent On Charges

The FBI agents who arrested them said they are unable at this time to make public any information concerning the nature of the charges against those who are being held, and declined to say whether evidence was seized.

This is the first case in this locality in which the FBI has arrested local residents in connection with the drive to rid the country of dangerous enemy aliens, with the exception of two instances in which agricultural workers were jailed for traveling without permits.

In two other cases alien Japanese were turned over to the FBI after investigations and arrests by local officers.

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S. F. Agent Pleads Guilty In Capital

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Tsutomu Obana, secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco, pleaded guilty in the federal district court today to violating the foreign agents registration act by omitting material facts in his registration.

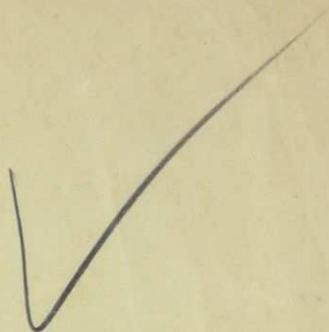
The plea made Obana liable to a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment on each of four counts of an indictment returned January 28th. He pleaded innocent to a fifth count charging conspiracy. It was the first such case against a Japanese to be disposed of by the government.

K. Takahashi, former manager of the Japanese Shipping Line NYK in San Francisco, and S. Takeuchi, former manager of Mitsu-Bishi Company there, were indicted with Obana but already have returned to their native Japan.

The government plans to try in May three Americans also named in the indictment. They are Frederick Vincent Williams, publicity man, and David Warren Ryder, publisher and publicity man, both of San Francisco, and Ralph Townsend, writer with the publication Scrabners Commentator.

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Associated Farm.



3—Associated Farmers, meeting in Fresno, demanded the early removal of “all enemy aliens and all potential fifth columnists.”

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A sensational proposal came toward the end of the second day from a Courtney Lacey, attorney, representing, according to himself, "influential businessmen" among alien Japanese. He stated that "the Japanese government is willing to accept the return to Japan of those Japanese nationals now resid-

ing in the U. S. who wish to return to Japan" on an exchange basis for Americans now interned in Japan.

Mr. Lacey refused to reveal the names of his clients.

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Evacuation Of Japanese Is Wanted Immediately

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I have heard how the Japanese are treating foreigners in their hands and I am filled with foreboding as to our own possible plight if they invade America.

We are bending backward in our effort not to put any hardship on our enemy population. It looks as though we may not get them started soon. Meanwhile our people are not even allowed to see Red Cross workers, the dead are not allowed burial or, if so, it is in the nearest corner.

The Japanese should have been evacuated at once after Pearl Harbor and all this kindly attention showered on them later, if ever. They should have been compelled to pack up what they had to have, food, bedding, implements and move. It would have broken up any nefarious plans and got them away from the caches of arms many of them still have.

Evacuation is heartbreaking from any angle but it needs to be done at once and not when the enemy is ready.

I am sorry for the native born Japanese if they are sincere but I believe all should be moved. Let us see some speed in this evacuation business. MRS. F. T. F.
El Nido.

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FR 780

FBI Arrests 16 Valley Japanese In State Roundup

Federal Agents Decline
To Comment; Most Of
Aliens Are Teachers

Sixteen alien Japanese from Fresno, Kern and Tulare Counties are in the Fresno County Jail today following a series of raids made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the San Joaquin Valley as a part of a statewide roundup of enemy aliens.

Here, as was the case elsewhere in the state, those arrested included Buddhist priests and teachers in Japanese language schools.

300 Held Throughout State

At midnight last night more than 300 Japanese had been arrested throughout the state, including sixteen here, an equal number in San Diego, 252 in Los Angeles and seventeen Germans in San Francisco.

Three residents of the Clovis district, who described themselves as teachers, are among those taken into custody in Fresno County last night. They are Jefferson Yass Ncarai, 40; Ryuche Fujii, 49, and Mrs. Kushino Fujii, 38. They said they had resided in Fresno County for only one month.

