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# Fresno, Tulare, Kern Enemy Nationals Seized

Eight Are Arrested In  
County As Raids Are  
Continued

Seventy three Kern County Japanese, described as active enemy aliens, were taken to army reception camps today as the first step in a program to evacuate enemy aliens and citizens of Japanese descent from the San Joaquin Valley.

Similar raids are under way in Fresno and Tulare Counties today, with city and county peace officers, working under the direction of agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, engaged in rounding up Japanese aliens.

#### Local Raids Similar

FBI agents refused to disclose the nature of the raids in the Fresno area, although it was indicated they are similar to those conducted in Kern County by city, county and state officers, led by six FBI agents.

Kern County officials said they understand the Japanese apprehended are those in "the suspicious class." Some of them are reported to have served in the Japanese Army and to have secret connections with the Japanese Government.

#### Eight Nabbed In Fresno

Up to 2:30 today eight Japanese had been brought in by the officers engaged in the Fresno raids.

#### Restaurant Man Released

Another was questioned but was not held. He is Gingo Tanaka, 745 B Street, a West Fresno restaurant owner. Tanaka was picked up by officers but later was released after being questioned in the jail by representatives of the FBI.

Those who were jailed are H. Yamaoka, 40, rancher; Mosuko Wakasa, 59, of 1211 Inyo Street, a truck driver; Masumi Momose, 55, of 726 E Street, a tailor; Haruji Ego, 61, of 956 China Alley, a restaurant owner; Shigehiko Nagaoka, 54, of 1032 L Street, editor and publisher of the Japanese Times of Central California; Seijiro Osaki, 58, of Route 4, Box 144, rancher, and Goro None Matsuura, 53, Fowler, and Chokichi Satow, 58, former Sacramento and San Francisco hotel owner.

All were booked on charges of "violating immigration laws."

#### Charges Are Similar

Similar charges of violating immigration laws were listed against several Japanese arrested here a short time ago for activities in Japanese language schools, and it is believed those now being held will be questioned on more serious charges.

Although reports from elsewhere in the state indicates Japanese seized in raids yesterday were turned over to the army reception camps, those who were rounded up here today were booked in jail.

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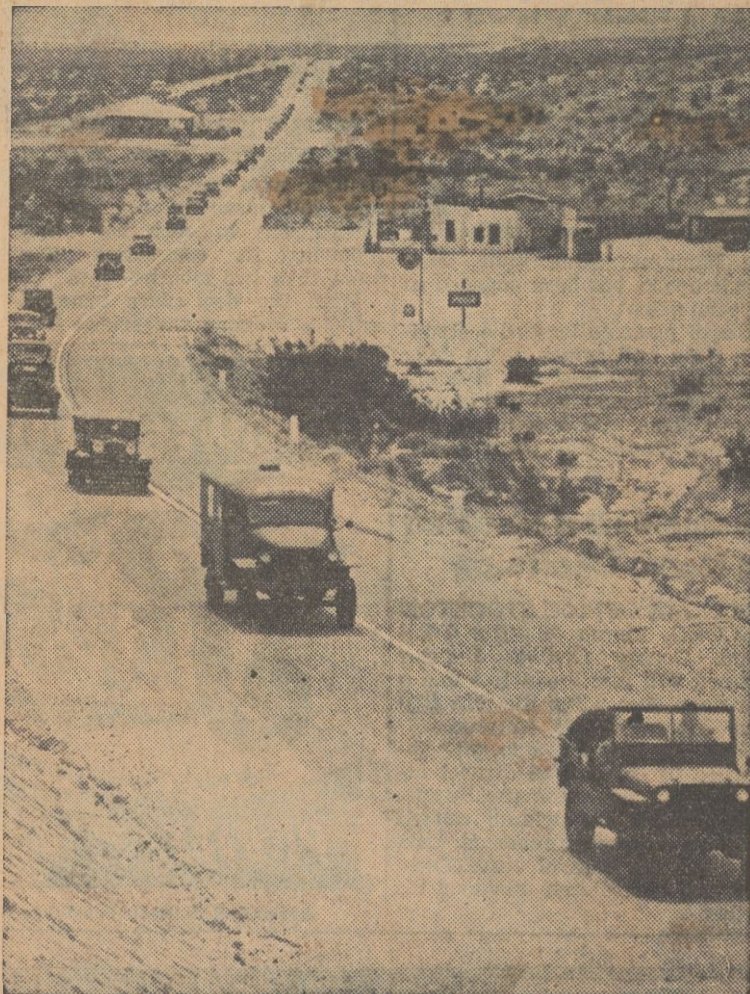
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### CARAVAN TO JAPANESE CAMP



Led by an army "jeep" and ambulance and stretching far down the highway, an auto caravan carrying a thousand Japanese from Los Angeles to their Owens Valley reception center rolls across the desert country near Lone Pine.

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Evacuation: navy dip.

#### EVACUEES 'FROZEN'

Meanwhile, the Army moved today to "insure an orderly evacuation" of all alien and American-born Japanese from the Western defense zone and Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt signed a "freezing" order becoming effective Sunday which bars Japanese from leaving the prescribed areas except under Army supervision.

Col. Karl L. Benedetsen, assistant chief of staff for civil affairs in the Western Defense Command, said the new proclamation had been issued "partly to protect the Japanese..."

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New assembly centers, to be used in evacuation, have been arranged by the army in Merced, Tulare, Marysville, and at Pinedale, six miles north of Fresno. The army also is arranging for additional similar centers.

The new sites for assembly centers will be equipped to handle and house 16,000 evacuees, in addition to the facilities already provided at the Santa Anita racetrack. The Merced fairgrounds will be prepared to house 5000; the Tulare fairgrounds 3000 and the Marysville fairgrounds 3000. Five thousand more will be housed at the Pinedale camp.

Assembly centers will be used when evacuees are moved from their present homes and until they are transferred to reception centers or other resettlement areas.

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### Army Sets Up Merced Center For Japanese

MERCED (Merced Co.), March 26.  
—Work is under way here today to convert the Merced County Fairgrounds into a temporary reception center for Japanese.

Surveyors are at work laying out a miniature city which army engineers have ordered finished by April 15th.

The buildings to house the Japanese are to be of frame construction with tar paper roofs.

#### Lumber Is Ordered

Two Merced lumber companies were instructed today by the engineers to deliver all of their 2x4 and 2x6 lumber to the fairgrounds. Contractors expected to arrive tonight will acquire the additional lumber they need.

It is estimated 400,000 square feet of housing is to be provided, this being the equivalent of 400 five room homes.

As a reception center, the Japanese will be housed here only temporarily. Later they are to be moved to permanent camps or permitted to settle in approved localities outside the army's restricted zones.

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# FBI Rounds Up Valley Japanese; Pinedale Gets Camp For Aliens

## Army Selects Sites For Assembly Of Nipponese Who Will Be Evacuated

Pinedale, located seven miles north of Fresno, today was selected by the Western Defense Command as the site of one of a group of assembly centers to be constructed by the army in the San Joaquin Valley for the housing of approximately 5,000 enemy aliens and Japanese Americans while they are awaiting transfer to permanent internment camps.

The Fresno County Fairground also will be the site of a Japanese assembly center, with facilities for 5,000 evacuees.

The Pinedale choice was announced in San Francisco today by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, head of the Western Defense Command. DeWitt also said similar centers are planned for the Merced County Fairground, to house 5,000 Japanese; the Tulare County Fairground, 3,000, and at Arboga, near Marysville, 3,000.

### Handle 21,000 Aliens

In all, the assembly centers will accommodate nearly 21,000 aliens affected by the evacuation orders.

Meanwhile, preliminary construction work on a similar project at the Fresno County Fairground was under way today on a twenty four hours a day and seven day week basis, with about 100 carpenters and 150 other workmen employed by the Trewitt-Shields & Fisher contracting concern.

The Pinedale work was started today by the Midstate Construction Company, with a crew of more than thirty employed while efforts were being made by the Fresno Building Trades Council to obtain more workmen for the new projects in Fresno and other valley cities. The Fresno centers are scheduled to be completed by April 15th.

### 1,500 Workmen Needed

H. T. Peterson, the council business agent, issued a statement urging all skilled workmen to offer their services, explaining that at least 1,500 will be needed immediately. A similar request was made by Clyde W. Clark, business agent for the carpenters union local.

At the request of Peterson, the Fresno City Commission adopted a resolution approving a thirty day leave of absence for four city electricians, without pay, so their services will be available for the army work. Five other city electricians also were granted the right to work weekends and nights at the county fairground or Pinedale, and similar arrangements will be made dealing with plumbers and others.

### Skilled Carpenters Sought

Union officials said skilled carpenters particularly are needed, as the army is urging speedy completion of the 256 new buildings at Pinedale and an equal number at the fairground. Existing buildings at the fairground also are being remodeled.

The urgent need for carpenters and others was indicated today when work was interrupted on the new Fresno County Jail and the low cost housing project in West Fresno and workmen from these places went to the Pinedale and fairground jobs.

Negotiations with the Valley Compress Company, owner of the Pinedale properties, provide for occupancy of one of the twenty five large buildings which have been used for cotton storage, and also for government possession of eighty acres of land within the fenced enclosure.

### Turlock Center Planned

It was reported by local union leaders today that an assembly center also is planned at Turlock and a contract has been awarded to the L. H. Hansen & Son firm of Fresno. This project was not mentioned in the announcement today from the San Francisco offices of DeWitt, however.

The Harris Construction Company of Fresno will build the Merced County Fairground buildings, it was reported, and those at the Tulare County Fairground will be built by Robert Hoffman of Tulare and Visalia.

The possibility all local supplies of suitable lumber will be required for the work was expressed today by representative dealers and in some quarters it was anticipated a freezing order will be issued by the government.

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### ☆ JAPANESE LABOR

The war brings new problems to all of us, requiring of us decisions of importance that we've never before been asked to make. These questions come to us individually and as groups—such as for instance, a labor problem on which this entire section will probably be asked to express its views.

The matter of which we write is the question of alien labor, and whether we shall ask or permit the federal government to move large groups of enemy aliens into our midst to do some of the work for which there soon will be a shortage of help.

When we speak of enemy aliens in this connection, we mean chiefly the large number of Japanese who are being moved out of strategic west coast areas. They are mostly tillers of the soil, and we do not doubt that the majority of them are friendly to our government rather than that of Japan. Many of them, too, are not aliens but citizens of the United States, having been forced to move out of their homes because of the war, but many on the other hand ask to be taken somewhere else so they will not be subjected to the suspicions and prosecutions which naturally are the lot of all Japanese in coastal defense areas. The government is faced with a major problem, in deciding what to do with these people, and may ask for the help of this section of Montana and North Dakota.

Irrigated valleys in Montana have, several of them, asked that these Japs be sent to replace Mexican and Filipino labor which is now getting scarce. Some valleys, however, have passed resolutions against the practice, declaring that they do not want these Japs in their midst.

There is also the possibility that the shortage of labor for the harvest might become so acute that we'd ask for alien labor to get in our crops next fall.

*Plenty good Herald*  
*March 26, 1942*



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1—Each person must be in his own home between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m.

2—At other times he must be at his home or at his job, or en route from home to job, or within five miles of his home, or moving from his home on official evacuation orders, or en route to official alien control agencies to secure information.

3—He must not have in his possession any weapons of any type, ammunition, explosives, shortwave radios, signal devices, codes or cameras.

The orders supersede all previous curfew rules. No exemptions have thus far been announced.

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Curfew

## 8 p.m. Curfew Rings in New Alien Curbs

America's alien control campaign roared into high speed last night.

With a background of pounding hammers at evacuation camps, screaming sirens on new FBI raids, grim conferences of law enforcement officers, and even more ominous reports from the Nation's capital, the long weeks of delay had apparently passed.

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### MEETINGS THROUGH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Local police, Deputy Sheriffs, the State Highway Patrol, game wardens, Forestry Service officers, and FBI agents were ready to go to work at an instant's notice.

They were set to crack down on any violations of the curfew law, and on any American-born Japanese who have possession after tomorrow morning of guns, knives, ammunition, shortwave radios, signalling devices, codes and cameras.

Other conferences are scheduled  
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## More on Aliens 8 p.m. Curfew Rings in New Curbs Here

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for tomorrow at Santa Rosa, March 30 at Palo Alto, March 31 at Eureka, April 2 at Oakland, and April 3 at Watsonville. Similar meetings were being held in Southern California and throughout the Western Defense Command.

Other highlights in the day's developments were:

1—Work will start today on the construction of 250 barracks-type buildings on the Tulare-Kings county fair grounds at Tulare, to be completed April 15 presumably as an alien induction center.

Similar use was indicated for the Fresno district fair grounds, already in the army's hands, according to Associated Press.

Construction of an induction center was nearing completion at Santa Anita, where the first Japanese evacuees will be received Saturday, and at the Manzanar reception center in the Owens Valley, where work will begin soon a fruit and vegetable cannery, an English language school and a new post office.

2—FBI raids struck at three Pacific Coast areas, resulting in the roundup of six Japanese at Seattle, nine in the Riverside district and 60 at Delano and Arvin, near Bakersfield, where army trucks were used.

3—At Washington, Attorney General Biddle opened a long-awaited drive against members of the Bund and other subversive groups who have hidden behind acquired American citizenship.

### PROCEEDINGS WILL START AT ONCE

A long investigation, United Press reported, showed that these people were disloyal to the United States when they took their oaths of citizenship.

"We now are ready to shoot and we are going to shoot very quickly," Biddle said. Proceedings will start immediately in 30 or 40 cases, and follow later in "hundreds more."

Membership in such fifth column societies, he indicated, would be considered prima facie evidence of disloyalty and ground for denaturalization.

Biddle likewise announced new prosecutions were coming up under the foreign agents registration law, and indictments could be expected soon on the utterance of seditious statements.

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Fed. Restrictions:  
Alien Traveling, Curfew

At the same time, it was disclosed that stringent curfew regulations for all enemy aliens go into effect at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

#### IN 5-MILE RADIUS

Thereafter, enemy aliens must be in their own homes between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. and during the daytime are confined to traveling between their residences and places of business or within a five-mile radius of their homes.

In addition, new contraband provisions affecting American-born Japanese go into effect on March 31. Thereafter, they will be prohibited from having in their possession any weapons, ammunition, explosive materials, short wave radio receiving sets, radio transmitting sets, signal devices, codes and cameras.

#### 'NO EXCEPTIONS'

"There can be absolutely no exceptions to this order," General DeWitt declared, commenting on the curfew regulation.

Heavy fines, imprisonment or internment face Japanese, German and Italian nationals who violate the curfew law, officials warned.

To co-ordinate efforts of all authorities in enforcing the new regulations, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents have begun a series of conferences in Northern California cities.

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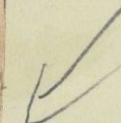


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1—Officials at the Manzanar reception center in Owens Valley announced construction will begin soon on a fruit and vegetable cannery to provide work for Japanese.

The evacuees will be paid approximately \$50 or more a month, charged for their food, lodging and other requirements.



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Meanwhile the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA), commenting on the slowness with which Japanese are closing their affairs preparatory to removal, again urged them to take advan-

tage of Government facilities set up for their exclusive benefit.

Under terms of General De Witt's third proclamation, subjecting all Japanese and enemy aliens to an 8 p. m. curfew and confining them to a five mile radius from their homes, they are still permitted to visit their local service centers.

In San Francisco, the service center is located at the Financial Center Building, and is staffed by experts charged with preventing evacuees from liquidating property foolishly and being victimized by unscrupulous persons.

### HARDSHIP FEARED.

Stringency of the new curfew regulations, which become effective tomorrow, will work a hardship upon many firms and services which employ enemy aliens or Japanese as janitors, porters, and night watchmen, and in other capacities, John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, reported to Mayor Rossi yesterday.

Shelley and representatives of employers were attempting to arrange a conference with military authorities to see if the regulations might be relaxed until affected firms arrange for other employes.

Pending such a conference, military spokesmen said that General De Witt thus far has met all requests with the announcement: "There can be absolutely no exceptions to the order."

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## WARNING GIVEN ON DEFRAUDING OF ALIENS HERE

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WCCA Chief Says Government  
to Prosecute Those Who Try  
To Take Evacuees' Property

A stern warning that any person trying to "take advantage of the perplexed state of mind" of evacuees to defraud them of property will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice was issued last night by Tom C. Clark, chief of the Wartime Civil Control Administration's (WCCA) civilian staff.

### TO STORE PROPERTY.

Clark announced arrangements have been made for storing property of evacuees and that all non-perishable goods properly crated will be stored.

"No Japanese need sacrifice any personal property of value," Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, commanding the Fourth Army and Western Defense Command, declared.

### GIVEN OPPORTUNITY.

"If he cannot dispose of it at a fair price, he will have opportunity to store it prior to the time he is forced to evacuate by exclusion order.

"Persons who attempt to take advantage of Japanese evacuees by trying to obtain property at sacrifice prices are un-American, unfair, and are deserving only of the severest censure."

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## Aliens Go Under Curfew This Morning

The most rigid curfew law ever placed on any citizens or aliens in the United States goes into effect at 6 o'clock this morning.

Aimed at controlling sabotage or espionage by fifth columnists, the rigidly enforced orders will strike at 250,000 enemy aliens and Japanese living on the West Coast and nearby strategic inland centers.

Beginning this morning, no Japanese, German or Italian national or Japanese citizen may be more than five miles from his home except when traveling to or from his job or an official alien control office, or being evacuated from his home under Army permits.

**FROM 8 P. M.  
TO 6 A. M.**

Beginning tonight, he must be inside his own home every night from 8 o'clock until 6 a. m.

There are no exceptions to these orders.

They cover all enemy aliens and Japanese in Military Area 1—Southern Arizona and Western California, Oregon and Washington—and special zones surrounding dams, power plants, bridges, tunnels, factories and other vital centers in these four

## More About Beginning of Alien Curfew

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States and in Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana.

(In California, Military Area 1 covers roughly all territory west of U. S. Highway 99 and State Highway 49, and south of the Walker Pass highway.)

In addition, the new curfew orders prohibit any enemy alien or American-born Japanese from possessing guns, ammunition, cutting weapons, explosives, short-wave radios, cameras, signal devices or codes.

### ORDER APPLIES TO U. S.-BORN JAPANESE

Enemy aliens throughout the country have already been placed under this ban. The new orders extend it to all American-born Japanese in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho and Montana.

Nearly 14,400 American-born Japanese are affected.

Violations of the orders may mean prison sentences, heavy fines or internment in a concentration camp. FBI agents and law enforcement officers throughout the West declare they are ready to provide rigid enforcement.

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**MIDNIGHT DEADLINE.**

The "freezing" order will become effective at midnight tonight, in an area including the western half of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona. It followed the enforcement of stringent curfew regulations in the same Military Area No. 1 Friday.

Purpose of the edict, declared the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA), handling evacuation, is "to insure an orderly evacuation and to protect the Japanese."

"Several groups planning voluntary evacuations have been fearful of starting, through reports of threats in other States, should they pass through these States," the WCCA said.

"The freezing order prepares the way for an Army regulated program of removal."

**2,000 TO BE MOVED.**

Announcement was made that families of Japanese and Japanese Americans who volunteered recently to form the advance contingent in the organization of the community at the WCCA's reception center at Manzanar in the Owens Valley will be moved from the Los Angeles area Wednesday and Thursday. Approximately 2,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans are expected to make application for removal before 5 p. m. tomorrow, it was announced.

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2—FBI agents and local police continued their raids in California, seizing suspected German and Japanese aliens in the East Bay and the San Joaquin valley.

Among those held were Mrs. Anna Wiedeman, 49, of 574 Sixty-second street, Oakland, wife of a creamery worker; Mrs. Kate Wiedmann, a servant arrested at 37 Roble road, Berkeley; Shigehiko Nagaoka, Fresno newspaper editor; Hirio Mochizuki, wealthy Madera groceryman, and Kazuo, former superintendent of the

huge Libby-McNeill orchards in Madera county.

Seven others were seized in Fresno county, five in Tulare county, and 73 were held in Kern county after a raid Tuesday at Delano and Arvin.

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### Intern All Japanese

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I believe Uncle Sam is making a great mistake when he evacuates the Japanese only out of certain zones. Every Japanese in the United States should be put in a camp where he could work for America on different projects and under special guards. This also should hold true of the Japanese who are citizens. Otherwise we may find those Japanese who seem the most loyal to America will assist possible invaders.

Who is going to stop the Japanese who have been evacuated from defense areas from driving back and doing their special jobs? Why are we so softhearted with them?

If these boys and girls who are American citizens have been taught in the Japanese language schools to be true to the old country, what is going to stop them from doing just that? R. W.

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#### **CURFEW BEGINS TONIGHT**

The raids came as federal and local authorities made ready to enforce regulations effective tonight, confining all Japanese and other enemy aliens to their homes between 8 p. m. and 6 p. m. (PWT) in an area which includes the western part of California, Washington and Oregon, and the southern part of Arizona.

When not in their homes, the army declared such persons must be at work or traveling between home and work, and at all times within five miles of their homes.

#### **"FREEZING" REGULATIONS**

In addition to the curfew regulation, the army ordered the "freezing" regulation to be put into effect at midnight Sunday.

This order will prohibit Japanese leaving prescribed military areas unless ordered to do so by the government.

It was believed designed to stop any sizable voluntary evacuation of Japanese to unknown destinations.

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#### RECEPTION CENTERS.

When evacuation is ordered by the Government—and all indications are that the order will come soon—evacuees will first be sent to "reception centers," where they will remain until permanent employment and occupation can be arranged, probably in Utah, Colorado, or other Mountain States.

Reception centers were being hurried to completion near Marysville, Merced, Fresno and Tulare, with indications that they are to be occupied by April 15. In the Fresno area, where two camps are under way, Government officials stripped lumber yards, and virtually halted private building by "commandeering" carpenters so that the camps will be finished by April 15.

Dispatches from Denver said that widely expressed fears of uncontrolled Japanese "invasion" were allayed in mountain States by the announcement that the Army will supervise evacuation.

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From San Jose came reports that Japanese of the rich Santa Clara Valley are beating the deadline and voluntarily evacuating. The more than 4,000 Japanese in the county owned and operated 400 farms of 22,000 acres.

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**CURFEW RINGS TONIGHT.**

The raids came as Federal and local authorities prepared to enforce regulations effective this evening — regulations confining all Japanese and all enemy aliens to their homes between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m., in an area which includes the western part of California, Washington and Oregon, and the southern part of Arizona.

When not in their homes, such persons must be at work, or traveling between home and work, and at all times within five miles of home. An exception permits them to visit offices of Federal agencies with which they may have business pertaining to their evacuation.

**OTHER REGULATIONS.**

In addition to the curfew, "freezing" regulations will become effective at midnight Sunday. After that time, Japanese will not be permitted to move, until ordered to do so by the Government. Japanese leaving prescribed areas before the deadline, may settle in unprohibited areas of their own choosing; those remaining will be ordered to specific localities by the Government.

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## Alien Curfew To Be Explained

**F.B.I. Official Will  
Address Peace Officers  
Here On April 2**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is taking the lead in co-ordinating efforts of state, county and municipal authorities in enforcing new and stringent regulations relating to West Coast enemy aliens.

In that connection, Nat J. L. Pieper, special agent in charge of the San Francisco F.B.I. office, will address a special meeting of peace officers in the supervisors' chambers here at 7 p.m. April 2.

Deputies from State Attorney General Earl Warren's office will attend the conference.

Pieper already has spoken to peace officers at Redding, Sacramento and Modesto. He speaks at Santa Rosa tonight and at Palo Alto on Monday.

Prime purpose of the meetings is to acquaint peace officers with details of the new alien curfew regulations, which went into effect at 6 a.m. today.

### **CURFEW REGULATIONS**

Under the proclamation signed by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt of the Western Defense Command, enemy aliens must remain in their own homes between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., and are confined during the day time to traveling between their residences and places of business or within a five-mile radius of their homes.

In addition, all alien and American-born Japanese are forbidden to leave the western prohibited military zone after Sunday unless under Army supervision. This order paves the way for orderly mass evacuation of all Japanese, German and Italian nationals.

Moreover, new contraband provisions relating to American-born Japanese go into effect March 31.

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# OFF FOR NEW HOMES AND NEW LIFE AT MANZANAR



Starting the "great adventure," three young Japanese leave Los Angeles for the Manzanar reception center, Owens Valley—vanguard of an even-

tual great orderly migration away from strategic coastal centers. The great mass movement was conducted voluntarily, but under strict military regulations.

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Meanwhile, L. I. Hewes Jr., regional director of the Farm Security Administration here, warned that crop losses running into millions of dollars are threatened, unless immediate steps are taken to operate Japanese farms now producing vegetables needed in the war.

"The 225,000 acres of Japanese farm land in California produce a substantial share of the Nation's vegetable supply," he said, pleading for continued production after the evacuations.

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*Fed. Regulations: Traveling, Curfew*

# RIGID ALIEN 'CURFEW' IN EFFECT ON COAST

## Regulations Affect American-Born Japanese as Well as Axis Nationals

On the heels of the roundup of nearly 100 more Axis nationals in Northern and Central California yesterday by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, a rigid Army-decreed curfew went into effect at 6 a.m. today for all Japanese and other enemy aliens in the Western military area.

Under its terms, German and Italian nationals and all Japanese—alien and American-born alike—must be in their own homes by 8 p.m. today and every day thereafter until they are evacuated.

And they must remain in their homes from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

When not in their homes, they must be at work or traveling between home and work, and at all times within five miles of home. An exception permits them to visit specified Federal agencies with which they have business.

### NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS

There are no other exceptions to the sweeping order promulgated by Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt of the Western Defense Command and superseding a previous Justice Department "curfew" regulation.

It is estimated that the new decree will affect 260,000 persons in "Military Area No. 1" and 932 additional military zones. Nearly 75,000 American-born Japanese, hitherto untouched by any Army or Justice Department decrees, are affected by the new rule.

Roughly, "Military Area No. 1" includes all of Western California, Oregon, Washington and Southern Arizona.

Also coming within the scope of the curfew are the 932 "spot" military zones in these States and in Idaho, Nevada, Montana and Utah, which surround dams, power houses, bridges, tunnels, factories, radio and other communication plants, and oil fields.

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## ARRESTED JAP BISHOP SERVED IN NIPPON ARMY

*Examiner - Mar. 29, 1942*

Leader Seized Here by FBI  
As Dangerous Alien Had 6  
Years of Military Training

Torao Tateno, acting bishop of the Konkokyo church in America, who was seized by FBI agents in a new intensified roundup of dangerous enemy aliens, had received six years military training and only six months religious education in Japan before he was sent here, Nat J. L. Pieper of the FBI revealed last night.

Although he was sent to Tacoma from Japan three years ago, he came to California shortly before Pearl Harbor on orders of the then Bishop F. Fukuda to organize a branch in Stockton, FBI agents said. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came before he had an opportunity to carry out the orders and Fukuda was seized by the FBI.

Tateno returned to San Francisco and has been holding sway as Fukuda's successor since.

### RAIDS IN 14 COUNTIES.

Yesterday's raids were the most farflung since the week-end of March 6 when 105 aliens were taken into custody and large quantities of guns, ammunition, cameras, signal lights and other contraband were seized. Agents reported at most places raided yesterday there was no appreciable contraband.

The raiders visiting fourteen northern California counties, and areas which already had been raided, sought members of the notorious Japanese Black Dragon secret society and groups which collected funds for the imperial Japanese Army and Navy.

Eight were arrested in Santa Clara County, including Asatoro Yamada, 64, a priest. Others were Hijime Sakamoto, 64; Makiyimo Yoshi, 57; Kosabano Omori, 61; Sohe Agno, 54; Hoshikomo Yamamoto, 47; Morobo Fushikowora, 58, and Higushi Higuschi, 57.

"Those persons taken into custody are being held for the Immigration Department, on the basis that they were known to be potentially dangerous enemy aliens," Pieper said.

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## SCORES HELD IN NEW JAP ROUNDUP

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Among the latter were Mrs. Anna Wiedeman, 49, of 574 Sixty-second Street, Oakland, and her sister, Mrs. Kate Wiedemann, 47, domestic employed by Edith N. Armes, school teacher of 37 Roble Road, Berkeley. (The sisters, it was explained, married men whose names are the same except for a slight variation in spelling.)

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## Loans Offered For Operation Of Evacue's Land

District officers and field agents of the Wartime Civilian Control Administration today were notified the Farm Security Administration is making available special loans to keep land owned or leased by Japanese and Japanese-American in full production. The loans are available to owners, tenants, farm laborers, partnerships, corporations and cooperative groups.

Postmaster James L. Royle was advised his office no longer will issue the change of residence report cards, or travel permits for enemy aliens.

Frank E. Nagel, FSA representative serving on the board in the United States Employment Service office said the loans are being made under army authority and are not connected with the regular FSA rural rehabilitation offices.

### Must Be Kept In Production

"We have orders to see that these vacated lands are kept in full production of crops already planted or for which there is a war need," Nagel said. "To do this we first will refer loan applicants to banks and other commercial lending agencies; to the Federal Land Bank, where real estate loans are needed, and to the Production Credit Association. If the applicants are eligible they will be referred to the regular FSA office for food for victory loans."

Nagel said these special loans may be made to meet any expense in connection with land use.

Approximately 105 American operators have made application for land, while nearly 150 Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans have listed their farms with the agency.

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**999 Contra Costa Japs  
Await Evacuation Order**

MARTINEZ, March 27. -- When final evacuation orders are received, 999 Contra Costa Japanese will swell the stream of enemy Orientals excluded from the coast defense area.

In a census of Japanese submitted to Sheriff John A. Miller, Deputy Sheriff Ralph Harrison reported there are 657 citizen Nipponese and 342 alien Japanese in the county. Of these there are 176 families and 71 single persons.

Only one Jap falls in the 40 to 50 group, Harrison found, while there are 76 in the 15 to 30 group and the same number in the 20 to 25 group.

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Meantime, Col. Henry B. Lewis, by order of General De Witt, issued instructions to Japanese Americans having guns, cameras, shortwave radios, ammunition or other contraband in their possession to deliver the contraband to the custody of the nearest office

of the United States Employment Service for safekeeping before midnight Tuesday.

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#### DEPARTURES HALTED

In addition, voluntary departures by alien and American-born Japanese and other Axis aliens from the proscribed areas will cease at midnight Sunday.

Thereafter these persons must await the Army-supervised mass evacuations to "reception centers" and eventual resettlement.

The "freezing" order was likewise signed by General De Witt.

Violations of any of the military proclamations will bring penalties ranging from a \$5000 fine to one year's imprisonment, or both.

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## Army Bans Alien Travel <sup>3/27/42</sup> *OK*

Japanese students who have not moved by this Sunday from areas to be eventually evacuated will find themselves unable to leave as the Army has issued orders to temporarily "freeze" all Japanese at their present residence after that date.

Japanese will then only be able to move when the Army asks them to do so, it was announced.

Meanwhile Wartime Civil Control administration headquarters in San Francisco issued an outline of the procedure to be followed by persons who wish to be exempt from evacuation, curfew and other restrictions placed on enemy aliens.

Such persons will have to fill out a form and file it with their local Selective Service board.

It was not revealed what classes of persons would be permitted to apply for virtual exemption from enemy alien status under these provisions.

According to previous information, the aged, the infirm and those with immediate relatives in the armed forces can be exempted after investigation by a board.

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# Federal Restrictions

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## WORK SUMMED UP

In summing up the work of the F.B.I. since December 7, Pieper disclosed that 722 enemy aliens have been taken into custody.

Contraband seized, Pieper said, includes 84,030 rounds of ammunition, 72 guns, three aerial bomb cases, a gallon of acid, five sticks of dynamite, six dynamite caps, two feet of blasting fuse, 69 cases of fireworks plus 2000 other assorted pieces of fireworks, two microphones, 62 short wave receivers, two telegraph keys, one code book, nine signal flares, 245 other signaling devices, and 48 maps.

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Other developments in the swiftly moving alien control program were these:

1—Wartime Civilian Control officials announced Sunday will be the last day Japanese in Military Area 1 can evacuate their homes voluntarily. Beginning Monday, all evacuations will be conducted under army supervision.

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**Japanese Business Men  
Are Lodged In a Jail**

HANFORD (Kings Co.), March 27.—Two Hanford Japanese business men and a former Terminal Island Japanese fisherman were lodged in the Kings County Jail yesterday following their arrest by FBI agents and Kings County officers.

Those arrested are Tomiki Nada, 54, local restaurant operator; Sam Habara, 59, Seventh Street hotel proprietor, and Cazuhi Yamanishi, 47, who came here three weeks ago from Terminal Island in Los Angeles Harbor. Officers said Yamanishi had been a fisherman until

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### Grocery Owners Are Taken Into Custody

MADERA (Madera Co.), March 27.  
—Hirio Mochizuki, 63, and Kazuo Nikaido, 46, wealthy grocery store owners and alien Japanese, are in the Madera County Jail today being taken into custody by FBI men and Sheriff W. O. Justice. They are booked as held for the FBI.

Mochizuki operated a general merchandise store at Ripperdan and Madera Avenues and has been a resident of Madera thirty five years. He left his American born son, George Mochizuki, and an alien son in law in charge of the store.

Nikaido operated a general merchandise store on Madera Avenue just within the Madera city limits. He has resided in Madera County thirty two years. For many years he was the superintendent of the Madera orchard of Libby, McNeil & Libby. His store is being managed in his absence by an American born son in law.

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## 34 Said To Belong To Black Dragon

VISALIA (Kern Co.), March 27.  
—Thirty four Tulare County Japa-

nese, including a Lindsay Buddhist clergyman, were arrested by FBI agents, Sheriff S. B. Sherman and his deputies, highway patrolmen and constables in a roundup of persons considered potentially dangerous enemy aliens yesterday and last night.

Officers here said that all the Japanese apprehended are suspected of being members of the Black Dragon, a Japanese secret society which is said to rule Japan and to have branches outside that country.

### Clergyman Is Held

The group arrested consisted of K. Sekiguchi, 54, a clergyman in the Lindsay Buddhist Church; T. Yamamoto, 58, Lindsay restaurant keeper; S. Nyeda, 48; Roy M. Oku, 52; K. Suko, 56, and Takeji Sonata, 46, all Lindsay ranchers; Kay Ikeuye, 53, a rancher, Hitaro Nishizaki, 52, Daido Kato, 52, all of Porterville; and Yama Hiza, 55, of Earlimart.

Kenzo Soyama, 53, Visalia merchant; John Ichinaga, 40, service station operator, and Kesijiro Yamataki, 65, laborer, both of Pixley; K. Sera, 46, Ivanhoe rancher; Hisayoshi Kusayanago, 43, of Orosi; Kazuma Oda, 49; Gumichi Fukushima, 56, rancher; Kazo Kirihara, 65; Mosaku Asado, 61, laborer, all of Dinuba.

### Yettem Rancher Arrested

Torozo Tsuji, 61, Yettem rancher; Yeizo Tashiro, 66, transient laborer from Lompoc; Kitoji Honma, 53, rancher; Kichi Imoto, 55; G. Kaku, 59, laborer; all of Lindsay; Shingo Ishikawa, 52, rancher; Mataichi Fugitani, 50, laborer; Ichizi Morihiko, 55; Kilko Teruya, 50, laborer; Kikichi Nakayama, 52, laborer; Tomokichi Origuchi, 56, laborer; Chuzo Yamune, 56, laborer; Yosokichi Machino, 52, and Jatsutoku Yogi, 53, all of Earlimart.

It was said the Japanese will be detained here for a day or two and then taken to concentration camps.

A few short wave radio sets were confiscated, but no guns or ammunition. Officers said that most of the Japanese had their luggage already packed and were expecting to be evacuated.

Practically all of those detained have been in the United States for more than twenty five years, and some have been here for as many as forty and forty five years.

## Fresno Area Roundup Of Aliens Nets 17

Seventeen alien Japanese are being held in the Fresno County Jail after a series of raids conducted yesterday and last night by Fresno City and County officers in cooperation with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Although the FBI agents refused to disclose the reasons for the arrests, it is understood the aliens are suspected of subversive activities. Evidence seized in the home of one of the Fresno Japanese revealed one of the men who was questioned here made at least one financial contribution to the Japanese Army.

### Arrested Last Night

Those arrested last night are: Gingo Tanaka, 40, of 935 F Street, West Fresno restaurant owner; Tamaki Sasaki, 43, of 1428 Kern Street; Takayuki Nisaki, 56, Selma; Ichigo Kitsahara, 61; Hichigo Okamura, 61, and Sozura Nakamura, 59, all of Reedley; Gensuke Kasura, 63, Parlier; Shintara Hanawa, 57, Cayucos, and Mantsuchi Nakamura, 65.

Hanawa and Satow were recent arrivals in Fresno County. The others are Fresno County residents, many of them having lived here for many years.

The police who arrested Satow said he arrived here recently from San Francisco and was known under a number of aliases.

### Picked Up Second Time

Tanaka, well known West Fresno restaurant operator, was among the first to be picked up when the raids were started yesterday morning. He was questioned and released by the FBI agents, only to be arrested again last night.

# FBI Arrests Of Valley Japanese Rise To 139; Black Dragon Mentioned

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, aided by local peace officers, today were continuing a round up of San Joaquin Valley Japanese which was reported to have among its objectives the crushing of the Black Dragon, Japanese secret society, in valley counties.

Arrests numbered 139 in Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare and Kern Counties since the raids started late Wednesday.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of police officers, resumed activities in Fresno this morning but no arrests had been made up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The officers searched a number of premises occupied by enemy aliens but did not disclose whether contraband or other material was seized.

While the FBI men maintained the closest secrecy and said only that they were rounding up aliens considered potentially dangerous, the name of the Black Dragon, reputedly all powerful invisible governing power in Japan, with branches in this country, was drawn into the case by the Tulare County officers.

Membership or suspected membership in the Black Dragon reputedly was the cause of all of the thirty four Tulare County arrests. Causes listed in other counties were contributions to the Japanese Army or Government, service in the Japanese armed forces or known connections with the Japanese Government.

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## Japanese Aliens Taken by Scores

### Wholesale Arrests as Curfew Hour Nears

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27 (INS)—Scores of Japanese aliens were in custody today, result of a new series of raids by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, operating over wide regions in California.

The new raids came on the heels of further drastic enemy alien curfew laws ordered by the Fourth Army in military area No. 1, which comprises virtually all of the Pacific Coast and part of Arizona.

#### VALLEY YIELDS SCORES

Seventy-three Japanese were picked up by FBI agents in Kern County, while eight were apprehended in Fresno County and five in Tulare County. In Alameda two German women were arrested.

All were viewed as "dangerous or potentially dangerous" aliens by the Department of Justice.

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## Nipponese Commence Housekeeping

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These four Japanese girls are pictured straightening out their new home at Manzanar, Owens Valley, California. They were among the first to voluntarily leave strategic areas to take up the new life in the new land. Note GENERAL MacARTHUR'S picture on the wall.

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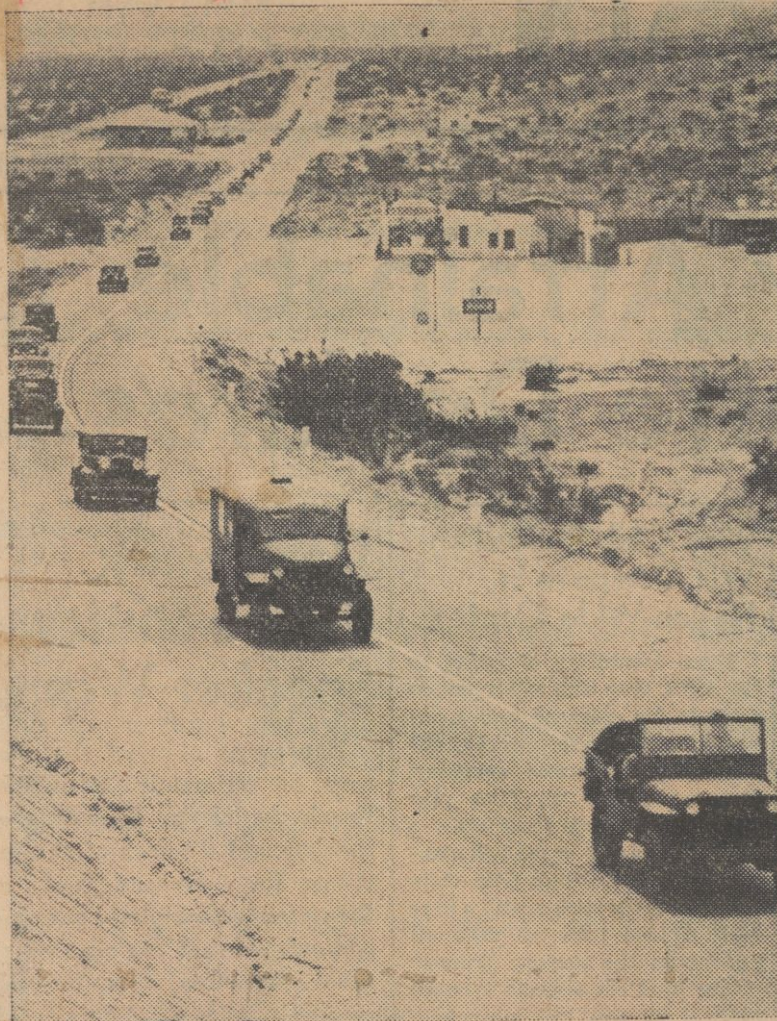
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## 3/27/19 The Long Voyage Home



Japanese aliens on the move from Los Angeles to Owens Valley stretch an endless caravan across the desert country near Lone Pine, California. One thousand of them are in migration. —Acme Photo.

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the milling system as a whole was far from efficient. Many mills contracted for more cane than they could handle, while other mills had an insufficient volume.



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### Objects

Editor of The Bee—Sir: A Japanese farmer was allowed a new tire by the local tire rationing board. The Japanese resides within the limits of Newcastle, approximately 200 yards from a grocery store. Is this justice when persons who drive many miles daily for defense work are refused tires by the same board?

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**SUBSISTENCE PAY.**

Meanwhile, protests over subsistence compensation to be paid evacuated Japanese continued, on grounds that it was higher than Army pay.

However, Milton Eisenhower, War Relocation Authority (WRA) director, reiterated that subsistence charges will be deducted from the pay of each evacuee, whether employed or not, thus bringing the net wage in line with, and in some cases lower, than Army pay.

Wage policies of the WRA for Japanese to be employed on work projects to be initiated by WRA, are not fully shaped yet, he said.

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#### RECEPTION CENTERS.

When evacuation is ordered by the Government—and all indications are that the order will come soon—evacuees will first be sent to "reception centers," where they will remain until permanent employment and occupation can be arranged, probably in Utah, Colorado, or other Mountain States.

Reception centers were being hurried to completion near Marysville, Merced, Fresno and Tulare, with indications that they are to be occupied by April 15. In the Fresno area, where two camps are under way, Government officials stripped lumber yards, and virtually halted private building by "commandeering" carpenters so that the camps will be finished by April 15.

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#### HAD SHOTGUN

At Sacramento, Tachaiko Yamamoto, 52, a grocery store operator, was arrested for illegal possession of a sawed-off shotgun. He insisted he "needed it for protection."

Agents took Shigehiko Nagaoka, 54, a newspaper editor, into custody at Fresno.

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Agents said a short wave radio, \$20,000 in Japanese securities and two lanterns were seized in the Kern County raids.

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From San Jose came reports that Japanese of the rich Santa Clara Valley are beating the deadline and voluntarily evacuating. The more than 4,000 Japanese in the county owned and operated 400 farms of 22,000 acres.

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**8 SITES ACQUIRED.**

The WCCA also announced that eight assembly sites have been acquired in California to handle 37,000 Japanese. Construction is now under way on the sites.

Following are the assembly sites, and the number of Japanese they will handle:

Marysville, one mile south of town, 3,000 Japanese; Wallergo advanced depot, north of Sacramento, 5,000; Stockton Fair Grounds, 5,000; Turlock Fair Grounds and adjacent property, 4,000; Fresno Fair Grounds and adjacent lots, 5,000; Pinedale, six miles north of Fresno on the San Joaquin Canal, 5,000; Tulare Fair Grounds, 5,000.

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## Lassen Will Use Aliens On Farms

SUSANVILLE (Lassen Co.), March 28.—To relieve a threatened farm labor shortage in Lassen County, farmers will employ enemy aliens to be brought here from coastal areas and placed in two central labor camps heretofore used by the CCC at Fredonyer and Secret Valley.

To support the national war effort, Lassen County farmers will restrict their principal agricultural production—stock cattle raising—and raise vegetables, fruits, grain, cheese, milk and eggs.

### Pay Off Debts

Lassen County farmers are using increased revenues to pay off indebtedness and farm mortgages, to buy new labor saving equipment when possible or repair old equipment, and to build cash reserves in savings and defense bonds.

Stock cattle number 40,000 in Lassen County at the present time and dairy cattle number 10,000.

### Repair Sacks

The grain farmers are cooperating with one another to clean and repair sacks, and to market grain in bulk where possible. Lassen County has 72,439 acres of crop land, producing as follows: Wheat for grain, 8,000 acres; barley, 4,000; grain hay, 9,000; wild hay, 36,000; meadow land, 13,000; alfalfa, 17,000; potatoes, thirty five acres and corn, twenty acres. Comparatively, it has 299,730 acres of range land.

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Preceding the actual evacuation the knotty problem of property disposal demanded solution. Here were some 70,000 American citizens, forced to leave their homes as a matter of "military necessity," who stood to lose most of their assets unless they were protected from unscrupulous creditors or other "sharpers" taking advantage of their situation.

The government stepped in, through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, to solve this one. The bank and other agencies operating under the wartime Civil Control Administration established sixty-four offices in Military Area No. 1 and invited the evacuees to go there for aid in arranging their affairs.

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Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff of civil affairs of the Western Defense Command, announced that about 2000 members of families of the volunteer Japanese who went to Manzanar to start the colonization will leave Los Angeles Wednesday and Thursday to join the men at camp.

Among the 36 taken into custody was Mitsuzo Uyeda, 53, proprietor of a restaurant at 222 Eighth Street, whom officers declared to be an officer of the Japanese military organization. Born in Japan, Uyeda has resided in California for the past 42 years and in Alameda County since 1939.

In Contra Costa County, raiders apprehended Mentaro Ide, 74, retired, widely-known Concord district rancher. He has been a resident of the county for 40 years.

Explaining the concentration on Japanese priests, Nat J. L. Pieper, special agent in charge of the San Francisco FBI office, said they were leaders of Shinto sect churches.

#### **TWO SECTS REPRESENTED**

Several of those arrested were priests of the Konkokyo Church while others represented the Tenrikyo Church, both of which origin-

ated in Japan and whose priests were born in Japan.

"Each of these forms of religious belief," Pieper asserted, "is based upon worship of the Japanese emperor as a deity."

Priests, churches and missionary work of the Konkokyo Church are controlled in Japan, Pieper continued. The church professes belief in gods of the universe considered to confine their divine spheres to Japan and is strongly pro-Japanese. The Tenrikyo Church, he said, advocates worship of the forces of nature and regards these forces as gods, with the sun as the supreme god. The soul of the sun god is purported to have founded the reigning house in Japan. Pieper noted, and hence the emperor is worshipped as of divine origin.

#### **LINKS WITH HOMELAND**

"Investigation has disclosed," Pieper concluded, "that priests of the Tenrikyo churches receive instructions and supplies from their headquarters in Japan and that Konkokyo worshippers believe their bodies belong to their god and their sovereign, who is the emperor of Japan."

The latest drive brought to almost 1000 the number of aliens apprehended in Northern California since December 7. Raiders were reported active in more than a score of communities. Many of the areas had been visited several times previously.

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# Fairgrounds

## 200 Frame Buildings to House 5000 Evacuees

**Project Is Under Way by 'Presidential Decree'; Turlock, Merced Camps**

The San Joaquin County Fairgrounds today was under transformation into a "collection center," where 5000 aliens will be housed who are being removed from Military Zone 1.

This development, started Thursday without knowledge of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and by "presidential decree," was announced officially today by the War Time Civil Control Administration, which is directing evacuations.

### OTHER GROUNDS USED

Simultaneously it was announced that the Turlock Fairgrounds, 20 acres, and an additional 38 acres of privately owned land adjoining had been taken over to house 4000. The Merced County Fairgrounds and three adjoining lots, a total of 220 acres, have been taken over to accommodate 5000 persons.

### 200 FRAME BUILDINGS

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Structures are being erected in the area known as the "Midway," where carnivals are held during the fair; in the centerfield inside the racetrack and at the eastern end of the grounds. All are of semipermanent frame construction, necessitating demolition before the areas can be cleared.

Workers here are employed in three eight-hour shifts. Special lights have been installed to speed construction. The project thus far has not affected barns where approximately 150 horses are housed, or the race track.

## Alien Depot

### TURLOCK BARRACKS

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### Fairgrounds Taken as Alien Depot

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building committee, who investigated.

Rimington was informed that federal officials were "sorry, but we have taken over under a presidential decree."

### WHAT ABOUT FAIR?

Whether the development spelled the end of plans for the annual county fair remained in doubt. Plans have been proceeding for the exposition, with the understanding that they could be canceled at any time on orders from the army.

Secretary-Manager E. G. Vollmann said the matter rests largely upon the length of time the buildings will be used for aliens and whether it is planned to put them to further use after the alien evacuation is completed.