Dinuba, Delano Aliens Held

The others arrested last night are Tsuniga Tsune Tanaka, 59, Dinuba; Satoru Nakamura, 44, and Misao Watanabe, 40, the latter a produce dealer, both of Delano; Genjiro Fugita, 37, Caruthers, and Edward Yuide Hosada, 42, a farmer, and Nijii Tsunashima, 54, a gardener, both of Fowler.

The agents who made the arrests here said they are not at liberty to divulge the specific charges on which the aliens were arrested, but described the activities of the federal agents as a part of a state wide drive against enemy aliens, the third such roundup to be launched by the organization since the outbreak of the war.

Aided By Local Officers

They were aided by local officers, sheriffs' deputies and representatives of the district attorney's offices in the Fresno and Tulare Counties.

Most of those who were arrested were connected with Japanese language schools, which have been closed since December.

The Dies committee charged recently textbooks teaching fealty to Japan were substituted for state approved books. Japanese children attended public schools by day, Japanese classes by night.

Priest Mentioned By Probers

One of the priests arrested in Los Angeles was Taigaku Uyeshima, 49, head of a Buddhist organization mentioned by the Dies committee.

Harold Nathan, FBI chief in San Diego, said Japanese arrested there taught subversive doctrines.

In San Francisco, Nat J. L. Peiper, FBI agent in charge, reported "the persons taken into custody are definitely considered dangerous."

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**FBI Leads New Bay
Area Alien Raids** 3/14

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13 (UP) — Federal agents renewed their raids on enemy aliens in the San Francisco Bay area today. More than 100 federal and local police participated.

Nat J. L. Pieper, chief FBI agent, described the raids as aimed at "enemy aliens we consider dangerous, including Germans."

Most previous raids in this area, as well as in the entire West Coast defense section, have been aimed principally at Japanese. The last previous large scale raids occurred last week-end.

Observers believed today's round-up initiated a final clean-up of dangerous aliens before the army issues orders for their evacuation from the coastal defense belt.

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'F. R. Crazy,' Says 'Nipping' Nip 3/14

President Roosevelt will not have to worry about the whereabouts of Jisaburo Kanaka, 76, for the next little while.

Kanaka, somewhat befuddled by an excess cargo of his native drink, saki, appeared in the police department's alien detail office yesterday and demanded a travel permit.

"President Roosevelt is crazy like a bedbug," Det. Sgt. R. C. Parker quoted Kanaka as saying. "He wants to know everywhere I go."

Parker disagreed about Mr. Roosevelt's sanity and escorted Kanaka to jail, where, minus a travel permit, he was booked "drunk."

Police Judge Edward E. Breitenbucher further delayed delivery of the requested permit when he sent Kanaka to jail for 150 days—the maximum—on the intoxication charge.

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Japanese Own 192 Properties In Fresno County

A file showing the ownership of 101 residence and business properties in the City of Fresno and twelve in the urban territory just outside the city limits has been prepared by District Attorney W. C. Tupper.

Tupper's survey to date reveals 192 business and residential properties are owned by Japanese in Fresno County.

Own 15,225 Acres

The district attorney previously announced persons of Japanese origin own 15,225.14 acres of agricultural land in the county. He said he will not know the full extent of Japanese control of farm, business and residential property in the county until an investigation of leaseholds is completed.

The file shows the following totals of Japanese owned properties in other Fresno County communities: Coalinga, three; Fowler, twenty two; Kingsburg, two; Parlier, fourteen; Reedley, thirteen, and Sanger, fifteen. No Japanese owned properties were found in Firebaugh, San Joaquin or Clovis.

Some Near Hammer Field

Tupper said no evidence has been found of occupation of property in the vicinity of Hammer Field since the field was established. Japanese hold properties at Shields Avenue and First Street, Fowler and Belmont, DeWoll and Belmont, Ashland and Hergenroder and Gettysburg and Armstrong Avenues. Tupper said the ownership in some instances dates back as far as 1916.

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17 ARRESTED BY FBI IN BAY RAIDS ON BUND

Dues Books and Papers Taken

Action Aimed at Smashing Fifth Column

Previous raids had been aimed chiefly at Japanese aliens and societies, and Immigration Chief Irving Wixon here revealed that 137 alien Japanese seized recently in the Bay area left yesterday morning for interment in a Santa Fe, N. M., camp.

However, the Japanese raids apparently were not over yet. Seven alien Japanese, including four Buddhist priests and a woman, were arrested in Fresno yesterday. FBI agents said those taken into custody were connected with Japanese language schools in Fresno and nearby communities, mostly as instructors.

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Banks Are Scored For Giving Aid To Japanese

Editor of The Bee—Sir: What is wrong with our country?

The banks want to help the Japanese so they can dispose of their property at a decent price. How many of our own people have lost everything they had because the banks would not help them to save their homes? The banks took farms for a few thousand dollars and let other parties have time to pay.

Why could not they let the farmer have a little more time to give him a chance to save what he had worked so hard for? If the banks would loan the farmer money to get the implements he needs so badly he could carry on to make enough to save his home. What is more discouraging to a man than to need a little lift and not be able to get it.

I feel sorry for the Japanese who are innocent of wrong against us but we do not know who they are.

If we were in Japan we would be shot as fast as they got hold of us if they found us plotting against them. Just see how they are treating their prisoners of war.

Why should we be so lenient to the Japanese here. Our boys are sent from their homes to fight them and our people here are protecting them and their property. Wake up, Americans, put these Japanese where we will be safe and do it now.

The American is turned down at the banks but the foreigners are helped. Why?

A STEADY READER.

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425 CALIFORNIA JAPS TO ENTER NEW MEXICO INTERNMENT CAMP FOR DURATION OF WAR

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Internment of Japs to Start

New Mexico Prison Camp Awaits 425 From L.A., Bay Areas

First contingent of 425 Japanese aliens rounded up by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in coastal anti-sabotage raids, was expected to arrive at Santa Fe, N.M., over the week-end for internment in a fenced and floodlighted "detention station."

Associated Press dispatches from New Mexico's State capitol disclosed that the detention station, a converted CCC camp, is surrounded by a 10-foot barbed wire fence, illuminated by floodlights and guarded by watch towers.

Originally designed to accommodate 500 CCC enrollees, the camp is expected to be enlarged to make room for 1500 persons.

The contingent, comprising 137 Jap aliens from San Francisco and 288 from Los Angeles, was believed the first to arrive in New Mexico. Others have been taken to Fort Missoula, Mont., and North Dakota.

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Santa Fe Interns 400 Coast Japanese

SANTA FE (N. M.), March 14.—
(AP)—More than 400 Pacific Coast
Japanese aliens arrived today and
were hustled off to the Santa Fe
detention station for internment.

A twelve car train bearing them
from San Francisco and Los An-
geles arrived at 7:20 A. M. Two
hours later, all of the aliens were
behind the heavy, barbed wire
fence surrounding the converted
CCC camp.

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**300 Japs, Nazis Seized
In Third State Roundup**

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—(AP)—
The F.B.I. searched its third exten-

sive roundup of Axis aliens throughout California today, with the number in custody passing 300.

A mid-morning count listed 252 in Los Angeles, 16 each in San Diego and Fresno—all Japanese—and 17 Germans in San Francisco. The F.B.I., beyond confirming the arrests, declined to comment on the roundup, under way since yesterday.

Most of the Japanese arrested were Buddhist priests and teachers in Japanese language schools, which had been closed since December. The Dies Committee charged recently that textbooks teaching fealty to Japan had been substituted for State-approved books. Japanese children attended public schools by day, Japanese classes at night.

One of the priests arrested here was Taigaku Uyeshima, 49, head of a Buddhist organization mentioned by the Dies Committee.

Harold Nathan, F.B.I. chief at San Diego, said Japanese arrested there had taught subversive doctrines.

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1—California Senate Interim Committee on Unemployment Insurance adopted a resolution in San Francisco demanding that no benefits be paid to any person "who is removed from this State or from his employment in this State by the Federal Government in its prosecution of the war." The measure is directed chiefly against Japanese aliens and their American-born offspring. Sen. C. C. Ward of Santa Barbara estimated the State would save \$150,000 by the move.

2—School teachers in some areas faced loss of employment because of the evacuation of Japanese. It was estimated 9000 children will leave the Los Angeles area alone.