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## Mass Migration

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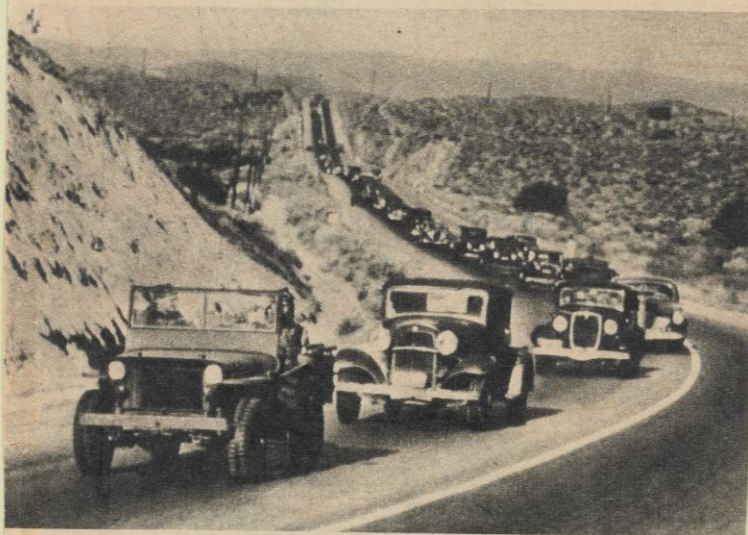
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JAPANESE FROM THE COAST arrive with their goods and chattels at the evacuee center at Manzanar.



ALIENS IN CONVOY stretched along a California highway, the procession paced by officers in an Army "jeep."

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## FBI, POLICE IN ALIEN RAIDS HERE

Participating in another state-wide round-up of enemy aliens, several FBI agents assisted by police and sheriff's officials made raids this morning in the vicinity of Stockton Field and the Port of Stockton Motor Repair Depot.

### PRIEST JAILED

Sashiro Takemoto, 59, Japanese priest jailed early this afternoon, was the only alien taken into custody by 2 o'clock this afternoon. The officers were armed with several other warrants and additional arrests were expected.

A midday FBI report showed 17 arrests had been made in 14 communities.

### STATE ARRESTS MADE

Throughout the state, priests of the Shinto sect, members of the Japanese military virtue society and officers of groups collecting funds for the Japanese army and navy were seized on presidential warrants charging them with being dangerous enemy aliens.

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3—Use of Santa Anita Park in Southern California as an assembly center for Japanese evacuees was postponed until next week. Eventually the luxurious race track will accommodate 16,000.

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## The Alien Situation Japs Given Two Days to Evacuate, Then---Action!

Japanese aliens and citizens have two more days to leave the West Coast under their own power. After Sunday night, the army will take over.

Japanese citizens in the entire Western Defense Command have four days to get rid of fire-arms, cameras and other contraband. After Tuesday night, the FBI will move in.

These orders were emphasized here yesterday as the rigid new 8 p. m. to 6 a. m. curfew rule blanketed all enemy aliens and American-born Japanese along the coast. The emphasis carried with it a grim warning that violations will mean prison, fines or internment.

Authorities still refused to grant any exemptions to the curfew regulations.

### Where to Get Information on Alien Matters

Enemy aliens and American-born Japanese are requested NOT to call in person at War-time Civilian Control Authority offices in the Whitcomb Hotel.

All information, advice and other assistance should be obtained here at special WCCA offices in the Financial Center building, 500 California street.

For information by telephone, call KLondike 2-2611.

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# More Aliens Sacto Bee Are Seized Mar. 28, 1942 In New Raids

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Arrests were made in Sacramento, Yuba, Sutter, Placer, Solano and several counties in the bay and San Joaquin Valley districts.

## Merchant Held

In Sacramento, where the police and sheriff's deputies assisted the FBI, the first reported arrests were those of Motomu Kambara and Yasukichi Yasumura.

Kambara, 57, lives at 1609 Thirty Seventh Street and operates a shoe store at 1315 Fourth Street. He said he has been a resident of Sacramento thirty seven years.

Yasumura, also 57, lives at 604 O Street and is pastor of the Japanese Konkoyo Church of Sacramento with headquarters in his home. He stated he has been in Sacramento twelve years and in the United States thirty seven years.

## Potentially Dangerous

Nat J. L. Pieper of San Francisco, FBI head for the Northern California district in which nearly 1,000 enemy aliens have been rounded up since Pearl Harbor, declared those persons taken into custody today will be held for the immigration service on the basis they are known to be potentially dangerous enemy aliens.

## Suspected Of Collecting Funds

Particular targets of the systematic drive, the FBI said, are alien Japanese suspected of being members of the Military Virtue Society, of being leaders of a group collecting funds for the Japanese Army and Navy and Shinto priests.

Information gathered by and exchanged among the FBI, the office of naval intelligence and the military intelligence division of the army was said to have provided a basis for the raids.

## Many Weapons Collected

Property custodians in the local police department and sheriff's office reported that trash barrels, vacant lots, the river and numerous other places have given up a large collection of various types of weapons during the earlier raids on Japanese aliens.

One rifle, oiled to prevent rust, was found in the river; a cache of guns was found in an orchard near Mills after a Japanese was observed

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# FBI Stages New Raid On Aliens

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burying them, and a group of ceremonial swords have been taken from Japanese families who reluctantly gave them up because they were handed down from generation to generation.

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Meantime, the Wartime Civilian Control Administration center at 2345 Channing Way prepared for the evacuation of Japanese citizens and aliens registered here Saturday and Sunday. The area will be roped off all day tomorrow, Thursday and Friday and caravans will move from there to the embarkation center at Tanforan track. Japanese registered here number 1187, according to Mrs. Marjorie Walker, manager of the local center.

The San Francisco area evacuations covered exclusion order No. 20, affecting 1923 Japanese in portions of San Francisco, and ex-

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## FBI Raid Here Nets Japanese

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clusion order No. 19, involving 1189 Japanese in Berkeley and portions of Alameda and Contra Costa County.

At Tanforan, the evacuees will await removal to one of the Wartime Civil Control Administration's resettlement camps.

A vanguard of 275 evacuees, traveling in Army trucks and in private automobiles, were to leave Seattle today. The remainder of the affected Seattle Japanese will be transported to Puyallup throughout the week.

Also questioned and searched by the raiders were Buddhist priests, members of the Military Virtue Society, collectors and consultants for the Heimusha Kai and Japanese language school directors, Pieper said.

The raids covered the entire Bay area, including San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and peninsula communities.

"The FBI is acting on information developed through investigations indicating that those persons being taken into custody are potentially dangerous enemy aliens," Pieper said.

Nearly 200 Japanese, the first of a contingent of about 2500, arrived in the Tulare assembly center from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo late yesterday, the United Press said.

Accompanied by an Army escort, the group included cooks, clerks, stenographers, doctors and nurses who will prepare the camp for the

others who will arrive later in the week.

Four buses and nine automobiles carried the evacuees. The assembly center is a temporary halting place and they will be transferred to permanent centers later.

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Midnight Freezing Order Ends  
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**CENTERS ANNOUNCED**

Meanwhile, the Wartime Civil Control Administration announced selection of eight Northern California collection centers to house aliens pending their removal to Manzanar and other reception centers, and regional officials of the Federal Farm Security Administration called for American farmers to take over 8000 Japanese and Japanese-American farms totaling 225,000 acres.

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The Walerga camp, to be constructed north of Sacramento, will accommodate 5,000.

The Marysville center, for 3,000 Japanese, will be constructed one mile south of the Yuba County city at the so-called Arboga Colony on 160 acres leased from the Yuba County Reclamation District 784. This will replace plans for a center on the Yuba County fair grounds, which were found to be too small to house this number of aliens.

The San Joaquin County Fair grounds in Stockton will be utilized for a center housing 5,000.

## Call For Carpenters

Simultaneously came the call here for 300 carpenters to work on the Sacramento project.

Roy C. Donnally, manager of the United States Employment Service at 1330 P Street, classified the work as "emergency of the greatest importance" and requested that able bodied carpenters, with the proper tools and able to do journeyman work, should apply to his office immediately.

## Statewide System

The Superior California centers will participate in a statewide system of handling the aliens and Japanese Americans who must move from the military zone fronting the Pacific Ocean and extending to the Sierra foothills. Altogether, eight temporary centers have been ordered, to house a total of 37,000 Japanese, and more may be selected later if the military authorities believe they are needed to expedite the evacuation movement.

In addition to those at Sacramento, Marysville and Stockton, the following assembly centers are among those chosen:

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Turlock—On the Turlock fairgrounds and on thirty seven adjacent acres leased from private owners, 4,000 persons.

Fresno—Fresno County fairgrounds and sixty adjacent acres leased from private owners, 5,000 persons.

Pinedale—Nine miles northeast of Fresno on land leased from the San Joaquin Compress Company, 5,000 persons.

Tulare—Tulare County fairgrounds, 5,000 persons.

Merced—Merced County fairgrounds and three adjoining sixty acres, 5,000 persons.

## Will Rush Work

At all places, work will be rushed on necessary construction, although in most places existing buildings will house the majority of the persons to be moved.

Officials said it is uncertain how long the aliens and Japanese Americans will remain in the assembly points until their removal.

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to reception centers but said it may range all the way from "two days to two months", depending upon how rapidly the reception centers can be completed and transportation provided.

When the Japanese evacuations have been completed, the assembly centers will be abandoned by the Wartime Civil Control Administration, a branch of the army set up for handling of the removal of the Japanese from critical areas.

Walerga, the site chosen for the Sacramento assembly center, is about three miles northwest of the Sacramento Army Air Depot, on the Southern Pacific between the air depot and Antelope.

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The decision to undertake this great forced evacuation brought a multitude of problems, first of which was where the evacuees should be taken. Army officers and civilians studied this question and committees traveled over the Western States looking for resettlement sites.

It was decided that reception or processing centers would be set up in which the evacuees could remain temporarily until they could be resettled elsewhere for the duration of the war. Owens Valley, a picturesque Eastern California tract hemmed in by the snow-capped Sierra Nevada range on the west and the Inyo and White Mountains to the east, was picked as an ideal spot for the first of these centers.

While carpenters rushed the completion of prefabricated barracks buildings, mess halls, recreation rooms, laundries and lavatories at Owens Valley, the Army moved to hasten the evacuation by taking over race tracks such as Santa Anita Park, several county

fair grounds and other sites as induction centers for evacuees.

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At Owens Valley, the "guinea pig" in the evacuation program, Clayton E. Triggs, the reception center's manager, is preparing for that time by taking these steps:

#### Program at Centers

(1) He will provide work for the camp residents, some of whom will farm, others run a cannery, still others make furniture to outfit their apartments. (2) An extensive program of recreation will be provided, including baseball and other sports, and the showing of movies. (3) A grammar and high school will be established at the reception center and there is talk of putting in university extension courses for those young men and women who have been attending college in the proscribed military area. (4) There will be church services for those who care to attend on Sunday.

The 6,000-acre center at Owens Valley will be the temporary home of at least 10,000 Japanese. Most of those there now, if asked how they liked it, probably would reply "it's O. K." The outstanding discernible reaction there this week was their immense feeling of relief. They had been under a terrific strain since Dec. 7, not knowing what was to happen to them. Now they had an answer. They could relax.

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By LAWRENCE E. DAVIES

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When Army jeeps and peeps escorted Japanese in private cars from the Pasadena Rose Bowl to the Owens Valley, women and children stayed behind. The menfolk went out to do the "pioneering," leaving the families to follow as soon as sewage facilities were made available. They were all volunteers. They had been assembled under the direction of the Maryknoll Center, a Catholic mission at Los Angeles, which registered and classified by occupation 24,000 Japanese, representing Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists, Shintoists and unbelievers.

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L. I. Hewes Jr., regional director for Federal Farm Security Administration, called for American farmers to take over the 8000 farms totaling 225,000 acres and producing vital crops.

He said 1000 American farmers had volunteered to operate this land so far and many more were needed immediately to save the crops. He said losses already were occurring in crop and poultry industries because of removal of their Japanese operators. Hewes warned the 100 FSA agents now active in the program could not take care of land effected.

#### SITUATION CRITICAL

Hewes said the situation in the tomato industry was especially critical because the tomatoes must be transplanted now. He warned large losses would occur in tomato, spinach, onion, garlic, celery, pea and snap bean crops unless American farmers took over. Persons interested were asked to contact the W.C.C.A. officers in 64 coast cities.

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"Those persons being taken into custody," Pieper said, "are being held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the basis that they were known to be potentially dangerous enemy aliens."

Believed scheduled for arrest in the large-scale round-up also were Buddhist priests, Japanese newspapermen and Japanese language school teachers.

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### 'HIGHERUPS' ON LIST

"Higherups" in enemy alien espionage and sabotage machinations who have been under constant surveillance were to be taken into custody it was reliably learned.

F.B.I. agents described today's raids as a "systematic round-up of possible fifth clounnists."

### 129 ROUNDED UP

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that F.B.I. agents had rounded up 129 Japanese aliens in the San Joaquin Valley counties of Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare and Kern since Wednesday.

Mrs. Yurie Yamanishi, 43, evacuee from Los Angeles' Terminal Island, whose husband was one of those jailed at Hanford, died in a Fresno sanitarium. Dr. B. Okonogi said worry contributed to her fatal illness.



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#### ANOTHER DEADLINE

Another deadline for enemy aliens and American-born Japanese arrives at midnight tomorrow, after which all voluntary movements from the proscribed military zones will be banned. Thereafter, these groups will have to await Army-supervised mass evacuation.

The "freezing" order was made after Army authorities disclosed that only about 600 Japanese aliens and American-born Japanese had taken advantage of the voluntary migration offer.

In this connection, Col. K. R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff of the Civilian Affairs Division of the Western Defense Command, took occasion to soothe the fears of Gov. E. P. Carville that Japanese would pour into Nevada.

#### PROTESTS TO BE HEEDED

"It is my understanding," the Governor said as he emerged from a conference, "that the aliens will be distributed from reception and assembly centers into other districts, but not over the protests of people in those districts."

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# 8 New Sites Await Aliens

## Assembly Centers In North California Will Hold 37,000

Acquisition of eight Northern California sites for alien assembly centers capable of accommodating 37,000 aliens was announced in San Francisco today by officials of the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

Construction work is already under way at the centers, authorities said, and they will be used as collection points for aliens and Japanese-Americans being removed from Military Zone No. 1, which embraces the western portions of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona.

### TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

The centers will provide temporary residence for alien and American-born Japanese who will be the first removed from the area.

Location of the sites, size and potential capacities are:

1—The Arboga colony of 160 acres near Marysville, accommodating 3000 persons. It is on property of the Yuba County and Reclamation District No. 784.

2—The Wallegro tract at "the advanced depot" north of Sacramento and near the State fair grounds. Accommodates 5000.

3—The San Joaquin County fair grounds at Stockton. 5000 persons.

4—Turlock fair grounds, 20 acres, and an additional 38 acres of privately-owned land adjoining. 4000 persons.

### OTHER FAIR GROUNDS

5—Merced County fair grounds and three adjoining lots, total of 60 acres. 5000 persons.

Fresno County fair grounds, 160 acres, and an additional 60 acres of private land adjoining, total of 220 acres. 5000 persons.

7—Pinedale Mill center six miles north of Fresno near the San Joaquin canal. 5000 persons.

8—King County fair grounds at Tulare, 60 acres. 5000 persons.

U.S. Army engineers said necessary buildings are being constructed at the centers, at which the evacuees will be assembled before they are sent to the Manzanar and other reception centers pending permanent resettlement outside the military zone.

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#### Army Aids Morale

The problem of morale was considered important. It can be said that the Army's performance in convoying the evacuees left little to be desired in this respect. When a car broke down a repair car hurried up, a soldier jumped out, lifted the hood, found the source of the trouble and soon had it remedied.

But this question of morale may become more difficult, it is recognized, as the months go by. Now the excitement of new surroundings and a new life has buoyed up the evacuees. The problems will

increase after the novelty wears off.

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The raids came on the eve of enforcement of another drastic order curtailing the movements of Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans—a "freezing order," whereby they are required to stay put in Military Area Number One pending evacuation orders.

#### MIDNIGHT DEADLINE.

The "freezing" order will become effective at midnight tonight, in an area including the western half of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona. It followed the enforcement of stringent curfew regulations in the same Military Area No. 1 Friday.

Purpose of the edict, declared the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA), handling evacuation, is "to insure an orderly evacuation and to protect the Japanese."

"Several groups planning voluntary evacuations have been fearful of starting, through reports of threats in other States, should they pass through these States," the WCCA said.

"The freezing order prepares the way for an Army regulated program of removal."

#### 2,000 TO BE MOVED.

Announcement was made that families of Japanese and Japanese Americans who volunteered recently to form the advance contingent in the organization of the community at the WCCA's reception center at Manzanar in the Owens Valley will be moved from the Los Angeles area Wednesday and Thursday. Approximately 2,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans are expected to make application for removal before 5 p. m. tomorrow, it was announced.

#### 8 SITES ACQUIRED.

The WCCA also announced that eight assembly sites have been acquired in California to handle 37,000 Japanese. Construction is now under way on the sites.

Following are the assembly sites, and the number of Japanese they will handle:

Marysville, one mile south of town, 3,000 Japanese; Wallergo advanced depot, north of Sacramento, 5,000; Stockton Fair Grounds, 5,000; Turlock Fair Grounds and adjacent property, 4,000; Fresno Fair Grounds and adjacent lots, 5,000; Pinedale, six miles north of Fresno on the San Joaquin Canal, 5,000; Tulare Fair Grounds, 5,000.

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## 40,171 Alien Japanese in California

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—L. B. Schofield, special assistant to the Attorney General, presented to the House Appropriations Committee during hearings on the sixth supplemental national defense bill data to show there were approximately 91,000 Japanese aliens in the United States, including Hawaii.

The table gave the number of the aliens by States and by sex. It included:

California, 24,162 male, 14,009 female; Oregon, 1104 male, 663 female; Washington, 3563 male, 2376 female; Alaska, 100 male, 20 female, and Hawaii, 21,478 male, 16,671 female.

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#### **'FREEZING' ORDER TODAY**

At midnight today a "freezing" order for enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans becomes effective. After that deadline such persons residing in military areas will not be able to evacuate except under Army supervision.

As the deadline approached, there was a rush for Japanese to dispose of fishing gear, washing machines and household effects.

Tom C. Clark, chief of the War-time Civil Control Administration's civilian staff, and Lieut. Gen. J. L. Dewitt, commander of the Western Defense Area, warned that "anyone taking advantage of the perplexed state of mind of the Japanese to defraud them of their property will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice."

#### **TO STORE BELONGINGS**

They pointed out that arrangements are being made to store belongings of evacuated Japanese in warehouses, and that Japanese are able to obtain information on this matter at offices near their quarters.

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# The Alien Roundup

## 8 'Centers' In Northern California

The Army's Wartime Civil Control Administration, civilian-military executive organization which will handle the evacuation of enemy aliens from coastal areas, announced location of eight assembly centers in Northern California from which enemy aliens will be routed to semi-permanent camps.

The reception centers will be in operation by next week, it was indicated.

They will provide temporary living quarters for 37,000 evacuees, most of them Japanese and Japanese Americans who have not already moved beyond the boundaries of the Army's restricted areas.

### THE CENTERS

Listed under lease or otherwise acquired by the administration are:

1—A 3000-capacity center one mile south of Marysville in the Arboga colony.

2—A 5000-capacity center north of Sacramento at Wallergo advanced depot.

3—A 5000 - capacity center at Stockton Fairgrounds.

4—A 4000-capacity center at Turlock Fairgrounds.

5—A 5000 - capacity center at Merced Fairgrounds.

6—A 5000 - capacity center at Fresno Fairgrounds.

7—A 5000 - capacity center at Pinedale, six miles north of Fresno.

8—A 5000-capacity center at Tulare Fairgrounds.

Two thousand additional Japanese evacuees will be moved from the Los Angeles area Wednesday and Thursday to Manzanar, the War-time Civil Control Administration here announced last night.

L. I. Hewes, regional director of the Farm Security Administration, called for American farmers to take over 8000 Japanese farms, a total of 225,000 acres, on which there will be crop losses of millions of dollars unless Japanese owners are replaced by other workmen.

He said 1000 American farmers have volunteered to work the crops but many more are needed. Losses are occurring already in crop and poultry industries formerly operated by evacuated Japanese, he said.

Hewes said the situation is particularly critical in the tomato fields.

Japanese and Japanese-Americans will be "frozen" at midnight tonight, forbidden to leave Military Zone No. 1 except as the Army shall order and direct. The area covers Western Washington, Oregon, California and Southern Arizona.

### STORAGE SPACE

Reports that Japanese to be evacuated were rushing to dispose of their belongings brought stern warning from Tom C. Clark, chief of Wartime Civil Control Administration, that persons taking advantage of the perplexed state of mind of evacuees to defraud them will be prosecuted.

Announcement was made that arrangements have been made for storing the property of the evacuees prior to issuance of exclusion order. Information can be obtained by Japanese at any of the 64 WCCA service offices.

The curfew law, which is already in effect, forbids enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans to move from their homes more than five miles at any time, and must remain in their homes between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m.

Aladino Del Porto, 50, was listed by Sacramento police early yesterday as the first violator of the curfew law.

A train of Pullman cars will leave Seattle tomorrow (Monday) with 239 alien and American-born Japanese evacuated from Bainbridge island in Puget sound. The evacuees will be taken for the reception center at Manzanar. A doctor and two nurses will accompany the train south.

From Tacoma came word that a huge Japanese assembly center, housing 8000 persons, will be established immediately by the Army on the Western Washington Fairgrounds at nearby Puyallup.

Army authorities at Portland, Or., are taking over the huge Portland Pacific International Livestock Exposition building as a temporary reception center for enemy aliens.

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## Alien Roundup Jap Priests, Army Officers Are Arrested

FBI agents and local police raided on a 13-county front in Northern California yesterday, sweeping into the alien enemy net members of the nationalistic Japanese Military Virtue Society and a number of priests of Shinto Sect churches.

Thirty-five persons in 20 communities had been taken into custody on presidential apprehension warrants last night.

Among them were five priests and several reserve officers of the Imperial Japanese Army.

### JAPANESE PRIEST ARRESTED HERE

Torao Tateno, priest of the Konkokyo Church, arrested in San Francisco, was a good example of the type of enemy alien picked up in yesterday's raids.

Tateno, born in Japan, spent five years in military education at Waseda University. He then spent six months training for the priesthood of the church which worships the Japanese Emperor as a deity.

He was sent to the United States three years ago at Tacoma. In 1941 he was ordered to San Francisco by Bishop Y. Fukuda and ordered to open a branch of the church at Stockton.

The Pearl Harbor attack came before Tateno could carry out these plans. Bishop Fukuda was taken into custody by the FBI. Tateno became head of the church in the United States, operating from San Francisco.

Yesterday the FBI had Tateno.

### BIG VEGETABLE GROWER SEIZED

Described as "the biggest vegetable grower on the San Mateo coast side," Tom Kuwahara, 45, was taken into custody at his Level Lea ranch at Pescadero.

He is said to be a reserve officer in the Japanese army. A radio shortwave receiving set was seized.

Kuwahara, a San Mateo county truck farmer for 26 years, has a wife and several children, one of whom raiding officers found in bed with the mumps.

### TWO MORE RESERVE OFFICERS ARRESTED

Two others said to be Japanese reserve officers were seized in the East Bay.

They are Mitsuzo Uyeda, 53, proprietor of a restaurant at 222 Eighth street, Oakland, a resident of Alameda county since 1935, and Nentaro Ide, 74, retired Concord ranch owner and a resident of Contra Costa county for 40 years.

Both men were declared to be of-

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## More About Arrest of Jap Priests

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Officers of the "Military Virtue Society."

The Northern California raids, most extensive since March 6 when FBI agents took 105 persons into custody along with quantities of contraband cameras, firearms and ammunition, were directed by Nat Pieper, head of the FBI field office at San Francisco.

"One hundred FBI agents, local police and Deputy Sheriffs are participating in the raids," Pieper said. "Those persons taken into custody are being held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the basis that they were known to be potentially dangerous enemy aliens."

Agents were striking in 25 towns in the counties of San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Yuba, Sutter, Placer and Solano.

One detail of agents and Sacramento police and Sheriff's deputies raided in the vicinity of McClelland Field, Mather Field and the Municipal Airport at Sacramento.

Agents were also operating with police in Florin, Isleton, Marysville, Auburn, Loomis, Vacaville, Dixon, Yuba City and Newcastle.

Other agents were working in the Peninsula area and in Santa Clara county—San Jose, Mountain View, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Pescadero and Morgan Hill.

Salinas, where FBI agents have been active before, was raided again.

A fourth group operated in Stockton in the vicinity of the Army Advanced Flying School and the Port of Stockton. Raids were made in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda and Concord.

It was indicated definite objectives and suspects had been arrived at through exchange of information between army and navy intelligence and the FBI.

Priests who fell into the FBI net were from the Konkokyo and Tenrikyo churches. Both are highly nationalistic and of the Shinto Sect which places the Japanese Emperor as a deity.

Churches founded in the United States are dominated and controlled by Japanese nationals. Priests of the churches were born and educated in Japan.

"Investigation has disclosed that priests of the Tenrikyo Church receive instructions and supplies from their headquarters in Japan, and that Konkokyo worshipers believe their bodies belong to their god and their sovereign, who is the Emperor of Japan," Pieper declared.