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FIRST S. F. JAPS REACH CAMP IN NEW MEXICO

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Aliens File Into Barbed Wire
Enclosure Under Guns of
Grim Faced Border Patrolmen

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SANTA FE (N. M.), March 14.

(AP)—Silent, hard faced spec-
tators and impassive United
States border patrolmen armed
with rifles and sidearms, gave
grim welcome today to the first
contingent of Japanese enemy
aliens to arrive in New Mexico
for internment.

Not much more responsive
were the Japarese, all men and
mostly elderly, as they filed si-
lently into their new home for
the duration of the war—a con-
verted CCC camp surrounded by
a high barbed wire fence.

One elderly Japanese stumbled
and fell as he dismounted from
a coach of the twelve car train
which brought the group from
Los Angeles and San Francisco.

He hopped to his feet and
chirped, "Bye-bye." No one an-
swered him.

Another, with a Red Cross but-
ton in his label, waved to watch-
ers. This one received a single
wave in response.

The Santa Fe detention camp
has facilities for some 1,500 oc-
cupants. A dozen or more other
abandoned or hastily vacated
CCC camps over New Mexico
have been prepared for habita-
tion.

Accompanying today's group of
400 Orientals was a German con-
sulate secretary and his wife, en
route to White Sulphur Springs,
W. Va., where Axis Embassy of-
ficials are being detained.

The transfer of the Japanese
from the train to the camp pro-
ceeded smoothly, and within two
hours all the aliens were behind
barbed wire guarded by armed
sentries.

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Army Creates Branch To Handle Alien Removals

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—(AP) —The army created a "civil affairs branch" of its general staff today and assigned to it the task of directing enemy alien evacuations and whatever other civilian control measures wartime conditions may dictate.

Lieutenant Colonel Karl R. Bendtsen of the war department general staff was put in charge of the new branch as assistant chief of staff and made responsible only to Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, head of the western defense command and of the Fourth Army.

But the branch also will draw heavily for its personnel upon those agents of civil government who already have been engaged with the enemy alien problem. This group will be headed by Tom C. Clark, alien control coordinator for the western defense zone.

General DeWitt, in announcing establishment of the civil affairs branch, said headquarters would be located in the Federal Reserve Bank Building here. Field offices will be set up at various points through the coast long area from which Japanese, German and Italian aliens are to be moved.

The Federal Reserve Bank, with John Lawlor, assistant to the secretary of the treasury, as chief agent, will have charge of alien property custodianship. Government engineers will direct construction and equipment projects.

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Fumigator Jailed for Six Months, Fined ^{3/15}

If M. Miyazaki ever opens a bait shop at 248 South Center Street, it won't be for at least six months.

Pleading guilty to a charge of fumigating without a permit, Miyazaki was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail yesterday by Police Judge E. E. Breitenbucher. In addition the judge imposed a \$150 fine.

Miyazaki was arrested Thursday night when passers-by saw smoke issuing from the store building and called the fire department. Instead of a fire they found Miyazaki was using sulphur to fumigate the place and eliminate odors still prevailing from a fish market formerly housed there.

Luckily Miyazaki was using sulphur, testified Fire Chief Ralph Thompson and First Assistant Chief M. J. Cannon, because if he had been using cyanide, sometimes used for fumigating, several firemen might have lost their lives when they broke in.

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Army Takes Over Entire Alien Evacuation Problem

The Army took over complete control of the enemy alien problem on the West Coast yesterday, correlating under a new division of the General Staff all Government agencies which have been involved in the prospective mass evacuation.

The first evacuation order, it was officially announced, will be issued in a matter of days and "others will follow in orderly but rapid succession." Statements that actual evacuation will be deferred until next fall were declared unfounded.

The same agencies will handle the same affairs as before, but will be

under direction of army officers and housed in central offices in the Federal Reserve Bank building and 500 California street.

A number of field offices will be set up in coastal cities from the Mexican border to the Canadian line.

The new branch of the general staff, Wartime Civilian Control Administration, will be known as the civil affairs branch.

Lieutenant Colonel Karl R. Bendetson of the War Department general staff will head the new branch as assistant chief of staff, responsible to General John L. *Continued on Page 13, Col. 2*

Enemy Aliens

More on the Army Taking Over Evacuation Problems

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DeWitt, commanding the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army.