In Seattle, Kenji Iki, Japanese business man charged with failing to report possession of \$515,000 worth of Imperial Japanese government bonds and \$15,000 in U. S. currency, was held in \$50,000 bail.

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## WARNING GIVEN ON DEFRAUDING OF ALIENS HERE

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WCCA Chief Says Government  
to Prosecute Those Who Try  
To Take Evacuees' Property

A stern warning that any person trying to "take advantage of the perplexed state of mind" of evacuees to defraud them of property will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice was issued last night by Tom C. Clark, chief of the Wartime Civil Control Administration's (WCCA) civilian staff.

### TO STORE PROPERTY.

Clark announced arrangements have been made for storing property of evacuees and that all non-perishable goods properly crated will be stored.

"No Japanese need sacrifice any personal property of value," Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, commanding the Fourth Army and Western Defense Command, declared.

### GIVEN OPPORTUNITY.

"If he cannot dispose of it at a fair price, he will have opportunity to store it prior to the time he is forced to evacuate by exclusion order.

"Persons who attempt to take advantage of Japanese evacuees by trying to obtain property at sacrifice prices are un-American, unfair, and are deserving only of the severest censure."

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Frank E. Nagel, Farm Security Administration official, reminded American farmers taking over Japanese lands wilful neglect is considered by the army as an act of sabotage.

Nagel urged aliens facing evacuation to dispose of their land at once. The local office will remain open as late tonight and again tomorrow as there are applicants in line.

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Meantime, Col. Henry B. Lewis, by order of General De Witt, issued instructions to Japanese Americans having guns, cameras, shortwave radios, ammunition or other contraband in their possession to deliver the contraband to the custody of the nearest office

of the United States Employment Service for safekeeping before midnight Tuesday.

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L. I. Hewes, Jr., regional director of the Farm Security Administration, warned today unless California farmers start immediate operation of Japanese and Japanese American farms crop losses running into millions of dollars are threatened.

"The 225,000 acres of Japanese and Japanese American farm land in California produce a substantial share of the nation's vegetable supply," Hewes said. "These farms are worth nearly \$70,000,000, not counting the value of crops, largely planted.

#### Tomatoes, Celery Hit

"It is mandatory this land be kept in production. Losses are already occurring and within the next four to six months heavy losses are threatened in such crops as tomatoes, celery, spinach, peas, onions, garlic and snap beans."

Hewes urged all farmers interested to report at once to farm security agents in Wartime Civilian Control Administration service centers at United States employment offices.

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# Worship of Emperor Basis of 2 Jap Sects

Examiner - Mar. 29, 1942

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Stemming from the Shinto, the two denominations are a comparatively new religion—Tenrikyo having been established forty-four years ago, and Konkokyo, eighty years ago, it was said.

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Its members were said to be strongly pro-Japanese, and prior to the Pearl Harbor attack were admittedly endeavoring to assist the Jap cause by providing comfort kits to Hirohito's soldiers.

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## ARRESTED JAP BISHOP SERVED IN NIPPON ARMY

Leader Seized Here by FBI  
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Years of Military Training

Torao Tateno, acting bishop of the Konkokyo church in America, who was seized by FBI agents in a new intensified roundup of dangerous enemy aliens had received six years military training and only six months religious education in Japan before he was sent here, Nat J. L. Pieper of the FBI revealed last night.

Although he was sent to Tacoma from Japan three years ago, he came to California shortly before Pearl Harbor on orders of the then Bishop F. Fukuda to organize a branch in Stockton, FBI agents said. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came before he had an opportunity to carry out the orders and Fukuda was seized by the FBI.

Tateno returned to San Francisco and has been holding sway as Fukuda's successor since.

### RAIDS IN 14 COUNTIES.

Yesterday's raids were the most farflung since the week-end of March 6 when 105 aliens were taken into custody and large quantities of guns, ammunition, cameras, signal lights and other contraband were seized. Agents reported at most places raided yesterday there was no appreciable contraband.

The raiders visiting fourteen northern California counties, and areas which already had been raided, sought members of the notorious Japanese Black Dragon secret society and groups which collected funds for the imperial Japanese Army and Navy.

Eight were arrested in Santa Clara County, including Asatoro Yamada, 64, a priest. Others were Hijime Sakamoto, 64; Makiyimo Yoshi, 57; Kosabano Omori, 61; Sohe Agno, 54; Hoshikomo Yamamoto, 47; Morobo Fushikowora, 58, and Higushi Higuschi, 57.

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## N. California F.B.I. Raids Net 36 Japs

Oakland, 16 Other  
Cities in Sweep for  
'Dangerous' Aliens

Thirty-six "potentially dangerous" Japanese aliens were rounded up yesterday as F.B.I. agents and local authorities co-operated in a co-ordinated series of raids that struck in Oakland and 16 other Northern California communities.

The raids, most widespread since those of March 6, got under way at dawn and continued long after nightfall.

The raiding parties, acting on an interchange of information between F.B.I., Naval Intelligence and Army Intelligence, acted as the Government prepared for large-scale evacuation of enemy aliens and American-born Japanese from Coastal military zones.

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L. I. Hewes Jr., regional director for Federal Farm Security Administration, called for American farmers to take over the 8000 farms totaling 225,000 acres and producing vital crops.

He said 1000 American farmers had volunteered to operate this land so far and many more were needed immediately to save the crops. He said losses already were occurring in crop and poultry industries because of removal of their Japanese operators. Hewes warned the 100 FSA agents now active in the program could not take care of land effected.

#### SITUATION CRITICAL

Hewes said the situation in the tomato industry was especially critical because the tomatoes must be transplanted now. He warned large losses would occur in tomato, spinach, onion, garlic, celery, pea and snap bean crops unless American farmers took over. Persons interested were asked to contact the W.C.C.A. officers in 64 coast cities.

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#### JAPANESE SUICIDE

SALINAS, March 28.—Despondent over his exclusion from Monterey where he had been a fisherman for many years, J. Ogawa, 60, Japanese, took his life by poison on a ranch near Salinas today.

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### Six More Aliens Are Arrested In Fresno

Five Japanese and one Italian were booked in the Fresno County Jail last night as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation continued their roundup of suspected enemy aliens in the Fresno district.

Twenty three have been jailed since the FBI started its activities here Thursday.

#### Two Photographers Held

Two of the Japanese are photographers. They are Urasaburo F. Kamiyama, 824 E Street, the owner of a studio at 1413 Tulare Street, and George Mioya Hishida, 46, 819 A Street, who operates a studio at 949 F Street.

The others are Arthur Masao

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## Potential Enemy Agents Nabbed In 13 Counties

Large Scale Roundup Affects 25 Communities In Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—(AP)—Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, assisted by local officers, today renewed their large scale roundup of potential fifth columnists in simultaneous sweeps through twenty five Northern California communities.

The activity was the most general since the weekend of March 6th, when 105 enemy aliens were taken into custody and their homes and business establishments searched for guns, ammunition, signal devices and other contraband.

Today's raids covered thirteen counties—San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Yuba, Sutter, Placer and Solano.

### 100 G Men Take Part

"One hundred FBI agents, local police and deputy sheriffs are participating," said Nat Pieper of San Francisco, the bureau's Northern California chief.

"Those persons taken into custody are being held for the immigration and naturalization service on the basis they were known to be potentially dangerous enemy aliens."

In Los Angeles United States Attorney William Fleet Palmer said today that reports that a band of vigilantes had forced a traveling family of Japanese from their truck on an Arizona highway, then had set the vehicle afire, apparently are without foundation.

### Use Intelligence Tipoffs

Information gathered by and exchanged among the FBI, the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Military Intelligence Division of the army was said to have provided a basis for the raids.

The raiding force was divided into several units, each assigned to a specific locality.

### Sacramento Officers Help

One detail centered its efforts in the militarily important Mather Field-Municipal Airport triangle in Sacramento, where similar roundups previously had been undertaken. Officers from the Sacramento City Police Department under Chief A. G. McAllister and deputies from the office of Sheriff Dan Cox participated.

Other members of the same group of agents, with local support, struck in the surrounding communities of Florin, Isleton, Marysville, Auburn, Loomis, Vacaville, Dixon, Yuba City and Newcastle.

### Salinas Raided Again

A second detachment returned to the frequently raided Salinas area.

Still another unit turned its attention to the San Francisco Peninsula territory. Raids were made at San Jose, Mountain View, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Pescadero and Morgan Hill, the San Jose Police Department and the Santa Clara County sheriff's office participating.

The vicinity of the Army Advanced Flying School and the port of Stockton in San Joaquin County again was visited, and a number of enemy aliens apprehended.

Turlock, in the San Joaquin Valley, was the objective of another squad of agents and officers. Additional raids also were made in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda and Concord.

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W.C.C.A. officials said collection centers capable of accommodating 37,000 aliens would be situated at:

**LIST IS GIVEN**

Arboga Colony near Marysville, the Wallegro Tract near Sacramento State Fair Grounds, San Joaquin County Fair Grounds at Stockton, Turlock Fair Grounds, Merced County Fair Grounds, Fresno County Fair Grounds, Pinedale Mill Center near Fresno, and Kings County Fair Grounds at Tulare. Small parcels of private land were acquired to extend the fair grounds sites at Turlock, Fresno and Merced. Army engineers were in charge of necessary construction.

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Meantime, Col. Henry B. Lewis, by order of General De Witt, issued instructions to Japanese Americans having guns, cameras, shortwave radios, ammunition or other contraband in their possession to deliver the contraband to the custody of the nearest office

of the United States Employment Service for safekeeping before midnight Tuesday.

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### **Travel Permit Office Will Extend Hours**

Willard Marsh, manager of the Fresno County office of the United States Employment Service, today announced the office personnel and aides of the Wartime Civilian Control Administration will remain on duty until late tonight, and all day tomorrow to take applications for alien travel permits.

The late hours will expedite the issuance of travel permits for evacuees before the voluntary exacuation deadline at midnight tomorrow when all voluntary evacuation from restricted or prohibited zones must cease.

Japanese farmers also are urged to make disposition of their land. The office is aiding aliens find tenants for the farms which will be vacated when evacuation is ordered.

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#### Not All Enemies

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Much has been said about the evacuation of the Japanese. Most of them are true to America. We are supposed to be different from other countries. Just because they get rid of all other nationalities, it is no sign we should. If they were sent back to Japan they would have to fight against us, and that would not help us any.

The Japanese are not the only enemies here, anyway. Why does not any one suggest sending the Germans back to Germany? After all, they are no different than the Japanese.

There are lots of aliens here who want to help us. I think they should be sent inland and left free to work.

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#### CENTERS ANNOUNCED

Meanwhile, the Wartime Civil Control Administration announced selection of eight Northern California collection centers to house aliens pending their removal to Manzanar and other reception centers, and regional officials of the Federal Farm Security Administration called for American farmers to take over 8000 Japanese and Japanese-American farms totaling 225,000 acres.

Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff of civil affairs of the Western Defense Command, announced that about 2000 members of families of the volunteer Japanese who went to Manzanar to start the colonization will leave Los Angeles Wednesday and Thursday to join the men at camp.

Tom C. Clark, chief of the Wartime Civil Control Administration's civilian staff, and Lieut. Gen. J. L. Dewitt, commander of the Western Defense Area, warned that "anyone taking advantage of the perplexed state of mind of the Japanese to defraud them of their property will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice."

#### TO STORE BELONGINGS

They pointed out that arrangements are being made to store belongings of evacuated Japanese in warehouses, and that Japanese are able to obtain information on this matter at offices near their quarters.

There was a flurry of excitement in official circles late last night when two car-loads of Japanese, en route from Lompoc to Utah and voluntarily exile, were held up in Oakland as other members of their caravan fell behind.

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From Tacoma came word that a huge Japanese assembly center, housing 8000 persons, will be established immediately by the Army on the Western Washington Fairgrounds at nearby Puyallup.

Army authorities at Portland, Or., are taking over the huge Portland Pacific International Livestock Exposition building as a temporary reception center for enemy aliens.

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Japanese and Japanese-Americans will be "frozen" at midnight tonight, forbidden to leave Military Zone No. 1 except as the Army shall order and direct. The area covers Western Washington, Oregon, California and Southern Arizona.

The curfew law, which is already in effect, forbids enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans to move from their homes more than five miles at any time, and must remain in their homes between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m.

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# New Alien Roundup

Five 'Military' Japanese  
Priests Seized as FBI  
Strikes in 13 Counties

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## Members of Nationalistic Shinto Sect Taken Into Custody On Presidential Warrants

FBI agents and local police raided on a 13-county front in Northern California yesterday, sweeping into the alien enemy net members of the nationalistic Japanese Military Virtue Society and a number of priests of Shinto Sect churches.

Thirty-one persons in 17 communities had been taken into custody on Presidential Apprehension Warrants last night.

Among them were five priest and several reserve officers of the Imperial Japanese Army.

Torao Tateno, priest of the Konkoku Church, arrested in San Francisco, was a good example of the type of enemy alien picked up in yesterday's raids.

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### BIG VEGETABLE GROWER SEIZED

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He is said to be a reserve officer in the Japanese army. A radio shortwave receiving set was seized.

Kuwahara, a San Mateo county truck farmer for 26 years, has a wife and several children, one of whom raiding officers found in bed with the mumps.

### TWO MORE RESERVE OFFICERS ARRESTED

Two others said to be Japanese reserve officers were seized in the East Bay.

They are Mitsuzo Uyeda, 53, proprietor of a restaurant at 222 Eighth street, Oakland, a resident of Alameda county since 1935, and Nentaro Ide, 74, retired Concord ranch owner and a resident of Contra Costa county for 40 years.

Both men were declared to be officers of the "Military Virtue Society."

### RAIDS BIGGEST SINCE MARCH 6

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The Northern California raids, most extensive since March 6 when FBI agents took 105 persons into custody along with quantities of contraband cameras, firearms and ammunition, were directed by Nat Pieper, head of the FBI field office at San Francisco.

"One hundred FBI agents, local police and Deputy Sheriffs are participating in the raids," Pieper said. "Those persons taken into custody are being held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the basis that they were known to be potentially dangerous enemy aliens."

Agents were striking in 25 towns in the counties of San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Yuba, Sutter, Placer and Solano.

One detail of agents and Sacramento police and Sheriff's deputies raided in the vicinity of McClelland Field, Mather Field and the Municipal Airport at Sacramento.

Agents were also operating with police in Florin, Isleton, Marysville, Auburn, Loomis, Vacaville, Dixon, Yuba City and Newcastle.

Other agents were working in the Peninsula area and in Santa Clara county—San Jose, Mountain View, Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Pescadero and Morgan Hill.

Salinas, where FBI agents have been active before, was raided again.

A fourth group operated in Stockton in the vicinity of the Army Advanced Flying School and the Port of Stockton. Raids were made in San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda and Concord.

It was indicated definite objectives and suspects had been arrived at through exchange of information between army and navy intelligence and the FBI.

Priests who fell into the FBI net were from the Konkoko and Tenrikyo churches. Both are highly nationalistic and of the Shinto Sect which places the Japanese Emperor as a deity.

Churches founded in the United States are dominated and controlled by Japanese nationals. Priests of the churches were born and educated in Japan.

"Investigation has disclosed that priests of the Tenrikyo Church receive instructions and supplies from their headquarters in Japan, and that Konkoko worshippers believe their bodies belong to their god and their sovereign, who is the Emperor of Japan," Pieper declared.

In Seattle, Kenji Iki, Japanese business man charged with failing to report possession of \$515,000 worth of Imperial Japanese government bonds and \$15,000 in U. S. currency, was held in \$50,000 bail.

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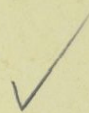
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## U. S. Sets Up Eight 'Centers'

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The Army's Wartime Civil Control Administration, civilian-military executive organization which will handle the evacuation of enemy aliens from coastal areas, announced location of eight assembly centers in Northern California from which enemy aliens will be routed to semi-permanent camps.

The reception centers will be in operation by next week, it was indicated.

They will provide temporary living quarters for 37,000 evacuees, most of them Japanese and Japanese Americans who have not already moved beyond the boundaries of the Army's restricted areas.

### THE CENTERS

Listed under lease or otherwise acquired by the administration are:

- 1—A 3000-capacity center one mile south of Marysville in the Arboga colony.
- 2—A 5000-capacity center north of Sacramento at Wallergo advanced depot.
- 3—A 5000 - capacity center at Stockton Fairgrounds.
- 4—A 4000-capacity center at Turlock Fairgrounds.
- 5—A 5000 - capacity center at Merced Fairgrounds.
- 6—A 5000 - capacity center at Fresno Fairgrounds.
- 7—A 5000 - capacity center at Pinedale, six miles north of Fresno.
- 8—A 5000-capacity center at Tulare Fairgrounds.

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## Crowd Gathers As Alien's Store Violates Curfew

Fresno Generally Is Quiet  
As Night Ban Becomes  
Effective

The police reported Japanese business houses in West Fresno were, with one exception, closed by 8 o'clock last night in compliance with the army's curfew ruling requiring enemy aliens to be in their homes by that hour.

The exception was the Goichi Fukuhara store at 1521 Kern Street, which remained open after the 8 o'clock deadline.

### Police Are Called

The police were called to the store to prevent trouble when a small crowd assembled in front of the place, commenting on the fact the store still was open.

Miss Ken Fukuhara, a daughter of the proprietor, explained the family lived above the store, and said they were preparing to close when the police arrived.

### Held For Intoxication

Taoti Nagaoki, 64, of 1542 Kern Street, was the only alien arrested. The police reported he was found on the street intoxicated at 9:25 o'clock last night. He was jailed on an intoxication charge and his violation of the curfew ruling will be investigated.

Max Rosenfeldt, 41, a farm worker, was arrested in a Madera tavern at 9 o'clock last night by Night Officer Les Flum. He is being held in the Madera jail for investigation by the FBI. Rosenfeldt, a resident of Madera thirteen years, is a native of Germany. He told Flum he did not know about the curfew regulation.

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### 200,000 Aliens Are Confined By Curfew

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—(P)

—Without protest, and almost without incident, 200,000 persons in the West have accepted the army's new alien curfew rule.

It went into effect last night and requires all enemy aliens and all Japanese on the Pacific seaboard and in certain strategic zones of nearby states to remain inside their own homes every night from 8 o'clock until 6 A. M. the next morning.

#### Scattered Violations Reported

FBI agents said a few scattered reports of possible violations filtered into them, none flagrant. They indicated the violations apparently were a result of ignorance or carelessness, rather than wilful intent.

Persons convicted of violations face heavy fines or imprisonment.

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, chief of the Western Defense Command, applied the curfew and other restrictions in Military Area 1 and in certain zones in five other military areas. Zone No. 1 consists of a strip along the Washington, Oregon and California coasts, and a portion of southern Arizona. The other prohibited zones are in these four states and in Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana.

Newly effective restrictions in addition to the curfew provide that Japanese residents and German and Italian aliens during daylight hours must be within five miles of their homes at all times.

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The curfew law, which is already in effect, forbids enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans to move from their homes more than five miles at any time, and must remain in their homes between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m.

Aladino Del Porto, 50, was listed by Sacramento police early yesterday as the first violator of the curfew law.

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Tojo wants to see his nation move forward "as one cannonball of fiery resolution" and likes to talk about putting "the national policy into execution with an iron will." He hates the trappings of democracy and has long agitated for a return to that vicious brand of totalitarianism which characterized the Japanese system for centuries prior to Perry's arrival in 1853. He has long been an active member of the notorious Black Dragon Society—a noisy crowd composed of Fascists, criminals and mountebanks, specializing in political assassination and, lately, brotherly love for Germany and Italy.

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Evac. Exempt

Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, commanding the western defense command, outlined evacuation exemptions in a new proclamation. Affecting chiefly Germans and Italians and only a few Japanese, it provided exemptions for:

First—German and Italian aliens 70 or more years of age.

Second—German and Italian aliens who are the parents, wives, husbands or children of an officer, enlisted man or commissioned nurse on active duty with the army, navy, marine corps or coast guard.

Third—German and Italian aliens who are parents, wives, husbands or children of an officer, enlisted man or commissioned nurse who has died in the line of duty on or since December 7, 1941.

Fourth—German and Italian aliens awaiting naturalization who had filed a petition for naturalization and who had paid the filing fee before December 7th.

Fifth—Patients in hospitals or confined elsewhere who are too ill or incapacitated to be removed without danger to life.

Sixth—Inmates of orphanages and the totally deaf, dumb or blind.

#### Cuts Out Japanese

The army pointed out these orders meant virtually no Japanese could qualify for an exemption. It means, however, that thousands of elderly Italians in the San Francisco area no longer face the possibility of evacuation.

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**EXEMPTIONS LISTED.**

The following classes of aliens are eligible for exemption upon furnishing satisfactory proof. General De Witt ruled:

- 1—German and Italian aliens 70 or more years age.
- 2—German and Italian aliens, parents, wives, husbands, children of (or other person residing in a household whose support is dependent upon) any officer, enlisted man or commissioned nurse on active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.
- 3—German or Italian aliens, parents, wives, husbands, children of (or other person residing in a household whose support is wholly dependent upon) any officer, enlisted man or commissioned nurse who on or since December 7, 1941, has died in line of duty with any of the American armed forces.
- 4—German and Italian aliens awaiting naturalization who had filed a petition for naturalization, and who had paid the filing fee for it, on or before December 7, 1941.
- 5—Patients in hospitals, or confined elsewhere, and too ill or incapacitated to be removed without danger to life.
- 6—Inmates of orphanages and the totally deaf, dumb or blind.

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#### SOME EXCEPTIONS

Lt. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, chief of the western defense command, said certain German and Italian aliens and a handful of Japanese might gain exemption from exclusion orders and curfew regulations.

Here are the classes eligible:

German and Italian aliens 70 or more years old;

German and Italian aliens ill in hospitals or elsewhere and too sick to be moved;

German and Italian aliens, parents, wives, husbands, children or valid dependents of any officer, enlisted man or commissioned nurse on active duty with the United States armed forces, or who was killed in line of duty since the war began;

German and Italian aliens awaiting naturalization who had filed a petition for naturalization and who had paid the filing fee therefor in a court of competent jurisdiction on or before December 7.

Inmates of orphanages and the

deaf, dumb and blind.

Exemption requests must be filed with the nearest selective service board for recommendation. If approved, they will be sent on to army officials. If rejected, they will be returned to the applicants.

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# Hawaii Will Not Forget Nor Forgive--An Interview With Blake Clark, Author of 'Remember Pearl Harbor'

By Lawrence Emery

Since Dec. 7 the people of Honolulu have lived under strict martial law which is rigidly enforced—and they like it.

In Hawaii—that little ocean dot of an American outpost—the people are in a total war. They can't forget Pearl Harbor.

Blake Clark, young Assistant Professor of English at the University of Hawaii and author of the only published eye-witness story of Pearl Harbor, now in New York on leave, described in an interview this week the profound changes that war has brought to the islands and how the population is adjusting itself to them.

The city, Clark explained as he sat on a bed in a room at the Hotel Brevort, has been completely and permanently blacked out since that Sunday morning when the Japanese served blood for breakfast. There has been a 7 P. M. curfew and civil rule has given way to the authority of Captain Neil Franklin, provost marshal.

## CIVILIAN DISCIPLINE

Captain Franklin is tough, brusque and hard. "Yet he is one of the most popular men in town," Clark said.

"I went down once to watch him hold court. He's a nice fellow, but he really enforces the rules. One boy was brought in for speeding twice in the same day. Franklin fined him \$50, took his driver's license and gave him a five-year suspended sentence. He fines drunks \$5 or \$10, makes them buy defense bonds and usually gives them a suspended sentence. They seldom come back a second time."

Clark, despite his 12 years in the islands, still speaks with the soft Southern accent of his native Tennessee.

"There has been no crime in Honolulu since the blackout began," he said. "Only the smallest

petty offenses, and not many of them."

All civilian life has been adjusted to the 7 o'clock curfew.

"After 7 no one can get out on the streets without a special pass, and passes are given only to defense workers," Clark said. "That means staying in your own yard, and, if you have no yard, you stay in the house. Anyone caught on the streets without a pass gets a tough sentence."

"There is very little partying today. Those who go to a party must stay overnight at their host's; they can't get home again."

## A PARTY—THEN ARRESTS

He told of a dance given by Army engineers at the Punahou School. It lasted until quite late. All who attended it were arrested when they started home.

Movies and theatres close promptly at 6 in the evening. "I've been to one movie since the war started," Clark said.

Gasoline is strictly rationed at the rate of 10 gallons a month, but Clark believes that apart from a possible shortage the purpose behind it is to remove pleasure cars from the roads in favor of military and defense needs. He, like many others, sold his car: "I felt self-conscious riding around in it."

These are fairly rigorous conditions of life, but the people do not resent them. "They are generally behind the military governor; it doesn't seem like martial law at all," Clark said.

## NO SABOTAGE

Since the war began, there has been not one act of sabotage discovered in the islands. This becomes impressive when it is known that the largest single group in the population is Japanese.

"Two Japanese language papers are published regularly," Clark said. "Each of them has a permanent military censor in the office with authority to delete

anything objectionable. But very little is cut out."

The military censorship extends to all publications and to the radio.