Japanese, German and Italian aliens will be moved through this office and the various field offices. The multitude of problems attendant on mass evacuation will be handled through the offices.

Lieutenant Colonel I. K. Evans, War Department general staff, was assigned as deputy assistant chief of staff. Captain Albert H. Moffitt Jr. was named executive officer.

OTHERS NAMED TO CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

Tom C. Clark, special assistant to the U. S. Attorney General, becomes chief of the civilian staff. Wallace Howland becomes deputy chief.

Civilian Staff Chief Clark issued the statement announcing that first evacuation orders will be issued shortly with others following in rapid succession. Denying statements that actual evacuation will be deferred until next fall, Clark said:

"Announcements of this character by uninformed sources result in bewilderment and confusion for the evacuees, many of whom are now winding up their affairs for voluntary movements from the restricted areas. The Government is encouraging this action to lessen the drain on military and civil resources involved in an immediate forced movement."

PLANS TO SHELTER EVACUEES COME FIRST

Clark explained the reason no evacuation order had as yet been issued was that issuance of such orders will follow completion of facilities to shelter evacuees who have no means to provide their own shelter at interior points.

"Merely to exclude these groups from critical areas without providing resettlement," he said, "would only create a second problem as serious as the first."

The Federal Reserve Bank is in charge of property protection and John Lawlor, assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, will direct conservation of business, residential and intangible properties of those persons moved from the controlled zones.

Other appointments to the Civil Affairs branch:

Larry B. Hewes, regional director of the Farm Security Administration, in charge of conserving agricultural property; Milton Eisenhower, Co-ordinator of Agencies for the Department of Agriculture, in charge of the War Relocation Authority; Ralph B. Thompson, regional director, Office of Emergency Management, head of the Division of Administrative Services.

R. M. Neustadt, regional director, Federal Security Agency, heads the Army's Federal Security Department and matters of health and

welfare. Dr. C. L. Dedrick, chief statistician for research, Bureau of Census, will direct the statistical division.

CHIEF OF THE ALIEN RECEPTION CENTER

Lieutenant Colonel Martin Hass, War Department General Staff, heads operations division. R. L. Nicholson, regional WPA director for the 11 Western States, in charge of alien reception center division. Price control section will be handled by W. R. Thomas Jr. of the OPA.

Lieutenant Colonel William A. Boekel, Office of Provost Marshal, Fourth Army, heads the division of exceptions and licensing. Public relations will be handled by Lawrence M. Benedict for the civilian agencies and Captain Phillip J. Sinnott for the Army. U. S. Engineers will have charge of the construction and equipment section.

Each civilian agency head as well as the Army will set up deputies in field offices throughout the affected area.

The FBI continued its raids on aliens throughout the Nation, but activity was light in Northern California.

IDAHO FEARS JAP SETTLERS

At Santa Fe, Associated Press reported 400 Japanese aliens had arrived from the West Coast on a 12-car train and had been hustled off to a converted CCC camp.

Japanese, not interned but moving back from coastal controlled areas, were meeting difficulties in Idaho, where Governor Chase A. Clark made a dramatic appeal to his fellow Idahoans not "to sell the State of Idaho while our Americans are dying to prevent them (Japanese) from taking our entire Nation by force of arms."

Clark said Japanese were attempting to purchase Idaho land and that he had appealed to the Federal Government not to send any Japanese to the State unless it was to a State concentration camp.

WASHINGTON STUDIES CITIZENSHIP LAWS

"The Japanese contribute nothing to the standard of life, but undermine it," he said. "And in a hundred years they will overrun us to the Rocky Mountains unless checked."

United Press reported from Washington that the Senate is studying legislation which would bestow citizenship upon aliens who served honorably with the military or naval forces of the United States.

The measure is designed to give aliens the protection of citizenship in case they are captured by the enemy. Subject to Army induction in the United States are 73,000 Germans, 105,000 Italians, 20,000 Japanese.

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NEW ARMY UNIT TAKES OVER ALIENS

The enemy alien problem was placed squarely in the lap of the Army last night with the formation of a wartime civilian control administration designated as the Civil Affairs Branch of the Army's general staff.