"But the people there feel less restricted by censors than people here on the mainland," Clark said.

"Actually, the newspapers and the radio censor themselves," he said. "None of them would think of coming out with attacks on how things are done. There are no isolationists in Hawaii. Newspapers published here that run down the war effort would be squelched there."

Morale is at such a high pitch in the islands, Clark explained, because "every able-bodied man and woman wants to do something, and there are things that they can do."

## HOME GUARD UNITS

There are at least three "home guard" units that men can join for semi-military training and for active service.

The high morale is also the result of careful and thorough preparation in advance, he said. Readiness for an emergency is what counts.

"The thing that causes morale is to see yourself and others work properly and efficiently when the trouble starts," Clark declared. "In Hawaii we had the emergency and we saw people react magnificently because they had worked beforehand and were trained and ready. That's what makes them feel so good."

It is natural and logical that the people of Hawaii want nothing on earth more than a decisive defeat of Japan and want to strike directly at that foe. Knowing this, I wondered what the island response would be to an all-out Allied offensive in Europe against the heart of the Axis.

Clark replied without hesitation. "They would agree to a European offensive," he said.

"The people of Hawaii have a great willingness to put their trust in the authorities. They feel no distrust either of the administration or the military command, despite Dec. 7."

Asked if he could note any difference between the spirit of the people of Hawaii and of the mainland, Clark said it was one of degree only.

Since he has been here he has found the same eagerness of the people to do something.

"They want to be of service," he said. "The people want to cooperate in the war effort. It is largely a matter of being told what to do; the people need and want direction. So far they have not been told enough what to do—or they haven't thought enough about what they can do."

Clark is on an indefinite leave from the University of Hawaii and does not know when he will return to the islands. He intends to do some writing, will make some radio appearances and will do a little lecturing.

His book is being serialized in the Infantry Journal and arrangements are now being conducted for its publication in England.

His future? Most likely in the Army. Clark was on the scene at Pearl Harbor. He'll never forget it nor forgive it.

Heartfelt Sympathy to  
COMRADE HELEN  
On the Death of Her

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7th A. D., C. P., Bronx.

We Extend Our  
Condolences to HELEN, Our Branch  
Organizer on the Death of Her

FATHER

Comrades of Br. 12,  
7th A. D., Bronx, C. P.

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## U.S. TO PROTECT JAP PROPERTY

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*Mar. 30, 1942*

Reassurance that their property rights would be guarded was given by the government today to West Coast Japanese facing evacuation under Army control, as establishment of warehouses for storage of evacuees' personal property was announced.

The Wartime Civil Control Administration warned that any persons taking advantage of the perplexed state of mind of Japanese, to defraud them of property, would be prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Fourth Army and Western Defense Command, said that the WCCA will provide for the storage of evacuees' household furniture and non-perishable goods.

Meanwhile, on the many fronts of the complex evacuation and civil control scene, these other new developments occurred:

Japanese were reassured by Tom Clark, chief of the WCCA civilian staff, that their property rights will be protected, announcing that warehouse space is being acquired for storage of evacuees' non-perishable property, as requested, and that persons seeking to defraud evacuees will be prosecuted.

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**Aliens---Don't  
Call in Person**

Enemy aliens and American-born Japanese are requested NOT to call in person at War-time Civilian Central Authority offices in the Whitcomb Hotel.

All information, advice and other assistance should be obtained here at special WCCA offices in the Financial Center building, 500 California street.

For information by telephone call KLondike 2-2611.

Do NOT ask for exemptions from any curfew orders. None is being granted.

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## Japanese 'Frozen' to Home Areas

### Must Remain Until Moved to Inland

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30 (AP)—Their last chance gone for voluntary evacuation, more than 100,000 West Coast Japanese were "frozen" to their home communities today.

A drastic new army order requires them to remain where they are until the army moves them further inland.

The "freezing" edict, violators of which are subject to severe penalties, covers all Japanese living in Military Area 1—coastal areas approximately 150 miles deep in Washington, Oregon and California, and the southern part of Arizona.

#### MILITARY NECESSITY

It is the latest of a series of restrictions imposed because of military necessity. Last Friday a curfew rule went into effect under which German and Italian aliens and all Japanese must remain within five miles of their homes, and be inside their homes from 8 p. m. until 6 a. m.

By Tuesday midnight all guns, cameras, short wave radios, signal devices and other contraband articles must be surrendered by all Japanese-Americans living in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho and Montana. Aliens were required to do this several weeks ago.

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## MACHINERY FOR ALIEN CURFEW EASING SETUP

**Edict Must Be Obeyed Pending  
Exemptions, Army Rules;  
More Arrests Mark Roundup**

Machinery for receiving and acting on enemy aliens' exemption applications has been established, the Army announced last night—but pending decision on whether the exemption is justified, the restriction and curfew edicts must be obeyed.

Blanks for filing exemption applications may be obtained now from all post offices, immigration service offices and United States Employment Service offices, and from the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA) offices.

When filled out, the application forms must be submitted personally or by mail to the Selective Service Draft Board headquarters nearest the applicant's residence. Draft boards will make tentative approvals, then forward them to a designated military commander, with recommendation, for final action.

### ISSUE PERMIT.

If approved by the military commander, the draft board will issue the applicant a permit authorizing him or her to continue residence and employment in the prohibited or restricted district, exempt from curfew regulations.

The "freezing" order pending evacuation which went into effect last midnight had been decreed by General De Witt. It applies to Japanese in Military Area No. 1—which includes the western half of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona.

## Here Are Rules for Enemy Alien Curfew Exemption

Enemy aliens in restricted zones who may be eligible for curfew and evacuation exemptions—if in any of the approved classifications—must take these steps to obtain such exemption:

**1**—Obtain an exemption application blank at any post office, immigration service office, United States Employment Service office and the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

**2**—Fill it out and either mail or bring it personally to the

Selective Service Draft Board headquarters nearest their home.

Should the draft board disapprove an application, it will be returned to the applicant. Should the board approve, it will be forwarded to a designated military commander, with recommendation for final action.

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# No Wage Set for Aliens

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No wage rates for evacuees have been determined as yet, a joint announcement from two government agencies, in answer to many inquiries, was emphasized today.

The statement came from M. S. Eisenhower, director of the War Relocation Authority, and Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff for civil affairs of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

"Putting first things first," the statement said, "the most important task after evacuees have been removed from military areas is to make it possible for them to perform work that contributes the maximum to the war effort. This requires a great deal of careful policy making and planning, in which wage considerations play an important part.

"We wish to emphasize that no wage rates for evacuees have as yet been determined. Further, the policies or rates of pay established may have to change, as the character of the program changes, and as varying types of useful public and private work are undertaken.

"However, this much is determined: Under present conditions, the minimum net cash wage of the American soldier, \$21 a month, will be the maximum net cash wage of evacuated persons working on public projects for whom subsistence and housing are provided.

"Pending the final determination of initial wage rates, evacuated persons wherever possible will provide for the maintenance of assembly centers and reception centers. The government will provide food and shelter.

"Suggestions for private employment are pouring in from all parts of the West . . . However, no action can be taken with regard to such proposals at this time."

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## Citizen Japs Must Turn in Contraband

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Japanese Americans in the eight Western States yesterday were specially warned by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt to surrender all contraband by midnight Tuesday, March 31.

The warning followed sweeping raids in 13 counties of Northern California over the week-end, netting 35 persons in 20 communities, among them five Japanese priests and several reserve officers of the Imperial Japanese army.

Contraband specified in the order was listed as identical to that demanded of enemy aliens in a previous order, including shortwave radios, explosives, signal devices and seven other items.

The warning also came on top of orders last week "freezing" Japanese and Japanese Americans in Military Zone No. 1—Western Washington, Oregon, California and Southern Arizona—until removed by Government order.

General DeWitt instructed all of Japanese ancestry in the eight Western States who have not already disposed of contraband to deliver such items to the custody of the nearest office of the U. S. Employment Service for disposition.

All persons were requested to report any known violations to the nearest police office or agency.

Criminal penalties of a year's imprisonment or \$5000 fine, or both, will be sought against any Japanese found with contraband after midnight Tuesday, and aliens will be

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General De Witt also repeated a warning yesterday that all Japanese-Americans in eight western States are compelled to surrender firearms, cameras and other contraband by midnight tonight.

Meanwhile, Frank J. Hennessy, United States attorney, reiterated warnings that all aliens wilfully disobeying the curfew regulations or other orders promulgated by General De Witt, will be sent to internment camps. Local police were urged to report all arrests of such violators to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**RAIDS CONTINUE.**

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents continued their raiding activities yesterday, concentrating on the Sacramento-Yolo County area.

Armed with Presidential warrants and aided by more than fifty local law enforcement officers, twenty-five agents were reported in the communities of Florin, Perkins, Courtland, Franklin, Clarksburg and many others.

It was understood they were particularly interested in a search for cameras, radios, maps, signal devices and other contraband materials.

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## Continuing FBI Roundup Takes In Japanese Priests

G Men Strike In Twenty  
Eight Communities; Total  
In Custody Near 1,000

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28. — (U.P.)—In a series of raids throughout Northern California, FBI agents today arrested numerous "potentially dangerous" Japanese aliens, including five priests, as the government swiftly prepared for large scale evacuation of enemy aliens and Japanese Americans from coastal military zones.

The FBI struck suddenly in twenty five cities and towns. Acting on an interchange of intelligence information between the FBI, navy and the army, agents arrested at least twenty eight enemy aliens. These included Japanese priests of the Japanese Shinto sect, members of the Japanese "Military Virtue" Society and of groups collecting funds for the Japanese Army and Navy.

### Ruling Priest Nabbed

The FBI identified one of the arrested Japanese clergymen as Toaao Tateno, said to be the ruling priest in America of the Konkokyo Church, a branch of the Shinto sect. Two other priests of the Konkokyo Church and one of the Tenrikyo denomination were among those apprehended.

The raiding parties concentrated generally on the Sacramento-Stockton and the San Francisco peninsula area. One detail struck at the Sacramento airport and aviation base district. Other raiders visited Florin, Isleton, Marysville, Auburn, Loomis, Vacaville, Dixon, Yuba City and Newcastle.

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### Valley Japanese Held By FBI Moved To S. F.

Seventeen Japanese aliens arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Fresno and elsewhere in this county last week today were removed from the Fresno County Jail.

Although FBI agents and immigration authorities who questioned the aliens declined to comment, it is reported they were taken to San Francisco for further investigation, with some of the group scheduled to be confined in internment camps.

All were arrested because of membership in Japanese patriotic organizations, including the Military Virtue Society and other veterans' organizations.

The group left by a special bus shortly after noon today.

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### "Ugly Rumor"

Sirs:

In the article entitled "The Stranger Within Our Gates" [TIME, Jan. 19] you state "... that Jap high-school boys from Hawaii had helped pilot the planes that attacked Pearl Harbor. . . ."

Although it is a fact that words to that effect made their rounds here in town, there is no confirmation or proof of such a happening. Our local papers and Army officials have openly denied this charge after examination of the bodies of Japanese pilots who took part in the Dec. 7 raid. Furthermore, the comprehensive Roberts report makes no mention of "Jap high-school boys."

In other words, this is just another ugly rumor. . . .

HIROMICHI KOSAKI

(of Japanese descent)

President of the Student Body  
McKinley High School

Honolulu, T.H.

Sirs:

... This was, evidently, a rumor which had been carried over to the mainland by evacuees from Hawaii. . . .

LAURA MAU

(of Chinese descent)

Sirs:

... We, Americans all, study, work and play with Japanese high-school boys here in the islands, and, I am sure, are in a position to know them perhaps a little better than others. They show their feelings, in speech and in deed, that they're behind the U.S.A. to a man. . . .

COLLEEN LAU

(of Chinese descent)

Sirs:

We assure our sincere and true loyalty in bringing ultimate victory for the democracies.

PEGGY YORITA

(of Japanese descent)

### BRAZIL

#### Tale by a Japanese

Brazil last week was rapidly rounding up Japanese. The Government Press and Propaganda Department told why:

Japanese officers disguised as fishermen had plotted to seize São Paulo State. Brazilian forces would be attacked by 25,000 local, secretly trained Japanese troops using anti-tank guns and artillery imported as agricultural machinery. On farms and in fishing villages, air and submarine base were ready for a supporting invasion. Among the Jap dentists in Brazil was a General. Among the tomato growers was a onetime Jap Finance Minister.

The Department got most of this tale from the Brazilian-born son of a Japanese. Whether or not the tale had grown taller in the telling, Brazil obviously had good reason to be careful about her 186,000 Japanese inhabitants.

► TIME gladly prints the foregoing excerpts from a dozen letters received from Honolulu students. The rumor was widely current in the U.S. press in December, but denial failed to overtake it.—Ed.

*Morton Grodzinski*

*Time (Magazine)*

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# Chester Rowell

## Slips in Reed Bill Seem More Than Naive

Senator Clyde M. Reed of Kansas, a member of the Committee on Interstate Commerce, sends out "to the important daily newspapers of the country" copies of a bill he has introduced in Congress, and requests "discussion." This is one response to that invitation:

The bill is ostensibly for the excellent purpose of preventing racial or religious discrimination in public or defense employment. But actually it is so full of "bugs," that one hesitates to regard all of them as naively inadvertent. The most important (and best-concealed) of them most certainly is not.

The bill, Senator Reed explains, will be used "as a basis for the hearings" of a Judiciary Committee subcommittee, which is conducting "a far-reaching investigation, particularly of the present manner of constructing the 160-odd defense plants of the country." The bill must therefore be read in the light of this statement, which is that the investigation is into the "construction" of defense plants, rather than into their operation when constructed. Whatever is slipped into the bill on that problem, no matter how camouflaged with irrelevant verbiage, is therefore the primary purpose of the bill.

Now, the labor question which has aroused the most excitement on the "construction" part of defense work is the fact that the carpenters' union has a closed-shop contract for that work. The clear purpose of this bill, hidden behind its language, is to break that contract and outlaw the closed, union, union preferential, or union maintenance shop.

There are persons who think this contract, or the union shop generally, is an evil—certainly some things that have been done under

it were very great evils—and there are members of Congress, of whom Senator Reed evidently is one, who share this view. What they should do is to introduce a bill frankly so providing and confined to this point, and take their chances on passing it. This is exactly what this bill does not do.

Instead, it is made unlawful "to require membership in a religious, civic, political, fraternal or labor organization as a condition of employment," to discriminate against any other person "because such other person is not a member of such an organization," to enter or continue in any contract to that effect, or "to induce or attempt to induce another person to do so." It will be noted that there is no provision against discrimination because a person "is" such a member, and that the inhibition on unions is on "inducing" and not merely against "coercing."

Why include "religious, civic, political and fraternal" organizations, and omit "race"? Obviously to slip in "labor" and not to lose the votes of Southern members, who want to get rid of labor unions but do not want Negroes employed. Nobody is discriminating against anybody because he does not belong to the Methodist church, the Chamber of Commerce or the Knights of Pythias, and if any member of the carpenters' union is disqualified because he does not belong to the Democratic party, there are other laws against that. Neither does anybody, except for false analogy, pretend that the relation of these organizations to employment is in the same class as that of labor unions. The whole purpose is to slip in "labor." The rest is camouflage.

This part may be only camou-

flage. But the first section, intended to create a good impression by avowing praiseworthy motives, would also have startling practical consequences. The section reads:

"That the Congress hereby declares that all qualified persons who are citizens of the United States, or who have declared their intention to become such citizens, are entitled to equal opportunities with respect to employment in the service of the United States and employment resulting from expenditures made by the United States."

This would nullify the whole evacuation policy of the army. It would make "enemy aliens" who had applied for but not yet completed their naturalization, and all native born Japanese, conclusively entitled to "equal opportunities" in defense and public work, unless individually disqualified.

These persons are not now permitted even to live, or be, in the neighborhood of shipyards, munitions works and the like, and are in process of deportation from the regions in which most of them are located, but this law would also require them to be employed in them—a manifest physical impossibility. And, of course, since "all" persons includes Negro persons, it would nullify present discriminations against them. This is laudable, but it would not get Southern votes, so it is not stated plainly.

It is one of the calamities of hasty legislation that, with one purpose in mind, it uses general language which would produce other and unintended results. And it is another calamity of legislation by camouflage that it fools nobody, and does discredit even the legitimate parts of its purpose. This bill has both these faults.

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### 25,000 Are Immobilized In Los Angeles Area

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—(AP)—Pending their evacuation by the army, approximately 25,000 Japanese aliens and American born in Los Angeles County are immobilized by the curfew law that became effective at 8 o'clock last night.

The last auto loads of voluntary evacuees left here for inland states yesterday afternoon, and 2,000 more Japanese will go to the Manzanar colony in the Owens Valley area Wednesday. These will be the families of the men who went to the camp a short time ago to help put it in readiness.

At least one member of each adult Japanese family group must report by 5 P. M. today to Western Defense Command Headquarters.

Captain W. N. Cunningham of the United States Employment Service, said that whether the Japanese will travel by train or auto is to be determined later, but that they will be picked up individually at their homes some time before Thursday.

Attilio Di Giralamo, assistant United States attorney, said:

We are running into many difficulties in enforcing the curfew law. From 6 A. M. to 8 P. M. aliens may travel to and from their jobs, no matter how far from their homes, but having lost night jobs because of the curfew, many cannot now apply for jobs because most of the jobs are more than five miles from their homes. I am going to confer with army authorities today to see what can be done to care for the hundreds of jobless.

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## JAP CAMP WAGES RESTRICTED TO \$21

### *Officials Deny \$94 Month Report; Specific Rates Still Unset*

Reports that evacuated Japanese will be permitted to earn as high as \$94 a month in Government-operated camps and resettlement centers were flatly denied yesterday by officials in charge of resettlement.

M. S. Eisenhower, director of the newly created War Relocation Authority, and Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff for Civil Affairs of the Western Defense Command, jointly announced the wage-formula which will prevail.

"Under present conditions," said their joint statement, "the minimum net cash wage of the American soldier—\$21 a month will be the maximum net cash wage of evacuated persons working on public projects for whom subsistence and housing are provided."

Although the statement asserted that specific wage rates for specific work have not yet been determined, and that the pay policy will change with conditions, the officials insisted that evacuees working on public projects will not receive pay exceeding the \$21 a month received by recruits in our Army.

Commenting on floods of suggestions reaching the Government agencies for private employment of evacuees, the statement continued:

"Mass evacuation, now under way, is such an enormous undertaking that scattered possibilities for employment of from five to 500 families cannot now be examined with the necessary care, and no action on such proposals can be taken at this time."

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**STRINGENT PENALTIES.**

Stringent penalties await any Japanese who might attempt to skip away in violation of the order. Aliens will face interment, while Japanese Americans will be subject to one year imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine, or both.

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Several Japanese were arrested in Los Angeles for violating the curfew law.

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## Army Order Holds Japs Prisoners

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Japanese, aliens as well as those American born, became virtual prisoners in a wide Pacific coast area as a drastic Army "freezing" edict, forbidding them to leave pending evacuation orders, became effective last midnight.

Meanwhile, the classifications of German and Italian aliens who may be exempted from exclusion orders and curfew regulations were announced by Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, western defense commander.

The classification proclamation applies to enemy aliens in the six previously designated military restricted areas. These embrace eight States—California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana.

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### 3 IN CURFEW NET

The Army announced that about 2,000 persons—families of members of the group of 1,000 men now in Manzanar, the million dollar reception center in Owens Valley, will leave the Los Angeles area on Wednesday and Thursday to rejoin their relatives. The camp, eventually, will accommodate 10,000 persons.

More than 200 Japanese on Bainbridge Island, in Puget Sound, just east of the Bremerton Navy Yard, were being transferred by the Army to Seattle today, to be put aboard a special train for Manzanar.

The Japanese, most of them strawberry farmers who were taken by ferry from the island to a waiting train in Seattle, had high praise for the treatment accorded them by the Army.

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## SIX EXEMPTION CLASSES FOR ALIENS

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Full details of the machinery for obtaining exemption from evacuation and curfew orders were released today by the War-time Civil Control Administration, for guidance of persons eligible for such exemption.

"Only those persons" qualified for exemption may make application, and then only through the prescribed channels," the announcement quoted Lieutenant General J. L. De Witt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

"Applications must be made in the form and manner specified, or not at all. Appeals for exemption submitted in the form of letters, telegrams or telephone calls will neither be considered nor acknowledged.

### SIX EXEMPTION CLASSES

The following six classes are eligible for exemption, upon furnishing satisfactory proof:

1. German and Italian aliens 70 or more years of age.

2. German and Italian aliens, parents, wives, husbands, children of (or other person residing in a household whose support is dependent upon) any officer, enlisted man or commissioned nurse on active duty in the Army of the United States (or any component thereof), United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

### AWAITING NATURALIZATION

3. German or Italian aliens, parents, wives, husbands, children of (or other person residing in a household whose support is wholly dependent upon) any officer, enlisted man or commissioned nurse who on or since December 7, 1941, has died in line of duty with the armed services of the United States indicated in the preceding paragraph.

4. German and Italian aliens awaiting naturalization who had

filed a petition for naturalization and who had paid the filing fee therefor on or before December 7, 1941.

(Naturalization officials pointed out that this applies only to persons awaiting naturalization who have been present with their witnesses and paid their \$5 filing fee to the clerk of court.)

5. Patients in hospitals, or confined elsewhere, and too ill or incapacitated to be removed therefrom without danger to life.

6. Inmates of orphanages and the totally deaf, dumb or blind.

### EXEMPTION BLANKS

Blanks for filing applications for exemption may be obtained now from all postoffices, U. S. immigration service offices and U. S. employment service offices in the eight western states, and from the War-time Civil Control Administration's 64 service offices in Japanese population centers of Military Area No. 1.

Authorized persons will be at these offices during business hours to assist qualified aliens in preparing their application forms.

After exemption application forms are filled out, they must be submitted personally or by mail to the selective service draft board headquarters nearest to the applicant's residence.

### ARMY DECISION FINAL

Should the draft board disapprove an application, it will be returned to the applicant. If the draft board approves an application it will be forwarded to a designated military commander, with recommendation, for final action. If it is approved by the military commander, the draft board will issue the applicant a permit authorizing him to continue residence and employment in the prohibited or restricted district, exempt from curfew regulations.

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The "freezing" edict, violators of which are subject to severe penalties ranging to a \$5,000 fine, a year in prison, or both, covers all Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans living within Military Area No. 1—the coastal half of California, Washington, Oregon and the southern half of Arizona.

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**STRINGENT PENALTIES.**

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Previously, only aliens had to relinquish such contraband. The same penalties facing "freezing" order violators—one year imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine or both—will be meted out to Japanese-Americans caught with contraband after the deadline, the Army warned.

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Ag Post

## U. S. Acts to Halt Crop Losses on Jap Farms

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—their huge evacuation program, (AP)—Confronted with a threat Regional Director L. I. Hewes of the Farm Security Administration urged California farmers to volunteer to help take over the task of running these farms owned by alien and American born Japanese. of heavy crop losses because of thousands of farming acres untilled or left idle by evacuated Japanese, Federal authorities appealed today for help from experienced American agricultural workers to take over the virtually abandoned lands.

As military officials continued

He said 100 agents are helping negotiate the transfer of the Japanese land to American farmers and pointed out that 225,000 acres of the property in California alone produced a goodly share of the Nation's vegetable supply.

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**\$21 BASIC ALIEN PAY**

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## MACHINERY FOR ALIEN CURFEW EASING SET UP

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Edict Must Be Obeyed Pending  
Exemptions, Army Rules;  
More Arrests Mark Roundup

Machinery for receiving and acting on enemy aliens' exemption applications has been established, the Army announced last night—but pending decision on whether the exemption is justified, the restriction and curfew edicts must be obeyed.

Blanks for filing exemption applications may be obtained now from all post offices, immigration service offices and United States Employment Service offices, and from the Wartime Civil Control Administration (WCCA) offices.

When filled out, the application forms must be submitted personally or by mail to the Selective Service Draft Board headquarters nearest the applicant's residence. Draft boards will make tentative approvals, then forward them to a designated military commander, with recommendation, for final action.

### ISSUE PERMIT.

If approved by the military commander, the draft board will issue the applicant a permit authorizing him or her to continue residence and employment in the prohibited or restricted district, exempt from curfew regulations.

The "freezing" order pending evacuation which went into effect last midnight had been decreed by General De Witt. It applies to Japanese in Military Area No. 1—which includes the western half of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona.

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The "freezing" edict is the latest of a series of current restrictions on Japanese. Last Friday, a curfew was imposed. And by tomorrow midnight, all Japanese Americans in the entire States of California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada,

Utah, Idaho and Montana must relinquish articles designated as contraband.

These include guns or any other weapons, ammunition, explosives, shortwave radios, signal devices and cameras.

**DEADLINE TOMORROW.**

They must be surrendered to the nearest office of the United States Employment Service for safekeeping before the tomorrow midnight deadline.

Previously, only aliens had to relinquish such contraband. The same penalties facing "freezing" order violators—one year imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine or both—will be meted out to Japanese-Americans caught with contraband after the deadline, the Army warned.

Since the curfew rule went into effect Friday, only two violations have been reported in the Bay region. They occurred over the week end.

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L. I. Hewes, Jr., regional director for the Federal Farm Security Administration, called on American farmers to take over 8,000 Japanese and Japanese American farms totaling 225,000 acres and producing vital crops.

Hewes said 1,000 American farmers have volunteered to operate this land so far and that many more were needed immediately to save the crops. Losses already are occurring in crops and the poultry industry because of removal of Japanese owners and workers.

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Continuing raids by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local authorities netted seven more Japanese aliens in the Sacramento area, in the wake of weekend raids on a thirteen-county front which produced thirty-five arrests in some twenty communities, including five Japanese priests.

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## 100,000 to Get Removal Orders

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Their last chance for voluntary departure gone, and only a scant handful of them eligible for exemptions under the drastic new curfew orders, nearly 100,000 west coast Japanese were "frozen" within military area No. 1 today.

An order by Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command and Fourth Army, went into effect at midnight last night and makes it mandatory that all Japanese stay where they are until the Army moves them inland.

At the same time, all American-born Japanese in the eight western states were warned to surrender all contraband by midnight tomorrow or face stiff penalties of fines and imprisonment.

All enemy aliens have been forbidden possession of contraband since shortly after the outbreak of the war.

Virtually all Japanese, alien and American-born, are faced with compulsory evacuation, as the new exemption order, announced by General DeWitt in Proclamation No. 5, permits no Japanese to qualify for exemption except minors in orphanages and those too ill or infirm to be moved.

### PROPERTY PROTECTED

By tomorrow midnight, all guns, ammunition, short-wave

radios, signal devices, explosives, cameras and other contraband must be surrendered by all persons of Japanese ancestry in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho and Montana. These articles are to be turned in to the nearest office of the U. S. Employment Service.

Violation of this order is punishable by a \$5,000 fine, a year in prison, or both.

It was the latest of a series of restrictions imposed because of military necessity and followed the strict curfew rule which went into effect last Friday, requiring German and Italian aliens and all Japanese to keep within five miles of their homes at all times and to be in their homes from 8 p. m. to 6 a. m.

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## DeWitt Lists Alien Ouster Exemptions

General J. L. DeWitt yesterday warned Japanese Americans in eight Western States to surrender all contraband by midnight tomorrow and at the same time issued rules under which certain aliens may be exempted from exclusion orders and curfew regulations.

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The growing trek of Japanese to evacuation centers was to be swelled today by a train of Pullman cars with 239 alien and American-born Japanese from Bainbridge island, near Seattle, to Manzanar.

Two thousand more Japanese will be moved into Manzanar from the Los Angeles area Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Finishing touches yesterday were being applied to eight Northern California reception centers to put them in operation for accommodation of 37,000 evacuees awaiting orders from the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

To offset their removal from agricultural areas, steps were being taken to recruit field workers to protect the State's crops.

At Woodland, Yolo county tomato growers prepared to ask the delay of school reopening so students can help in harvesting 11,500 acres of tomatoes to be planted there this year.

First arrest in the Bay Area for violation of the alien curfew law was made early yesterday when Alameda county Sheriff's deputies arrested Gehachi Oyama, 65, Japanese, of Alvarado, who was found walking along a highway a quarter of a mile from his home.

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The growing trek of Japanese to evacuation centers was to be swelled today by a train of Pullman cars with 229 alien and American-born Japanese from Bainbridge island, near Seattle, to Manzanar.

Two thousand more Japanese will be moved into Manzanar from the Los Angeles area Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Finishing touches yesterday were being applied to eight Northern California reception centers to put them in operation for accommodation of 37,000 evacuees awaiting orders from the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

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Since the curfew rule went into effect Friday, only two violations have been reported in the Bay region. They occurred over the week end.

The rule, aimed at further restricting movements of all enemy aliens, and Japanese Americans, confines them to their homes nightly from 8 p. m. until 6 a. m.

**ALIENS ARRESTED.**

Adolph Muselmen, 30, a German alien living in Millbrae, was seized on the highway near San Bruno at 1 a. m. yesterday; Gehachi Oyama, 65, Japanese alien, was arrested in Concord, southern Alameda County, at 3:15 a. m. yesterday. Arresting officers in both cases said both the aliens had been drinking.

Other highlights in the day's developments were:

1—Officials at the Manzanar reception center in Owens Valley announced construction will begin soon on a fruit and vegetable cannery to provide work for Japanese.

The evacuees will be paid approximately \$50 or more a month, charged for their food, lodging and other requirements.

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# Army Order Holds Japs Prisoners

Examiner  
Mar. 30, 1942

Japanese, aliens as well as those American born, became virtual prisoners in a wide Pacific coast area as a drastic Army "freezing" edict, forbidding them to leave pending evacuation orders, became effective last midnight.

Meanwhile, the classifications of German and Italian aliens who may be exempted from exclusion orders and curfew regulations were announced by Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, western defense commander.

Virtually all Japanese are faced with evacuation, the De Witt proclamation indicated. The only Japanese who may be exempted are minors, in orphanages and those Japanese too ill or infirm to move, according to the edict.

The classification proclamation applies to enemy aliens in the six previously designated military restricted areas. These embrace eight States—California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana.

The following classes of aliens are eligible for exemption upon furnishing satisfactory evidence.

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## Here Are Rules for Enemy Alien Curfew Exemption

*Examiner - Mar. 30, 1942*

Enemy aliens in restricted zones who may be eligible for curfew and evacuation exemptions—if in any of the approved classifications—must take these steps to obtain such exemption:

**1**—Obtain an exemption application blank at any post office, immigration service office, United States Employment Service office and the Wartime Civil Control administration.

**2**—Fill it out and either mail or bring it personally to the

Selective Service Draft Board headquarters nearest their home.

Should the draft board disapprove an application, it will be returned to the applicant. Should the board approve, it will be forwarded to a designated military commander, with recommendation for final action.

If approved by the military commander, the draft board will issue the applicant a permit authorizing him to continue living and working in the prohibited or restricted district, exempt from curfew regulations.

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*3-30-42*



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## Curfew On Aliens Has No Effect On Fresno Market

Spokesmen for the Fresno wholesale produce market today reported the new enemy alien curfew law confining Japanese to their homes between 8 P. M. and 6 A. M. will have no effect upon operations of the market, although it is about 85 per cent Japanese owned.

Their announcement followed reports from Portland, Ore., produce wholesalers in that city threatened to boycott the farmers' wholesale market because a 6:30 A. M. opening time has been adopted to accommodate Japanese gardeners.

The wholesalers complained the later opening time prevents them from making deliveries before retail stores open and that fresh vegetable supplies declined sharply this morning because foreign and native born Japanese were absent.

In Fresno, the market has opened at 6 A. M. since December 7th, three hours later than formerly, and an afternoon market also is operated, starting at 2 o'clock. This schedule was voluntarily adopted as a precautionary measure to avoid difficulties in case of a blackout.

Local Japanese growers, it was said, have been reaching the market about 6:30 A. M. and also deliver a large proportion of their supplies in the afternoon.

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To offset their removal from agricultural areas, steps were being taken to recruit field workers to protect the State's crops.

At Woodland, Yolo county tomato growers prepared to ask the delay of school reopening so students can help in harvesting 11,500 acres of tomatoes to be planted there this year.

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Prohibited Area

### New Ruling Permits Aliens To Enter Downtown District

A clarification of recent orders placing a thirty square block area in the Fresno business district in the prohibited zone for aliens today disclosed that aliens still may enter the area but must comply with curfew regulations.

Assistants in the office of Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff for civil affairs of the Western Defense Command, said the district bounded by San Joaquin, H, Fresno and N Streets is a specific area from which enemy aliens and Japanese Americans may be excluded by future proclamations.

They explained only two such proclamations have been issued to date, affecting Bainbridge Island, near Seattle, Wash., and two Los Angeles areas. Bendetsen's office added:

Japanese still can enter such prohibited zones as that set up in Fresno but they must comply with curfew and freezing orders.

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*Contraband*

Midnight tonight is the deadline for all Japanese in the eight Western States to turn in firearms, ammunition, cameras and other contraband specified in an earlier proclamation. Violators will be subject to one year imprisonment or \$5000 fine, or both. In the case of aliens, they also would be subject to internment for the duration of the war.

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# Berkeley Japanese Face Deadline on Contraband

## 900 Here Face New FBI Ban

*Berkeley Gazette*  
Mar. 31, 1942

Midnight tonight is the deadline for approximately 900 Berkeley Japanese-Americans to turn in firearms, cameras and other contraband items specified by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

All Berkeleyans of Japanese ancestry who have not already disposed of contraband articles have been instructed by Lt. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general, to deliver such articles into the custody of the United States Employment Service Office, 2461 Shattuck Ave., before the deadline.

Any Japanese-American found in possession of contraband articles after midnight will be subject to criminal penalties, including a year of imprisonment, \$5000 fine, or both. In the case of aliens found in possession of contraband items the law makes them subject to apprehension and internment.

Officials at the local United States employment office disclosed that a number of articles have already been turned in by Japanese-Americans, although response to the order had not resulted in necessity for large storage facilities.

It was thought possible that many citizens of Japanese ancestry had turned in cameras, guns and short wave radios at the time a previous order made such articles contraband for enemy aliens.

Procedure calls for articles to be taken directly to the employment office, where they are unwrapped. A receipt is given for each article, containing a full description. Contraband items are then rewrapped and moved to a safe storage space "for the duration."

A total of 476 receipts was issued by the Police Department for articles turned in by enemy aliens when the first proclamation was issued in January. Some 388 individuals were given receipts for more than a thousand articles in all, police records showed.

While the 1940 census figures showed recently by the Wartime Civil Control Administration show 859 Japanese in Berkeley, the return

## Midnight Tonight End of Period

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from the new restrictions on Japanese-Americans has been smaller than the amount of contraband turned in by the aliens during January, it was reported.

A possible explanation was given in the fact that nearly one-half of the 460 alien Japanese, or 218, were listed as "heads of families," while out of the 859 Japanese-Americans only 70 are set forth as family heads.

Indications were that some confusion might result in some of the areas affected by the new order by the fact that while the proclamation sets midnight as the deadline for turning in contraband, a proclamation issued on March 24 established an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew for all Japanese-Americans.

### ARTICLES LISTED

Articles listed as contraband under the new order include firearms, weapons or implements of war or component parts thereof, ammunition, bombs, explosives or component parts thereof, short-wave radio receiving sets having a frequency of 1750 kilocycles or greater or of 540 kilocycles or less, radio transmitting sets, signal devices, codes or ciphers, and cameras.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is designated as the enforcement agency in connection with the order and all persons are requested to report any violations to the nearest peace officer or law enforcement agency.

As local Japanese were busy with surrender of contraband, the Army moved today to protect the vital Los Angeles harbor area against possible sabotage by ordering the evacuation of nearly 3000 Japanese aliens and their American-born children from that section, according to United Press dispatches.

It was the second evacuation ordered by the Western Command since it was given control of enemy aliens in the Pacific Coast states by order of President Roosevelt.

A proclamation issued last night by Lt. Gen. DeWitt ordered Japanese

aliens and citizens moved to an assembly center at the Santa Anita race track next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at the rate of 1000 a day.

Included in the prohibited area are the cities of Long Beach, San Pedro, Wilmington, Torrance, Signal Hill, Redondo Beach and Hynes. The affected Japanese are principally farmers, but their small truck gardens almost invariably adjoin vital installations.

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Approximately 500 Japanese from each of the two newly-designated areas are to be moved to Santa Anita on each of the three days.

#### ISLAND CLEARED

The Army previously ordered all persons of Japanese ancestry cleared from Bainbridge Island, opposite the Big Bremerton Navy Yard in Puget Sound.

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Mar 31, 1942



Removal of 227 Japanese farmers from Bainbridge island, athwart the Puget Sound approaches to Bremerton Navy Yard, was the only mass evacuation of the day. They were taken to the Manzanar Reception Center in Owens Valley.

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Letters to the  
ICE BOX

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Marii Kyogoku '38.

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For the apparent violation of the curfew law, Novori Hasonaka, 31, was arrested in the 400 block on Seventh Street here early this morning and held for investigation by the F.B.I. He was taken into custody by Patrolman E. C. Burke.

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Evac. newscl.

## 3000 Japanese to Leave LA Area

### Second Order by Army Is Issued

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31 (AP)—In its second such proclamation of the war, the army today ordered some 3000 Japanese residents of the strategic Los Angeles Harbor district to vacate by noon Sunday, April 5.

They must evacuate two prescribed zones there Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and will go to the new assembly center at the Santa Anita race track, east of Los Angeles, pending their removal to reception centers or elsewhere.

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The task of evacuating enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans from the Western defense zone proceeded in orderly fashion on all fronts.

Evacuees were being questioned and classified according to trades, professional skills and scientific abilities, so they may be put to useful work.

It has not been decided how much evacuees will be paid for their work, "but one thing is certain: the minimum net cash wage of the American soldier will be the maximum net cash wage of evacuated persons working on public projects, for whom subsistence and housing are provided," the WCCA said.

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The War Relocation Authority and the Wartime Civil Control Administration announced, meantime, that no Japanese evacuated from a defense area and put to work to further the war effort would be paid more than the basic \$21 a month paid the American soldier.

**WORK PROVES PROBLEM**

The two Government agencies said a most important problem in evacuating aliens was "to make it possible for them to perform work that contributes the maximum to the war production effort."

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# BAINBRIDGE JAPS LEAVE



ON THEIR WAY TO BEGIN LIFE IN A STRANGE LAND — Somewhat bewildered but unprotesting, Bainbridge Island's evacuated Japanese are escorted, a car load at a time, to a waiting train on the waterfront. Note crowds jamming the Marion St. overhead to witness the dramatic scene, the first of its kind ever enacted in Seattle's history. The removal of the island's 225 men, women and children was carried out yesterday by the army without a hitch and with the Japanese themselves cooperating to facilitate the performance of the government's order. Mostly born on Bainbridge, they go to California. (Other pictures on Back Page.)

—(Picture by Post-Intelligencer Staff Photographer.)

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## 2 Widely Known Aliens Are Jailed In Kern County

Operator Of Motel, Bar  
And Head Of Japanese  
Society Held For FBI

BAKERSFIELD (Kern Co.),  
March 31.—Jerry Restituto, 39, Ital-  
ian born operator of the fashion-  
able El Adobe motel and bar, and  
Frank Cawasaki, 63, president of  
the Kern County Japanese Society,  
today are in the county jail here  
as enemy aliens held for the FBI.

Officers said Restituto not only  
is subject to internment but faces  
a possible prison sentence for the  
possession of three rifles and a  
shotgun found in his room when he  
was arrested.

Cawasaki, superintendent of the  
force of 150 Japanese agricultural  
workers on the DiGiorgio Farms at  
Arvin, is said by local officers to  
have been the leader in the raising  
of \$90,000 among Kern County  
Japanese to be contributed toward  
Japan's war activities.

The officers said Tom Kinoshita,  
who was arrested previously in the  
roundup of Kern County alien Jap-  
anese, was Cawasaki's chief lieuten-  
ant in the money raising activities.

The officials said a large number  
of receipts giving the names of  
contributors were found in Kino-  
shita's possession.

Cawasaki was arrested by Under-  
sheriff Jack Huston in cooperation  
with the FBI.

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**SRA Camp For Dangerous Aliens**  
Meanwhile, at Sharp Park on the north San Mateo County Coast, the immigration service has turned a former SRA single men's camp into a temporary detention camp for enemy aliens arrested by the FBI as potentially dangerous.

Nearly 200 Japanese aliens were held there, behind a high fence topped with barbed wire. They will be held there pending hearings or removal to internment camps.

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## 2 Japanese Held For Setting Fire To Rail Trestles

EL CENTRO, March 31.—(INS)  
—Two alien Japanese farmers were held in the El Centro Jail today, charged with the attempt last Sunday to destroy by fire two wooden trestles of the Southern Pacific Railroad near Niland.

Authorities withheld names of the detained aliens as FBI agents, a sheriff's posse, army intelligence officers and railway policemen continued a united search through desert wastes for other suspects.

Operations over the railway's main east-west route was resumed after Southern Pacific crews completed repairs of the charred bridges.

Officials said that there is "no question that the fires were deliberate arson."

The trestles had been soaked in oil and were fired just before a heavy laden west bound train was due. Flames were leaping high as trainmen sighted the burning structures.

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# JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS

The Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee was constituted by Order-in-Council P.C. 288, January 13th, 1942, for the purpose of implementing an effective plan to transfer impounded Japanese fishing vessels to new owners, who must be Canadian citizens, of other than Japanese origin.

Prospective purchasers should be experienced fishermen, who propose using the vessels in the fishing industry of British Columbia. They should negotiate directly with the Japanese owner of the ship they wish to buy, or with his representative.

Descriptive details of vessels are available in the offices of the Committee, which may be freely examined by those interested.

When an agreement for sale and purchase has been made by the Japanese owner and the buyer, details of the transaction should be submitted to the Committee, and, if approved, the transfer of the vessel can be promptly completed.

If an agreement can not be reached between the vendor and the purchaser, the Committee will arbitrate the differences. **IF THE VENDOR DOES NOT AGREE TO ARBITRATE, THE COMMITTEE WILL SET A PRICE AT WHICH THE VESSEL MUST BE SOLD.**

Only outright sales, enabling transfer of title of vessel, will be approved by the Committee. In the event of a purchase involving term payments to the seller, the balance to be paid must be secured by mortgage.

## PERMITS FOR INSPECTION OF VESSELS CAN NOW BE OBTAINED:

- (a) **AT THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICES, 1528 MARINE BLDG., VANCOUVER.**
- (b) **IN THE CASE OF RESIDENTS OF NEW WESTMINSTER OR VICINITY, BY APPLYING BY LETTER, TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE, WHO WILL ARRANGE THAT PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NAVAL OFFICE, PACIFIC COAST TERRITORIALS, NEW WESTMINSTER, ON PRODUCTION OF THE PROPER CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION CARDS.**

To prospective purchasers living at a distance from Vancouver, the following procedure is suggested:

When a specifically desired vessel is known, as well as the name and address of the owner, direct negotiations should be carried out in accordance with the procedure outlined above.

Where the vessel is known, but not the owner or his whereabouts, the Committee's office will assist in supplying the information. **THE PROCEDURE WILL THEN BE THAT OUTLINED IN ABOVE PARAGRAPHS.**

In the case of fishermen not having any specific vessel in mind, but desiring to purchase one or more of the impounded vessels for active fishing service in British Columbia waters, he should write this office, giving the following information:

- (a) Type and size of vessel required.
- (b) The class of fishing he primarily proposes, and the probable general fishing location.
- (c) Amount of cash payment he is prepared to make.
- (d) What terms are required for the balance of total purchase price.

With this information on hand, this office will endeavour to have Japanese owners, **OR ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES**, communicate with the prospective purchaser. **IF THIS CONTACT CAN NOT BE ESTABLISHED, THE PURCHASER SHALL BE INFORMED, AND HE SHOULD THEN CALL ON THE COMMITTEE OR SEND HIS ACCREDITED AGENT WITH AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE; AND EITHER PARTY WILL THEN RECEIVE FULL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMITTEE.**

All communications should be addressed to the Committee.

## JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Vancouver, B.C.  
March 30, 1942.

SIDNEY A. SMITH, Chairman.

CIRCULAR NO. 2

All changes from Circular No. 1 are shown in bold type.

## Salmon Arm Would Curb Jap Activities

SALMON ARM, March 31. — Resolutions designed to control activities of Japanese who have come into this district in recent months were adopted Monday night at a meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and held under auspices of the City Council, Municipal Council and Farmers' Institute.

The resolutions urged that no more Japanese be permitted to come into the Salmon Arm area, that no business licenses be granted Japanese now here, that no Japanese be permitted to operate a motor vehicle, that a curfew be enforced and that no real estate agents be permitted to sublet land to the Japs.

Figures submitted to the meeting indicated that 30 Japanese have recently moved into this district from the coast.

Vancouver Daily Province

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**TERMINAL ISLE ORDER.**

The declaration of policy came as Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, western defense commander, issued his second "exclusion order." It affects 3,000 Japanese living near Terminal Island, in Los Angeles Harbor, and orders them to report to the "assembly center" at Santa Anita race track on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The 3,000 are entirely apart from an additional 2,000 who will leave the Los Angeles area Wednesday and Thursday to go direct to the reception center at Manzanar. The 2,000, relatives of persons who voluntarily evacuated to help prepare the Manzanar camp, displayed a flurry of panic yesterday, dispatches said. They besieged Government offices following spread of rumors that

the new "freezing" order contemplates the separation of families.

General De Witt immediately issued a statement reiterating that policy is against separation of families.

General De Witt also repeated a warning yesterday that all Japanese-Americans in eight western States are compelled to surrender firearms, cameras and other contraband by midnight tonight.

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*3-31-42*



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### 182 Japanese Ask U. S. To Care For Farm Land

Applications from 182 Fresno County Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans for the relinquishment of approximately 12,073 acres of farm land have been received at the local office of the Wartime Civilian Control Administration since the organization started operation two weeks ago. To date eight tenants have been found.

Frank E. Nagel, Farm Security Administration official in charge of farm tenanc. at the United States Employment Service office, said tenancy applications have been received from 132 American ranchers to take over the land before or after evacuation of the present tenants.

Most of the acreage involved is vineyard, truck crop and orchard land.

The voluntary evacuation of Japanese farmers as well as other aliens of enemy countries from military zone B1 ended at midnight Sunday, Nagel said. He warned all others to remain near their homes until military authorities announce the evacuation date.

To expedite the transfer of land a branch office has been established in the employment service office at 114 North F Street in Madera. H. B. Taylor will be in charge and conduct interviews on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 A. M. and noon.

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# Should Japs Be Allowed Here After War?

"Canada's Japanese" is the title of a pamphlet just issued in Vancouver by the "Fellowship of a Christian Social Order, Vancouver Unit."

As might be expected, the paper is a very sincere declaration by an "association of Christians" whose religious convictions have led them to a belief that the "creation of a new social order is essential to the realization of the Kingdom of God."

The friendly consideration by this group of the Japanese question is summed up at the end with a series of "recommendations," of which the following paragraphs provide a fair summary:

Our recommendations are based on the belief that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth." Therefore we repudiate the view, occasionally expressed, that Canada should be a "white man's" country, and that the Japanese should be shipped to Japan after the war is over. This, and the refusal of certain people who have never accepted them as potential Canadian citizens comes perilously close to Hitler's racial dogmas. In the preceding pages we have indicated the points at which the Japanese in Canada have failed to accept the responsibilities of Canadian citizenship, but we believe the answer to their shortcomings in this respect is a determined and sympathetic attempt to encourage them to assume these responsibilities and duties, and the granting of full political equality when the war is over.

Russia has set all countries an example in the solution of the problem of race. Our enemies base their propaganda and policies on theories of race superiority. Can we permit any ambiguity regarding Canadian ideals and practices? In order to win the war and the peace after it, must we not be enlightened by men's highest insights?

These convictions should underlie the handling of the Japanese in their removal from the protected areas. They are not to form a pool of cheap labor to be exploited; they are not to be treated like outcasts.

Many of the Japanese affected are citizens of Canada whose loyalty to Canada there has been no reason to question, and who are anxious to make

a contribution to Canada's defense of the democratic way of life.

## One U.S. View

In an adjoining column on this page is today reprinted a dispatch entitled, "All Japanese now 'Suspect' on Pacific Coast," contained in the Christian Science Monitor from a staff correspondent then in Los Angeles. Both the Vancouver pamphlet and the dispatch in the "Monitor" contain extremely interesting information on this important subject. Both originate from a serious and praiseworthy attempt to get at the facts. They do not quite add up to the same conclusions.

Turning back to the "Canada's Japanese" pamphlet, The Sun would like to submit one or two items of comment. Says the Fellowship summary — "They (the Japs) are not to form a pool of cheap labor to be exploited."

The fair comment on this item is that in the past the Japanese have, on a number of occasions, formed a pool of cheap labor, and they have been exploited — either in behalf of their employers or in the interests of their own leaders who induced them to come to this country.

## Fish and Fruit

The pamphlet notes that Japanese community immigration began on a small scale before the turn of this century and that about 1903 the influx suddenly increased. One would not suggest that there is intentional ignoring of essential facts here; but the historical event is that in 1900 and 1901 the Fraser salmon fisheries at Steveston were in effect "seized" by the Japanese who came during the early months of both those years in considerable numbers. There was a strike — two of them, in fact — and the cannery proprietors offering returns that today would be considered fantastically low, were enabled to keep the prices down by the active co-operation of the Japanese. During the next few succeeding years it was a commonplace amongst the white fishermen's community to hear the bitter complaint that the Japanese had stolen their livelihood.

By and by, there was not enough fishing to occupy the ambitions of all the Japanese who came to this country to work and

to get on. So they "invaded" the splendid area for growing bush and vine fruits, Haney to Mission. We use the word "invaded" advisedly. When the first Japanese sought to buy land at Haney and Hammond, some public-spirited people refused to sell; but before a community movement could be inaugurated (as was done recently in Kelowna and elsewhere) some key farm units changed hands and the Japanese infiltration began.