Establishment of the branch—announced by Lieut.-Gen. John L. DeWitt—correlates the activities of all Government agencies which have been concerned with the prospective mass movement of aliens from Pacific Coast restricted zones.

Indications now are that the first evacuation order will be issued in a matter of days.

OFFICES TO BE OPENED

Offices of the new administration will be opened throughout the Western Defense Command, which is headed by General DeWitt. Central offices, where agencies will work under the direction of Army officers, will be located at the Federal Reserve Bank Building in San Francisco.

Lieut.-Col. Karl R. Bendtsen of the War Department general staff was assigned to administer the new branch as assistant chief of staff, responsible to General DeWitt.

Tom C. Clark, special assistant to U.S. Attorney General Francis Biddle, was appointed chief of the civilian staff of the administration.

CLARK MAKES STATEMENT

Shortly after General DeWitt's announcement, Clark issued this statement:

"Evacuation of Japanese and enemy aliens generally is a military necessity. This action is being taken under an executive order by the President. This requires that it be put into effect as rapidly as possible.

"While no evacuation order has yet been issued, this is because issuance of such an order will not precede arrangement of facilities to shelter evacuees who have no means to provide their own shelter at interior points.

"Merely excluding these groups from critical areas without providing for resettlement would create a second problem equally as serious as the first.

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Army Branch to Control Aliens

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New Organization Will Open Offices In California Cities

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"Statements that actual evacuation will be deferred until next Fall are without foundation. Reports of this character from uninformed sources is bewildering and confusing to evacuees, many of whom are now closing their affairs with a view to voluntary movement. The Government is encouraging such voluntary movement in order that the drain on military and civilian resources involved in such an immediate forced movement can be avoided."

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FBI Arrests 200 Japs, 17 Germans

Buddhist Priests Lead Prisoner List

LOS ANGELES, March 14 (AP)
—The third extensive round-up of aliens in California jailed more than 200 Japanese and 17 Germans. Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said the arrests were continuing today.

A midnight count listed 192 Japanese in custody in Los Angeles, 16 in San Diego, seven in San Francisco and 17 Germans in San Francisco.

Most of the Japanese arrested were Buddhist priests and teachers in Japanese language schools, which had been closed since December.

In San Francisco, Nat J. L. Pieper, FBI agent in charge, reported "the persons taken into custody are definitely considered dangerous."

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Reserve Bank Will Handle Property Of Aliens

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**Bureaus Established
to Care for All
Classes**

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The Federal Reserve Bank will be in charge of the protection of property owned by evacuated aliens, under the program of the Wartime Civilian Control Administration (WCCA) established yesterday by the Western Defense Command.

In this phase of the work, John Lawlor, assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, will direct conversation of business, residential and income properties owned by aliens affected by the removal orders.

OFFICIALS NAMED.

Other departments established, and the men named to head them, were:

Agricultural properties—Larry B. Hewes, regional director of the Farm Security Administration.

Resettlement—Milton Eisenhower, co-ordinator of agencies for the Department of Agriculture.

Administrative services—Ralph B. Thompson, regional director, Office of Emergency Management.

Federal Security Agency, to handle health and welfare—R. M. Neustadt, regional Federal Security Agency director.

Statistical division—Dr. C. L. Dedrick, chief of statistical research for the Census Bureau.

Operations—Lieut. Col. Martin Hass, of the War Department general staff.

Reception center division—R. L. Nicholson, WPA regional director for the eleven western States.

Exceptions and licensing—Lieut. Col. William A. Boekel, office of

the provost marshal, Fourth Army.

Public relations—Laurence M. Benedict.

Press relations—Capt. Philip Sinnott, Fourth Army.

Army engineers will have charge of the construction and equipment section.

Aides to Lieut. Col. Bendetsen are Lieut. Col. I. K. Evans, of the War Department general staff, who will act as Bendetsen's deputy, and Capt. Albert H. Moffitt Jr., named executive officer.

Meanwhile, the FBI here was reported mopping up loose ends in the wake of its Friday raids unearthing German-American Bund and affiliated Nazi underground societies, in which seventeen German aliens were arrested.