The Fellowship pamphlet deals with this aspect of what it calls "peaceful penetration to the detriment of the majority race" and notes that "there was lack of co-operation in fishing circles." There certainly was. We were here when the Japanese participated in this "lack of co-operation" and it deserved a much harsher word.

The fishing and the fruit-growing looked "good" to the Japs, so they moved in and took possession, mowing down all opposition. They drove out their competitors — and they kept them out. When comparatively fair means were not sufficient, they adopted means that were comparatively foul.

## Majority O.K.

In one point The Sun is in complete agreement with the Fellowship's pamphlet. The great majority of the Japanese in British Columbia are clean and law-abiding people, loyal to Canada. We are willing to assume that 95 percent are innocent, being presently "shoved around," as the saying goes, punished for the five percent or even the one percent who are guilty. But who are these innocent and who are the guilty ones? One "bad" Jap in a hundred might do us great harm in an emergency and because that one cannot be identified, all members of the race with us must suffer.

The Fellowship, in its benevolent proposals, repudiates the view that Canada should be a "white man's country" and denies that all of Japanese descent should be shipped back to Japan when the war is over. The Sun is totally at variance with this opinion of our friends of the Christian Social Order. We believe Japan is the place for the Japanese. The government of Canada shares this view today and will move to secure transport for a great trans-Pacific trek when the right time comes.

Why? The answer is that no immigration should be tolerated that will not, or can not, assimilate and intermarry with our own. The Doukhobors and the Mennonites and the other European races will, after a gen-

eration or two overflow into the common villages and towns outside the control of their groups or sects and you can make new Canadians out of their young folk. You can not do that with the Japanese. A suggested compromise has been to install Japs in a separate colony in Peace River or Northern Ontario, some locality distant from Pacific shores — but in a decade or two, how would you prevent people, born in Canada, from travelling where they wished?

The Japanese possess splendid attributes. They are clean, law-abiding, ambitious to learn, they subscribe freely to patriotic funds, they look after their own relief cases. They are model workmen — until the moment arrives when they have decided that they can take over the fishery plant or the logging outfit or the mining camp or the fruit farm they have their eye on. When that moment comes they "take over" — lock, stock and barrel. The Fellowship has a big field to exercise its talents upon — this ruthlessness that is a national characteristic of the Japanese.

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## Coast Japs 'Suspect'

By a Staff Correspondent of the  
Christian Science Monitor

LOS ANGELES.—Many of the hundreds of Japanese placed behind barbed wire in the inland west last week-end have already served their Emperor here on American soil. They have taught young Japanese, Americans by birth, that they "belong" to that Emperor; that he is entitled to their fealty—their lives if need be.

Many of these newly arrested Japanese have been teachers in the Japanese language schools that, until the Pearl Harbor raid, held classes six days a week for American-born Japanese children of all ages. In these classes textbooks were used which were published in Japan, sent to the United States by arrangement with the Japanese government.

The schooling has already had one vital effect that doubtless has the approval of the Japanese War Office: in a time of crisis it has put all Nisei, or American-born Japanese, under a cloud of suspicion that probably will not lift until the war is ended.

If that same War Office could not form the Nisei into a "fifth column" legion here (and it probably could not, for many are loyal Americans), the next and greatest effect it could hope for would be the situation which exists: all Japanese, loyal and disloyal alike, under suspicion and grouped in a vast problem that is causing as much confusion and loss of energy as a battle might.

Yes, the Issei, or Japanese. Japanese teachers have served their Emperor well. The young Nisei, who might otherwise all be classified as loyal, now must pay the penalty of their teaching.

The teachers will not be punished for treason, for they are not citizens; not even for sedition, it is likely, for their teachings stopped with the declaration of war, and even before that were not, so far as is known, in the direction of treasonable acts or sabotage.

"Propaganda" is the strongest term that is officially applied here to those teachings which were given in the Japanese tongue, in schoolhouses all up and down the Pacific Coast, after regular school hours, and with no white Americans in attendance or in supervision.

"Propaganda" that will cost the Government of the United States at least many millions of dollars; that has—with the acts of other Japanese on various Pacific waterfronts—so alarmed a large section of the Pacific Coast population that there will be widespread unrest until all Japanese are moved inland.

## Jap Removal

Editor, The Sun: Sir,—I am a Canadian of the fourth generation. My interests in Vancouver, B.C., and Canada are considerably greater than the average—domestically, commercially, and financially. I consider myself a loyal, thoroughbred Canadian, and as such realize that it is the duty of one and all to get ahead with the war effort and do all in our power to help out in the occupation for which we are best fitted, and to give advice if considered practicable.

Today's newspapers report that two MLA's, at a meeting in New Westminster, agreed that:

1. The berry crop of the Fraser Valley must be saved.
2. Great Britain is in urgent need of those berries.
3. Japs have, in the past, produced 75 percent of the crop.
4. A campaign should be started immediately to place white men on the farms to be evacuated.

As a manufacturer and an employer of labor, I heartily agree with the first three conclusions, but where, oh where, are they going to wield the magic wand that will bring men to the farms?

How, in the name of common sense, can the farmers compete in the labor markets against the cost-plus industries which can afford to pay at least three times the amount that a berry grower can afford to pay for services rendered?

To the officials who are responsible may I submit the following:

1. To move 25,000 Japs it will require the services of many thousands of white men to check, guard, transport, house, clothe and feed on the way and in the new environment.
2. These thousands of white men will further deplete the ranks of workers in other essential industries.
3. Productive results in new locations can not possibly be equivalent to the results on present berry farms.
4. If some whites are found to work the farms, the present housing accommodations will have to be improved.
5. At present rate of removal, it is practically impossible to move all before end of berry season. Therefore, would it not be logical, practical and sensible to:
  - a. Move out from Haney and eastward only those who are actively fifth columnists and those near power plants?
  - b. Leave the balance to do a job of berry production, under proper regulations. Take away instruments or machines that could cause trouble.

c. Provide three dozen motor-bike police with one dozen motor bikes to patrol the area, day and night.

d. Decide and advise the Jap and berry associations accordingly and promptly, thereby providing all necessary safeguards.

Saving the country thousands of dollars.

Preventing at least some depletion of available labor for essential industries.

And providing Great Britain with a very desirable and necessary food product.

I can assure you, Mr. Editor, I am in hearty accord with the idea of adequately protecting our homes, but we must be sane and sensible and attend to the most important jobs first, and not map out a program that will be impossible to carry out before the war is over.

A MANUFACTURER.

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### Treatment Of Japanese Is Held Slur On Democracy

Editor of The Bee—Sir: As I am quite concerned over the crisis through which the Japanese in this country are going, I wish to add my protest to the growing group which feel we are attacking this problem in the wrong way.

The past record of our Japanese friends definitely shows their loyalty to America. We make a mockery of the word Democracy when we persecute minority groups simply because of their skin coloring.

I realize this is war, but let us not forget one of the things for which we are fighting, one of the things upon which our government was founded, is this concept we are violating. Failure to act in a Democratic way is an admission we are not sure of our Democracy and stand to lose it.

Our most potent weapon against our enemy is the fact we can make Democracy work even in war. In the treatment of our minority groups we are telling the world our faith in Democratic principles is limited.

Let us remember there are more than 4,000 Japanese American boys now in the services. They have placed faith in Democracy; it is up to us to return that faith with an equal trust, and to act in a manner which is coherent with the Democratic principle.

HERMAN CLAYTON.  
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Lieutenant General John L. De Witt, head of the Western Defense Command, ordered alien and American Japanese cleared from two more zones near Terminal Island in Los Angeles harbor.

The order affects 3000 persons, who must leave the areas by Sunday. They will be moved to Santa Anita reception center 500 at a time. Two groups will leave Friday, two Saturday and two Sunday. Evacuation will be supervised by the army.

Zone No. 1 of the exclusion order extends south from Redondo Beach to San Pedro bay. Zone No. 2 extends south from Highway No. 14 to San Pedro bay, west of Los Angeles county line.

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*Below*

San Francisco, thus far ignored in the construction of assembly centers for evacuees, received a "temporary detention camp" yesterday when authorities took over the former SRA camp for single men at Sharp Park. The camp will be used to house arrested aliens pending hearings.

I. F. Wixon, district director of immigration, disclosed that 191 aliens were immediately sent to the new camp, which now has accommodations for 600 and can be enlarged to accommodate 1,200. Guards from Mexican border stations were placed on duty, and the camp was enclosed in a high, fine mesh and barbed wire topped fence.

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**RAIDS CONTINUE.**

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents continued their raiding activities yesterday, concentrating on the Sacramento-Yolo County area.

Armed with Presidential warrants and aided by more than fifty local law enforcement officers, twenty-five agents were reported in the communities of Florin, Perkins, Courtland, Franklin, Clarksburg and many others.

It was understood they were particularly interested in a search for cameras, radios, maps, signal devices and other contraband materials.

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Internment camp

## 'Dangerous' Aliens Moved To New Camp

**Ex-Peninsula SRA  
Camp Prepared for  
Influx; 193 There**  
*Oak. Tribune - Mar. 31, 1942*

Creation of a temporary detention camp at the former SRA camp at Sharp Park on the Peninsula was undertaken today by Federal authorities and 193 enemy aliens were removed there from the San Francisco Immigration Station.

The camp, where dangerous enemy aliens will be assembled for removal to Midwestern concentration camps, has accommodations for 600 persons, and its capacity can be doubled, according to I. F. Wixon, District Director of Immigration. Wire mesh and barbed-wire fences have already been erected around the camp and guards from Mexican border stations have been assigned to patrol duty.

*Tribune, Mar. 31, 1942*



Japanese-Americans are subject to \$5000 fine, a year's imprisonment or both for possession after midnight tonight of firearms, cameras, radios and other articles prohibited in a recent order of General DeWitt.

Enforcement of the order begins tomorrow morning, under direction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Nat J. L. Pieper, local head of the FBI, gathered Northern California enforcement officers in Palo Alto yesterday to co-ordinate enforcement of enemy alien laws.

Attending were police chiefs, sheriffs, fish and game wardens, forestry officials and highway patrolmen, who promised to keep sharp watch for violators.

As an additional warning, Pieper dispatched 25 San Francisco agents to the Sacramento region to conduct a surprise contraband raid.

Assisted by sheriffs' officers and local authorities, G-men searched farms and alien homes in Sacramento, Florin, Cortland, Franklin, Perkins, Elk Grove, Clarksburg and Hood.

No contraband was found.

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# 225 Quit Homes In First Evacuation

Dogs raced over dusty Bainbridge Island roads in a futile effort to keep up with army trucks carrying their Japanese masters, and American neighbors waved friendly farewells yesterday as the army carried out the first mass evacuation in Pacific Northwest history.

The removal of 225 men, women and children from their homes, involving almost as many human problems, was performed without the slightest hitch.

Everyone agreed that the army did a marvelous job, and no one was more grateful and appreciative than the Japanese themselves. The soldiers did everything possible to make the parting easier and performed their task with gentleness and consideration.

The evacuation from the highly strategic island adjoining the Puget Sound Navy Yard was ordered a week ago by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army.

The Bainbridge Island Japanese, most majority of whom are young people born on the island, were

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## BAINBRIDGE JAPS LEAVE

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taken to Seattle by special ferry, were placed on board a special train on the Seattle waterfront and last night they were on their way to their new home in Owens Valley, Calif., for the duration.

The climax of the week of preparation began shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning when fifteen army trucks in twos and threes began their final rounds. In one truck was placed bedding and personal effects. In the other, the Japanese themselves were given seats.

### THEY WERE WAITING

The soldiers found most of the Japanese waiting on the doorstep with their luggage. Before leaving, the housewives had to go back inevitably for a last look around the house to see that everything was in order. On most of the farms, Filipinos had taken over and the friendliest of feeling apparently existed between the two races. Not a few Japanese were motored to the boat by their Filipino caretakers.

Each set of trucks was accompanied by a Japanese youth acting as a guide. Soldiers helped frail old people into the trucks and carried the youngsters who liked the friendly big men in their spick and span uniforms.

The army, however, was defeated in the only engagement reported. When Mr. and Mrs. Y. Moji climbed into the truck, their big Alaska husky, King, jumped in with them.

### DOG ROUTS SOLDIERS

Two strapping big soldiers, Tony Bova and Sal Calabrese, attempted to remove him, but when King bared his teeth and growled viciously they changed their tactics.

Mrs. Moji obligingly took the dog into the house and left him with two Filipinos who will run their farm, and returned.

Incidentally, many American

neighbors took over the pets of their Japanese friends, the animals, including a miscellaneous collection of dogs, cats, birds and one goat, owned by a little girl.

Tentative plans were being made yesterday to forward their pets later.

Not a few Japanese carried portable and small-sized radios.

They explained that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had returned long-wave sets to them and had removed the short-wave mechanism of other sets.

### GOODS STORED

In preparation for the move the army men, aided by Japanese guides, made the rounds of Japanese homes Sunday, collected such household effects that could not be taken and placed them for safekeeping in the Japanese community hall at Winslow. There A. F. Amende and A. F. Olsen, representing the Seattle office of the Federal Reserve Bank yesterday were listing the property which including some forty wrestling mats.

The Federal Reserve Bank has been designated as custodian and the hall will be guarded night and day by three retired sea captains appointed as Kitsap sheriff deputies—B. P. Kunkler, Nels Christensen and H. Bromley. To avoid a crowd and spare them the pain of farewell with their American friends, the Japanese were assembled at the more remote landing of Eagledeale, across the harbor from Winslow.

### SAY GOOD-BY TO PALS ANYWAY

But a sizeable crowd was on hand, including a group of boys with such names as Olsen and Hanson who played "hookey" from school to see their chums start on their journey.

Perhaps some of the American boys were a little envious of the trip and adventure ahead of their pals, Iseo and Seijiro.

On a grassy knoll overlooking the dock the evacuees were assembled, and each was issued an identification card. Among the young people were a number wearing the blue and gold sweaters of Bainbridge High School, which lost seven of its best baseball players by the move.

The seven played their last game Friday against North Kitsap County High School. Bainbridge lost, 15 to 2, but Second Baseman Hideaki Nakamura was the hero of the Bainbridgeites, scoring both runs. He hopes there will be a baseball team in Owens Valley.

### FIRST TRAIN RIDE

Most of the boys and girls evacuated were born on Bainbridge Island. Few had ever traveled farther than Seattle. Almost none had ever been on a train until yesterday.

A patriarchal figure among the evacuees was Kihachi Kirakawa, the venerable pastor of the Japa-

nese Baptist Church at Winslow.

He conducted his final services Saturday in the church he built with his own hands more than forty years ago. On Sunday, his flock of twenty-five turned out and helped move the piano, altar and other furniture into the storage.

Not a few children carried bunches of grass plucked from their yards to carry with them as mementoes of home.

As the ferry Kehloken approached the landing, many gave way to pent-up emotions.

### WOMAN COLLAPSES

Hard-boiled soldiers, who are not accustomed to see women and children in tears, bit lips and looked the other way.

One elderly woman collapsed and had to be attended by army nurses.

But settled on the boat, eyes dried, young men organized card games and their elders chatted or read newspapers.

A special train of twelve cars was spotted at Colman Dock to receive them.

The Japanese were escorted in groups of about thirty at a time into the cars, while seven army truck loads of luggage were placed in baggage cars.

The entrainment was witnessed by thousands of people who jammed the Colman Dock overhead viaduct and Alaskan Way sidewalks.

### JAPANESE PRAISED

In twenty minutes after the ferry landed, the special train was on its way. Maj. C. F. Bisenius, who conducted the evacuation under direction of Lieut. Col. Paul B. Malone Jr., assistant chief of staff of the IX Army Corps, praised the performance of his men in their handling of a delicate task. He also expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the Japanese themselves.

"Our men were not sent to Bainbridge as guards," he explained. "They were not there because we were apprehensive of any trouble whatever. Our soldiers were assigned simply to act as escorts and look after their well being."

"The Japanese themselves were very helpful, and their cooperation was in a considerable measure responsible for the evacuation being carried out on schedule as planned."

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## JAP EVACUATION BEGINS NEXT WEEK

**Gen. De Witt Says First 1,000 Will  
Leave L. A. for Owens Valley**

Formal announcement that the evacuation of all Japanese, aliens and citizens alike, from Military Area No. 1 will begin early next week, was issued last night by Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt of the Western Defense Command.

Military Area No. 1 comprises, roughly, the western half of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona.

General DeWitt said the first contingent to leave would be 1,000 Japanese aliens and citizens from the Los Angeles area. They have volunteered to go and most of them will travel in their own cars, the others by bus and train.

### GO TO OWENS VALLEY.

Their destination will be a Japanese reception center at Manzanar in the Owens Valley, where construction is being rushed to completion, according to an announcement made earlier in the day.

(International News Service reported from Los Angeles that an initial contingent of sixty Japanese nurses, stenographers and clerks will leave there Friday to make preparations for the 1,000 who will follow immediately; also that 23,000 Japanese, about two thirds of the number in the area, have signed up for voluntary evacuation.)

### ASKS CO-OPERATION.

Supplementing his announcement of the first mass evacuation next week, General De Witt said:

"While the 1,000 Japanese leaving next week are co-operating and have volunteered to be the first to go, evacuation from critical areas will continue. I encourage and urge the continuation of such movements as this initial group has started."

The Owens Valley reception center, about 200 miles north and east of Los Angeles, eventually will receive 10,000 Japanese. Additional centers will be established at Blythe and elsewhere.

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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.

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

volved 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.

In Washington, Secretary Stimson asked for legislation to enforce "military area" orders, imposing a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine for violators.

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## Slow Motion



Japanese are on the move away from our coastal areas but the exodus cannot move fast enough to please the people of California.

We will all breathe easier when this removal has been completed and the evacuation program should be speeded up as much as possible.

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*Hawaiian Japanese*

**SAILORS NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN  
TO THEIR HOMES IN HAWAII**

About one hundred seamen, citizens of Japanese extraction who reside in the Hawaiian Islands, are stranded in San Francisco. They have been refused permission to return to their homes and are no longer allowed to work on American vessels. A few have found employment in agriculture through the U. S. Employment Service, but in the main the men are unemployed and almost destitute.

*American Civil Liberties Union News  
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# S. F. REVEALED AS CENTER FOR JAP SPY RING

Mysterious Black Dragon Group  
Directed Vast Espionage;  
6,000 Members Listed in U. S.

By LEONARD J. LUCAS

In the prewar years during which America slept there was a tireless Japanese organization of fanatics drawing a web of espionage about the vitals of our country's industrial and military life.

This underground group was directed by the notorious Black Dragon Society, the mysterious society credited with having turned Japan's ways from the paths of peace to those of war.

For years this society, through its "front" organizations, spun lines of information through the West coast—apparently unnoticed.

## S. F. FOCAL POINT.

But, fortunately for the United States, there was one agency that was not asleep. Increasingly, for the last half dozen years, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been quietly turning more and more of its attention to the Black Dragon and its henchmen.

And now, with hundreds of proven and suspected Japanese agents interned by the FBI, The Examiner is able to reveal the amazing ramifications of the Black Dragon Society.

San Francisco was the focal point of the Dragon. Agents and money went from here to all parts of the Nation. Ostensibly, the national headquarters was in the little town of Alvarado, in southern Alameda County, but actually San Francisco furnished the directive force.

## WOMEN ALSO AIDED.

There were at least 6,000 Japanese in the United States under control of the Black Dragon. More than 600 of these were Nisei, second generation Japanese. A few women belonged—something over a hundred—despite the low esteem to which Japanese have consigned their women. There were tasks to be done that only women could do well.

The Black Dragon had few members of the society as such in America, for its rules of membership are rigid. These few have been traced through money transfers to Tokio.

# S. F. Revealed as Center Of Black Dragon Spies

*Japs Built Vast Espionage Society  
In U. S.; Taught Emperor Worship*

But the society ruled, directly, its offshoots on these shores.

For all its power and its far-reaching activities, Black Dragon—Kokuriu-kai—is only a little over a half century old. Its founder, whiskered Mitsuru Toyama, is still alive. Its motives are super-patriotic; its methods include assassination when that it necessary. A brutal mysticism surrounds its reputation.

## TEACH JAP "SPIRIT."

In the United States, the Black Dragon's "front" is the Military Virtue Society—the Butoku-kai.

Announced purpose of the Military Virtue Society is inculcation of "Yamato Damashi," the "spirit of Japan" in American born Japanese children.

This "spirit of Japan" as the society teaches it, is nothing more nor less than complete self-abnegation in favor of the nation. It is a spirit of imperial reverence that makes each murder, each betrayal, each lie, a deed of honor when it is done in behalf of the Emperor. Death on behalf of the Emperor would be a sanctified achievement.

The approach to attain this "spirit" was carefully veiled—it seemed almost naive to occidental eyes.

## TOUGHENING SPORT.

Japanese physical exercise, particularly the game of "kendo" seemed to be the principal activity of the Military Virtue Society. But, kendo is a most versatile method of "toughening up." Bamboo singlesticks are the weapons. The helmeted and leather armored players hold their singlesticks with both hands and slash at each other with all the style of the Samurai—feudal knights—who swung their broadswords with the verve of a Joe Di Maggio handling a baseball bat.

Regularly, reports were sent back to Tokio of the society "athletic" and "aesthetic" programs—but those reports also listed such strange "box scores" as ship movements in West coast ports, oil traffic and military secrets.

The society acted as the funnel through which poured the gleanings of broad hatted farmers, who worked so patiently in their fields near airports and war factories. It collected information from students in colleges and universities, who were able to get inside material on scientific progress.

## LEARN NAVY SECRETS.

The fishermen, the naval reservists who plied the waters of the West coast, caught more than fish. Naval secrets and movements were part of what came up in their nets, to be sent to the Imperial War Office via the Military Virtue Society.

The statistics that commission and food merchants compiled from their sales to military establishments was likewise included in the strange reports sent home.

A San Francisco laundryman, Matsunosuke Tsukamoto, was national president of the society. He was one of the first persons arrested by the FBI roundup.

Fujikichi Nakamura, who founded the group in America, arrived in San Pedro by way of Honolulu, in 1929. He was accompanied by two aides and they frankly told the Japanese language press that they proposed to train 10,000 in the "true spirit" by the end of 1940.

## SPREADS RAPIDLY.

Subsequent reports told of the spread of the society—each unit a real espionage and sabotage potential—from San Pedro, up through the San Joaquin Valley, to Salinas and Gilroy and Watsonville. San Francisco and Oakland and Sacramento began to appear in reports of the society's activities. Soon, the organization had spread to the Northwest—virtually every west coast city with any Japanese population had a "cell."

Latest statistics indicate the society had fifty-six branches in six national districts, until the FBI moved in.

The society was happy to record the visits of American born members to the fatherland. These Nisei went to Japan ostensibly to advance themselves in the art of kendo—but they all proudly brought back at least one photograph of themselves standing before the Black Dragon shrine in Tokio.

And they were pleased to recount that they had paid their respects to the aged founder of Black Dragon. As frugally as they might live, farmers and fishermen and gardeners all found money to send their sons and daughters on the pilgrimage to Nippon. Even operators of houses of prostitution were listed in the Military Virtue Society's activities—in Japan no stigma attaches to brothel keepers.

## OTHER GROUPS SUSPECTED.

When Japan's naval cadets called at California's seaports on "good will" visits, it was the Military Virtue Society's duty to see that they saw each harbor and cove, the coast's military installations, the inland oil fields.

While the FBI's drive against the Military Virtue Society has taken the spotlight, the Federal men have other groups on their suspect list—such organizations as the Heinusha-kai, the Japanese War Veterans' Society, and the Aikoku Fujin-kai, the women's patriotic society.

When the story of all the activities of these Japan inspired organizations is finally and completely told, those close to the situation say the American people will be "stunned" by the extent to which their trust has been violated.

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## FBI Seizes U. S. Head Of Jap Sect in New Raids

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New and intensified raids to smash the remnants of Japanese secret societies and sects fanatically loyal to Emperor Hirohito were unleashed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and local authorities in twenty northern California communities yesterday.

Thirty-five Japanese had been caught in the widespread net at nightfall, including five priests, and agents were expecting to land several others before dawn today.

Prize catch of the day, according to Nat J. L. Pieper, agent in charge of the northern California office of the FBI, was made in San Francisco with the arrest of the acting bishop in America for the Konkokyo Church — a sect whose worshippers believe their bodies belong to their sovereign, the Emperor of Japan.

He was Torao Tateno, whose headquarters were at a temple in 1909 Bush Street.

Yesterday's raids also were directed at the Tenrikyo sect, whose priests, Pieper said, received their supplies and instructions from headquarters in Japan.

The forays into many vital defense areas such as the vicinity of McClellan and Mather Fields and the Municipal Airport at Sacramento; the vicinity of the Army's Advanced Flying School at Stockton and the Army and Navy Air Base at Moffett Field, were based on information gleaned from previous raids and data formulated jointly by the FBI and Army and Navy Intelligence services.