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Alien Control Offices to Be Opened in Many West Cities

The army went into high gear yesterday on plans for evacuating Japanese aliens and citizens from prohibited zones along the Pacific Coast.

The Wartime Civilian Control Agency of the Western Defense Command, under the supervision of Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, announced that offices would be set up immediately in all cities where Japanese are concentrated.

The WCCA offices will offer the combined services of all government agencies to assist Japanese in winding up their affairs prior to going to various settlement centers.

"Japanese are invited to take advantage of these services," said Tom Clark, chief of the civilian staff of the WCCA. "They should not allow themselves to be victimized by unscrupulous persons or by anyone trying to panic them into forced sale of property."

Plans for the new offices were announced after a meeting attended by Clark, M. S. Szymczak, governor of the Federal Reserve Board; William A. Day, president of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank; William H. Hale, vice president of the local institution; Larry P. Hughes, regional director of the Farm Security Administration; Arthur C. Miller of the Federal Security Agency; Colonel Carl R. Bendetsen, fourth army assistant chief of Staff for Civil Affairs, and Bendetsen's deputy, Lieutenant Colonel I. K. Evans of the War Department General Staff.

A WCCA spokesman said the new offices would attempt to care for all problems which may confront individual Japanese.

Federal Reserve representatives will handle business affairs, and act as property custodians in cases where Japanese do not wish to dispose of their holdings.

Every effort will be made, the WCCA said, to assure fair treatment of all concerned.

Japanese farmers will be assisted by Farm Security Agency employes. In cases where farmers are forced to evacuate before being able to harvest their crops, other farmers will be found to care for the harvest and the planters will be sent a fair share of the proceeds.

Aliens who wish to leave prohibited areas without waiting for army orders will be able to get their travel permits at the new WCCA offices instead of being forced to apply to the United States Attorney, the spokesman added.

Actual orders for evacuation of Japanese and enemy aliens have not yet been issued, but are expected as soon as all plans are completed. The army is rushing work on the reception center being established in Owens Valley, and it is believed the first contingents of Japanese will be taken there as soon as it is ready to care for them.

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U. S. Economy Coast Alien Evacuation Will Force Readjustment

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By FLOYD HEALEY

Substantial readjustment of various phases of this country's economy is certain to be one of the by-products of the evacuation of 400,000 or more persons from Pacific Coast States to forestall conjuncture of sabotage and invasion.

It will be forced, first, by the immediate problems of resettling the evacuees and, later, by the necessity of planning to reabsorb them after the war.

The first necessity—the immediacy—already has produced its headaches; the long-range program, unless undertaken co-ordinately, will spawn countless more.

Evidence to this effect was dinned into the ears of the Tolan national defense migration committee repeatedly during the recent tour of the Pacific Coast in its capacity as a sounding board for public opinion, lay as well as official.

Separate Agency Need

Because of the unanimity of thought on the subject and its consistent reiteration, it can be considered a foregone conclusion that Committee Chairman John H. Tolan of Oakland will be joined by his colleagues in a recommendation to the Congress that a separate agency of Government be created to begin studying the problem now.

The problem was emphasized before the committee by the different classifications into which the great majority of witnesses placed those persons who fall within the single broad classification of enemy aliens. Most of the civic, clerical, organizational, law enforcement and lay witnesses were of opinion that German and Italian aliens should be considered separately from the Japanese—both aliens and citizens. Their opinion was premised on the conclusion that technical aliens of German and Italian extraction can be measured in terms of loyalty to the United States by defined standards within the knowledge or available to local authorities. Some advocated that hearing boards with local representation inquire into these cases and recommend prior to evacuation; others, fearful of opening the door to exemptions, recommend hearings after evacuation, with return to source on proof of loyalty.

Except for the Japanese them-

selves—and some of their own representatives expressed agreement—there was virtually no exception to a recommendation that all be removed from danger zones and, if a gauge of loyalty could be established, consideration then be given to their further movement, either to point of origin or elsewhere.

In addition to these classifications, another group was vocal, asking, at the least, the British system of reclassification, but preferably complete exemption. Pleas in this respect were registered on behalf of "the people without a country," namely: The refugees who sought sanctuary here from fascism abroad but now are considered aliens here.

All these divergent views had the effect of synchronizing the minds of the Tolan committee members on the necessity for a long-range planning board. As Tolan himself frequently remarked: "Civilian morale is as vital as military morale—and these people will be with us after the war."

Impetus was given the thought when Tom C. Clark, civilian defense co-ordinator, testified before the committee in Los Angeles:

"I think an agency should be created by the Congress or by executive order to handle the problem over the long pull. The program now is purely temporary."

Clark expressed the opinion that existing Federal agencies, acting in co-operation with the Farm Security Administration, might be able to deal with the questions and find satisfactory solutions to them on the long-range scale.

No Single Agency

Richard H. Neustadt, regional director for the Social Security Board, testifying at the committee's San Francisco hearing, doubted if "any single" Government agency is equipped to cover all the ground.

In England, suspect persons have been divided into three groups. The first, or dangerous, have been interned. The second, who simply can't prove loyalty but against whom there is nothing specific, are subject to restrictions. The third class is comprised of those for whom loyalty has been established; they are free to conduct their lives and activities as usual, limited only by

war regulations applicable to all.

The committee's recommendation for establishment of the resettlement board will have behind it the weight of adoption of other recommendations made upon the spot and from the spot while learning opinion on the Pacific Coast.

One of its most urgent recommendations was an alien property custodian. When insistence was carried to President Roosevelt, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau named the Federal Reserve Bank and supplemented the banks' responsibilities with appointment of Leo T. Crowley to handle matters in connection with evacuated properties not specifically within the banks' purview.

Another committee recommendation, repeated also when immediate action was not forthcoming, was for a co-ordinator not bound so tightly by red tape or departmental jealousies that co-ordination in actuality was impossible. Out of this came Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt's designation of Co-ordinator Clark with the title of chief of staff on matters arising from the civilian factors of evacuation and resettlement.

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Army Forms New Branch to Speed Alien Evacuation

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Order Hints Early Date For Start Of Exodus

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PLANS

In an unprecedented action, a new branch of the Army general staff was created yesterday—the Wartime Civilian Control Administration (WCCA) to speed plans for evacuating enemy aliens from Pacific coast restricted zones.

Established by Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, western defense command chief, the new branch was made a part of the Fourth Army here. And, manned by Army and Government specialists, it began functioning immediately.

DELAY RUMOR SPIKED.

Rumors in Los Angeles that Japanese would not be evacuated "until November — after the crops have been harvested," were definitely spiked by an announcement from Tom C. Clark, former alien co-ordinator and now chief of the civilian staff of the War-time Civilian Control Administration.

"The first evacuation order will be issued in a matter of days," he said. "Others will follow in orderly but rapid succession. Statements that actual evacuation will be deferred until next fall are unfounded."

LEADS TO CONFUSION.

"It is unfortunate that uninformed sources made such announcements, the results being the bewilderment and confusion of evacuees, many of whom are engaged in closing their affairs with a view to voluntary movement. The Government is encouraging this action in order that the drain on military and civilian resources involved in an immediate forced movement can be avoided."

Clark repeated that the issuance of evacuation orders would not "precede the completion of facilities to shelter evacuees who have no means to provide their own shelter at interior points."

TO OPEN OFFICES.

Offices of the Wartime Civilian Control Administration will be opened throughout the area from which Japanese, German and Italian aliens are to be moved, and will handle the multitude of problems attendant upon the evacuation.

Heading the newly created general staff branch is Lieut. Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, of the War Department general staff, here from Washington, D. C. He will be responsible to General De Witt.

Clark's deputy as chief of the civilian staff will be Wallace Howland.

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Interim Camps

**JAPANESE ARRIVE
UNDER HEAVY GUARD**

SANTA FE, N. M., March 14 (INS)—With the same kind of secrecy, and the same kind of heavily armed precaution that the government used to move cargoes of desperate criminals to Alcatraz Prison in the heyday of the "gangster era," a trainload of Japanese aliens arrived in Santa Fe today.

Border patrolmen, with rifles and shotguns, took the Japanese from the train and moved them to an interim camp one mile from Santa Fe.

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