(For additional details, see Page 14, Col. 1.)

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## Agency to Control Japanese Acres

### Will Assure Full Production

With 50 field agents located in coast cities, including Stockton, Merced and Pittsburg, a new federal agency today undertook the job of continuing full production in the truck gardens of Japanese farmers producing more than one-sixth of the nation's vegetables.

The Japanese are expecting evacuation orders any day from the army.

Chief activity of the new organization, known as the wartime farm adjustment program of the Farm Security Administration, will be to supervise the fair disposition of evacuated land in prohibited zones, and to aid qualified farmers to take over the acreage and get operating credit.

#### AT SERVICE CENTERS

Agents began operations in service centers opened at United States Employment Service offices in California, Washington, Oregon and southern Arizona. The Stockton office is located at San Joaquin and Channel streets.

First field agent to arrive here is David J. Gilhooley of Modesto. He will work with Hugh Towne, local manager of the United States Employment Service, and representatives of the Federal Reserve System, who are expected here soon.

Laurence I. Hewes Jr., national director of the Farm Security Administration, explained in San Francisco that the field agents are under orders to contact Japanese and others vacating military zones, bring them together with qualified farmers capable of taking over their land, and referee fair arrangements between the two.

"Our field agents," said Hewes, "will see that the Japanese are able to make a fair disposition of their land, and we will see that maximum production of war crops is guaranteed by the new operator."

"We will assist in finding operators for the land who are qualified to grow the vegetables the Japanese have planted, or the kind of food needed to win the war."

#### OTHER BRANCHES PLANNED

Field agents, who will operate under William C. Helvey, chief of the program, will work closely with local employment service representatives who have been assigned by the army to handle problems of employment for evacuating Japanese.

The army also established several other branches, the purpose of which will be to insure that all those evacuated will receive just treatment. One of these offices will be in Lodi.

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# State Personnel Board Violates Civil Liberties, Says Warren

Following is Attorney General Earl Warren's opinion concerning the constitutionality of the Personnel Board's recent discriminatory action against citizens of Japanese, German and Italian extraction:

I have before me your letter of February 5, 1942, reading as follows:

"My office is besieged with constituents of mine in the Latin Quarter, who seek my advice as to whether the action recently taken by the Personnel Board, with reference to descendants of nationals of countries with which the United States is at war, will operate against naturalized American citizens of German and Italian birth and against American born citizens of the first generation, whose parents, whether naturalized or not, came from either of these countries. If so, is such action legal?"

"I would be very thankful to you for an early reply."

## Board's Minutes Not Yet Available

I have been unable to secure a copy of the order of the Personnel Board for the reason that the minutes of the Board have not yet been made public. However, instructions issued under the directions of the Board to its staff state that the Board's action applies to and will eventually be enforced against all naturalized citizens and native born citizens who are descendants of nationals of countries with which we are now at war, which includes American citizens of German and Italian birth and their children who are citizens of this country by birth. It is then stated that it will first be invoked against applicants of Japanese extraction. By said memorandum, the staff of the Board is directed, in administering the civil service system of the State,

(1) to refuse to take action necessary to permit such citizens to take civil service examinations,

(2) to refuse to certify such citizens for State employment where their names are on eligible civil service lists after qualifying therefor by an examination,

(3) to withdraw the names of such citizens from any certifications for employment that have already been made, and

(4) to investigate all such citizens who are now employed by the State.

## Order Is Discriminatory

This order will vitally and adversely affect a tremendous number of both naturalized citizens and native born citizens whose loyalty no one has the right to question without affirmative proof of disloyalty. It attempts to establish different degrees of loyalty and in so doing discriminates against naturalized citizens and citizens by

birth of the first generation, in favor of those citizens whose forbears have lived in this country for a greater number of generations. Such distinctions are neither recognized nor sanctioned by any provision of the constitution or by any law, and unquestionably constitute a violation of the civil liberties guaranteed to all citizens by the fundamental law of our land.

## Violates Civil Service Statutes

In addition to the fundamental questions of rights of citizenship and civil liberties involved, this order is in direct opposition to the letter and spirit of our Civil Service statutes which contemplate an opportunity for public service by all citizens on equal terms. Particularly does this appear when the order is examined in the light of the most recent action of the Legislature on the subject, namely the addition in 1941 of Section 201.5 to the Civil Service Act of this State, which reads:

"In applying the provisions of this act or in doing any of the things provided for in this act it is unlawful to require, permit or suffer any notation or entry to be made upon or in any application, examination paper or other paper, book, document or record indicating or in any wise suggesting or pertaining to the race, color or religion of any person whomsoever."

## Action Disrupts National Unity

A substantial portion of the population of California consists of naturalized citizens and citizens born of parents who migrated to this country from foreign lands. They have in the past and do now represent the highest standards of American citizenship. Many of them are now in the armed forces of our government. Some have already given their lives in our cause. Many of them—the naturalized citizens—left the countries of their birth for the express purpose of acquiring American citizenship because of their hatred of the tyrannies which we are now fighting. This has intensified their appreciation of American citizenship and increased their loyalty. To question that loyalty or place them in a category different from other citizens is not only cruel in its effect upon them but is also disruptive of the national unity which is so essential in these times.

It is my conclusion that said order, discriminating as it does against naturalized citizens and against American born citizens of the first generation, violates the civil liberties of citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and of this State and is in conflict with our Civil Service Act.

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**JOHNSON'S WARNING.**

*To The San Francisco Examiner:*

In the Editor's Mail Box George Myers writes a lengthy tirade against Senator Hiram Johnson. Maybe Mr. Myers was not in this State when the Japanese Exclusion Act was passed by the California State Legislature and presented in Washington by Senator Johnson and it was his strong support of the bill that won its passage and approval in Washington.

That was in 1921 when the Japanese were immigrating into this State by the hordes and buying land. The Japanese called California the "Paradise of the World," and who knows if they had not been stopped from buying land then, by now they probably would own most of California's agricultural land.

Senator Johnson always was for a strong fortification of the Pacific islands, especially Guam. Only last year when Senator Johnson arrived in San Francisco he said, "Japan is a troublesome little nation and bears watching."

NORMAN BAKER,  
Stockton, Calif.

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Curfew

# American Japanese Also Restricted in Rigid Rule

Entire County Included in Order;  
All Exemptions Are Canceled

Strict and extensive new curfew regulations affecting all Japanese, Italian and German nationals, and all Japanese-Americans in vital defense areas, which include this and surrounding counties, were announced today in San Francisco by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, head of the western defense command.

Effective Friday at 6 a. m., alien nationals and American citizens of Japanese extraction must remain within their homes between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m.

During the day they must remain either at their homes or at their places of employment. They may travel between the two, but when not at work must not go more than five miles from their homes except to visit War-time Civilian Control Administration offices or other federal agencies arranging their evacuation from defense areas.

## PROCLAMATION ISSUED

Gen. DeWitt wrote the regulations in Proclamation 3, which applies specifically to Military Area 1—embracing the western half of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona—and to hundreds of smaller prohibited zones in other parts of those states and in Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana.

Previously announced curfew regulations, which did not include Japanese-Americans, affected Stockton only west of Wilson Way. Enemy aliens living east of Wilson Way were not affected. Military Area No. 1, however, takes in all of Central California west of the Mother Lode Highway. All of Stockton, all of San Joaquin County, all of Stanislaus County and the western sections of the Mother Lode counties are included in the area.

## PREVIOUS ORDERS REVOKED

Lt. Col. W. A. Boekel, assistant provost marshal of the western defense command, announced emphatically that the new order revokes all previous exemptions permitted enemy aliens who work at nights or have been granted special privileges because of other reasons. Cooks, night watchmen, porters and others who previously were given exemptions must be in their homes after dark.

Endangered by the order are several night high school Americanization classes, in which German and Italian nationals, many of them residents of this country for many years, are studying in preparation for naturalization examinations in June.

New hours may be arranged for these classes, it was reported.

## RIGID ENFORCEMENT

"The curfew will be rigidly enforced," General DeWitt declared. "Military necessity dictates such action and military necessity requires strictest enforcement."

"As a patriotic duty," he continued, "each citizen is urged to report without delay to local police, sheriff's offices, highway patrol officers or the FBI any violation he may observe."

"Let me warn the affected aliens and Japanese-Americans that anything but strict compliance with this proclamation's provisions will bring immediate punishment," the general said. "President Roosevelt last week approved a law enacted by the Congress, providing a penalty of \$5000 fine, or one year's imprisonment or both for anyone failing to abide by any regulation or restriction applicable to military areas. The curfew is such a regulation."

"This is a war measure," General DeWitt added, "and I warn again that swift justice will follow any violation, whether it involves disobedience to the curfew or the possession of contraband articles."

Gen. DeWitt also warned all Japanese in the western theater of operations that evacuation is imminent.

## EVACUATION STARTED

"Let me make it perfectly clear to all concerned," the general stated, "that evacuation has started and will continue until all Japanese and Japanese-Americans are removed from the critical areas, and this as quickly as possible."

"This is a final warning to the Japanese and Japanese-Americans within the areas to be evacuated that they must immediately cease wishful thinking that there will be exceptions or delays of departure until fall."

These statements apparently came as a direct answer and setback to various groups, particularly some farm organizations and the California State Chamber of Commerce, which have proposed that guarded camps of Japanese agricultural workers be established so that rich crops, including the Delta asparagus beds, could be harvested before the Japanese are moved.

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## Coast Curfew on Japs, Enemy Aliens in Effect

All enemy aliens and all Japanese within the broad boundaries of "Military Area No. 1"—an area including the western half of California, Oregon and Washington and the southern half of Arizona—became subject to stringent curfew regulations yesterday.

All were required to remain at home between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m., and to be either at home, at work, or traveling between the two at all other times. One exception permits them to visit government agencies to transact business pertaining to forthcoming evacuation.

### EXEMPTIONS BANNED.

Since the new regulations prevent scores of night workers, such as janitors, porters and watch-

men, from going to work, individual and group efforts were under way to obtain exemptions—but Army spokesmen reiterated yesterday:

"There will be no exemptions."

### LATER EXEMPTIONS.

Exemptions, it has previously been announced, will be granted when actual evacuation orders are issued. They will be granted to alien Italians and Germans who have sons in the United States armed forces or who are bedridden, but none will be granted to Japanese, it was indicated.

At midnight tomorrow, additional Army regulations, preventing Japanese and enemy aliens from moving outside this area, will become effective.

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# Aliens Adjusting to New Curfew, Travel Rules 3/42

## Many Here Must Give Up Night Work

Thousands of enemy aliens and Japanese Americans in this and other strategic military areas, were adjusting themselves today to new curfew and travel restrictions announced yesterday by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, head of the Western Defense Command.

Dozens of Stockton residents will be required to give up night employment because of curfew restrictions requiring them to be in their homes by 8 p. m. These include chiefly bartenders and night watchmen.

### MOST ACUTE PROBLEM

The most acute problem, however, was presented by the fact that all Americans of Japanese ancestry are included virtually as "enemies" under the new proclamation.

Many of them, because of the order, must give up night Junior College and College of the Pacific classes. All must close their businesses at 8 p. m.

With General DeWitt warning that it would be "wishful thinking" on their part for Japanese to expect delays until fall, hundreds of families, including schoolchildren, are faced with moving from this entire area within the next few months.

It was announced that starting Friday, when the new curfew regulations become effective, night classes at the Stockton High

School will be started at 6:30 o'clock and last until 7:30 o'clock for all Italian and German nationals. Many of these aliens are taking Americanization courses in hope of receiving citizenship at naturalization examinations in June. "Friendly" aliens will attend regular classes.

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1—President Roosevelt announced establishment of a "War Relocation Authority" which will administer the program for relocating and re-employing persons evacuated from military areas.

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# Bridges, Air Fields Under Latest Defense Orders

## 29 Areas To Be Closed Near City When Army Further Details Restrictions

Twenty-nine areas in this vicinity, including a major portion of down-town Stockton itself and Stockton Field, were included in 934 new prohibited zones announced by Gen. John L. DeWitt today to be banned to enemy aliens.

From these areas, DeWitt's proclamation announced, "such persons or classes of persons as the situation may require will by subsequent proclamation be excluded."

Previous announced plans of the western defense command indicated these persons would be German, Italian and Japanese aliens and citizens of Japanese ancestry.

### RESIDENCE CHANGES

At the same time, DeWitt proclaimed that all enemy aliens and all persons of Japanese ancestry living in California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona who change their places of residence must file a "change of residence notice" at any United States Postoffice "not more than five, or less than one day prior to such change of residence."

The Stockton city area to be declared "out of bounds" for suspicious persons, including enemy aliens and Japanese descendants of aliens, is designated as "Zone A-206." It is described as bounded on the north by East Park Street, on the east by North American Street, on the south by East Weber Avenue and on the west by North Center Street.

It includes a large portion of the city's business district, the County Jail, City Hall, Emergency Hospital and Postoffice.

### BRIDGE ZONES

Stockton Field and all land within a mile of it in all directions, is designated as Zone A-192.

Twenty Western Pacific railroad bridges and the area within a mile of each of them also are included in prohibited zones. Four of these are near Lathrop, eight near Stockton, two near Kingdon, north of here, and six near Thornton.

The half-dozen bridge zones between here and Lathrop, plus the one-mile area around each, make virtually a two-mile belt of prohibited territory between here and Mossdale.

The Merced Municipal Airport, the army air base near Merced and a section of the city itself were included among the prohibited zones.

### MODESTO ZONES

Modesto's Municipal Airport and for a mile on each side of it was listed and a section of Modesto bounded on the north by M Street, on the east by Thirteenth Street, on the south by H Street and on the west by Eighth Street.

The Los Banos Airport, is another zone prohibited to enemy aliens.

Other military installations, airports, bridges, tunnels, dams, highway overpasses and utility plants in seven Western states likewise

## New Alien Ban Zones Set Up in Valley

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were designated by Gen. DeWitt as prohibited areas.

### ALL OF CITY

The office of alien control in San Francisco told the Record that "probably all enemy aliens will be moved from Stockton," but did not indicate when it would be beyond declaring, "It shouldn't be very long, we're working pretty rapidly now."

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## California Aliens: De Witt Orders 3000 More L.A. Japs Evacuated

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General DeWitt, supreme commander of the Western States, issued three more evacuation orders for sectors of Los Angeles yesterday, which will send 3000 more Japanese to the Manzanar center in Owens valley.

The evacuation will place a total of 6000 in the Manzanar center. Evacuation will be completed by April 28.

The three areas ordered evacu-

ated are large sections of Los Angeles county not covered in previous evacuation orders.

Civil control centers were set up in the areas to assist Japanese in settlement of business and personal affairs and to aid them in the evacuation.

Tentative schedules call for the moving of approximately 1000 Japanese a day on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 26 to 28. They will

be moved by bus and train. No aliens will be allowed to drive their cars.

The order was seen as a speed-up move in line with General DeWitt's recent announcement that the Coast will be cleared of Japanese by May 20.

Counting the 3000 Japanese to be moved under the new orders, approximately 21,000 Japanese have been evacuated or voluntarily left from vital military areas.

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## New Raids Net 68 Japs; De Witt Cautions Aliens

While enemy aliens awaited drafting of new regulations for their conduct in the Pacific coast war theater, developments yesterday were:

**1**—In the most concerted effort since the three State raids of February 21, Federal and local authorities yesterday moved against Japanese aliens, including members of the notorious Black Dragon society, over a wide section of northern California, arresting sixty-eight

and seizing large quantities of contraband. (For details see Page 5, Column 3.)

**2**—Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, commanding the Western Defense Command, cautioned enemy aliens and Japanese Americans affected by his recent proclamation prescribing Military Areas No. 1 and No. 2 along the Pacific Coast, to continue work until such time as their exclusion should be ordered, he said. (For details see Page 5, Col. 5).



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# Japanese Societies Hit in New FBI Alien Raids Here

## Six Reported Officials Are Arrested; Records Said Unearthed by Squads

New blows were struck at Japanese secret organizations here, in the Delta and in other communities of Northern California today as Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, sheriff's deputies and police officers made their third series of raids within a few weeks.

By 1 p. m., six Japanese aliens, all members or officials of pro-Japanese, semimilitary organizations known as the Hokubel Kai and the Heimusha Kai, had been deposited by raiding squads in the San Joaquin County Jail, where they will await transportation to the United States immigration inspector's office in San Francisco.

They were:

Toshikazu Yamagushi, 42, of 305 South El Dorado Street, a hotel operator.

Toichi Baishiki, 63, Camp 12, Bacon Island.

Harry Hayashima, 49, 2004 South San Joaquin Street, operator of three theaters in the Center and El Dorado streets business sections.

### ARRESTED, IN JAIL

They were:

Kayuichi, Doi, 46, barber, arrested at his shop at 108 South Center Street.

Shikgoro Hagio, 51, hotel operator, arrested at his hotel at 35 South Commerce Street.

Saroku Chikaraishi, 64, hotel operator arrested at the Market Street Hotel, 124 East Market Street.

### RECORDS SAID FOUND

Though no contraband was discovered at the establishments, officials said that a "considerable number" of records of secret Japanese activities had been unearthed.

Squads in this area, it was learned, carried more than 15 search warrants and a dozen presidential warrants naming Japanese in and near Stockton.

Previously, a total of 26 Japanese had been arrested in similar raids.

### OTHER RAIDS IN STATE

Other FBI men, operating out of the San Francisco office, were conducting other raids in Oakland, San Francisco, the Peninsula area and at San Juan Bautista.

### PACE MILITARY MOVES

The newest raids paced military moves aimed at clearing vital West Coast areas of nationals of hostile countries. Indications were that additional proclamations from army authorities ordering enemy aliens to evacuate certain zones may be forthcoming as early as next week.

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**Two More Japanese  
Are Arrested Here**

The total of Japanese aliens arrested by FBI officers in and about Stockton was brought to 34 Saturday.

Latest to fall victims of a series of raids were G. Tamaguchi, 45, and Huichi Takata, 39, both farmers living near Stockton. Exactly where they were arrested and whether officers seized any contraband could not be learned.

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#### CONTRABAND GOODS

DeWitt's proclamation also made it mandatory for all Japanese-Americans to turn over to authorities material which has been declared contraband in the past for enemy aliens. This includes guns, cameras, shortwave radio equipment, signaling devices and explosives.

Thousands of persons in and around Stockton will be affected by the order, alien officials announced.

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According to the Federal Security Agency, Japanese who can prove they have means of support in nonmilitary areas will be provided with the cost of transportation and freight, providing they have not the means themselves to pay migration costs.

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# LIBERTIES FACE SUSPENSION

## Policy On Impending Martial Law Debated; State Conference Set

The unprecedented order of the President empowering the Army to establish virtual martial law in any or all parts of the United States raises serious and troublesome civil liberties questions on which we find considerable disagreement among the various members of our local Executive Committee. Under the President's order, not only enemy aliens, but friendly aliens and citizens as well may be excluded from military areas that may hereafter be designated by the Army.

No one questions the right of the government to intern enemy aliens or to impose lesser restrictions upon them. At the same time, there is no doubt that the President's order has the effect of suspending certain rights and immunities guaranteed by the Constitution to friendly aliens and citizens.

It had been assumed heretofore that such fundamental rights could not be suspended during war-time because, as was said by the Supreme Court in **Ex parte Milligan**, decided at the close of the Civil War, "The Constitution of the United States is a law for rulers and people, equally in war and in peace. . . . No doctrine is more pernicious than that any of its great provisions can be suspended during any of the great exigencies of government."

### Opposing Contentions

It has been contended, however, that the need for the extraordinary action taken by the President is clear, and that the entire country has become a virtual combat zone which should be entrusted to the care and control of the military. On the other hand, it is argued that martial law in any form may not legally be declared while the civil government is functioning and the courts are open for business.

Roger Baldwin, in a telegram that was received as we went to press, declares that the "Executive order concerning military control of prescribed defense areas is undoubtedly legal in principle but may readily result in illegal action. Our position should be to prevent injustices both to aliens and citizens against whom reasonable grounds for removal are not established. System should provide for hearings in individual cases as with enemy aliens now detained with resort to habeas corpus when relief cannot be obtained from Army authorities." It is hoped that there may be an interpretation or clarification of the President's order giving some indication of how it will be applied.

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## S. F. Store Owner Knifed by Jap<sup>3/42</sup>

The 67 year old owner of a hardware store was the victim of an unexplained attack by a young Japanese here late yesterday.

Morris Gibbs, of 423 Spruce Street, was treated at Central Emergency Hospital for stab wounds in the back and neck which he said were inflicted by a Japanese youth in his store at 2116 Fillmore Street.

Gibbs told police the Japanese entered his store earlier in the day and while making several purchases, complained that he and his family would be compelled to leave the district soon because of the new alien restrictions.

He returned later, Gibbs added, suddenly launched the unprovoked attack and fled.

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### White Man Wins in Fight With Japanese

The "battle of Center Street," last night ended in technical defeat for the Japanese, although an American was slightly injured in the encounter.

As a result, T. Nakaido, 63, alien Japanese, is in the county jail on a "drunk-hold" charge while his opponent in the altercation, Tom Stealey, 48, 20 East Miner Avenue, is free.

The two showed up at the police station Saturday night. Stealey in complete charge of the situation although both had been drinking, officers reported.

Stealey said that the Japanese had "made slurring remarks about the United States and its fleet," and that when he objected, Nakaido struck him, inflicting a cut over his eye. Police jailed Nakaido, turned Stealey loose.

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**3**—The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, acting as fiscal agent for the United States, issued regulations to effect equitable settlements between evacuees and their creditors.

Meanwhile the Federal Reserve Bank moved to carry out the Government's assurance that property rights of all evacuees will be protected. It issued regulations to prevent creditors from taking advantage of evacuated aliens.

**2 SEIZED IN OAKLAND.**

"We want any Japanese or other evacuee who finds that he has difficulty in reaching an equitable settlement with his creditors, to come to the nearest office of the Evacuee Property Department," said William A. Day, president of the Federal Reserve Bank. "We can then discuss his case and take necessary steps to protect him from unjust loss."

Bank officials stressed that initiative rests with the evacuee—he must bring his case to attention of the bank.

If creditors insist on taking unfair advantage, the bank warned, property of the alien may be frozen and designated as "Special Blocked Property." When so designated, it is subject to a license to be issued by the bank.

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## JAPANESE SENT WARNING WIRE

### Ship No Goods Is Text of Telegram

Japanese facing evacuation were warned today not to ship household goods and personal effects to evacuation centers.

R. Hugh Towns, manager of the local office of the United States Employment Service, was notified by War Time Civil Control Administration officials in San Francisco that Japanese in inland areas already have started shipping household goods to some assembly points and evacuation centers.

#### TELEGRAM TEXT

The telegram said:

"We are informed some Japanese are shipping household goods, personal property, etc., at their own expense to evacuation centers, assembly camps and recreation centers.

"Please advise all Japanese that camps and centers will not accept these goods and that the Japanese will be informed when their evacuation is ordered as to how to dispose of their property."

#### 2000 TO BE MOVED

Although no positive indications of how soon Japanese from those areas are to be moved have been received, it is believed that next week may see the first of nearly 2000 moved from this county.

All will have been evacuated by May 20, according to a recent announcement by Gen. John L. DeWitt, chief of the Fourth Army Command.

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**MANY HAVE LEFT**

It was learned that many Japanese families already have left this area and that these, and others who volunteer for immediate evacuation, are being given particular help.

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The Manzanar camp, and others to be constructed later, will be under direction of R. L. Nicholson, assistant WPA commissioner for the eleven Western States. It will include housing units of various sizes, so that families need not be separated, and provision will be made for libraries, theaters, schools and churches of all denominations—including Buddhist.

A 150 bed hospital, staffed by Japanese and operated under the United States Public Health Service, will be provided.

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## Six Japs Seized in New S. F. Raids; Suspects Linked to Black Dragon

In another swift blow at dangerous aliens yesterday, twenty-five FBI agents and policemen raided the Japanese quarter here and arrested six men as members of a secret organization allied with, and a front for, the notorious Black Dragon Society.

The exact purpose of this secret "front" organization, it was learned, is to "inform the Japanese people of their national heritage and right to dominate the world, and to conceive counter movements to rectify any and all

projects detrimental to Japan."

"The Japanese arrested in this raid," said Nat Pieper, agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, "have admitted the secret nature of their organization."

"Proof of its intense nationalistic program and its direction under the Black Dragon Society have been found."

The six arrested were described by Pieper as among the "toughest" of the dangerous aliens taken into custody thus far in

the unrelenting drive to stamp out Japanese espionage and fifth column and sabotage activities, virtually all of which are inspired by the Black Dragon terrorists.

Other agents, meantime, visited Palo Alto and arrested Wilhelm J. Wilkens of 703 Amherst Drive, as a dangerous German alien.

(For Additional Details See Page 10, Col. 5.)

Golden Gate—Kay Kyser "Playmates"  
Stage Show—Rufe Davis NOW!

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## Japanese Moving to Be Gradual

W. J. Erich, chairman of the San Joaquin County USDA War Board, today announced that the movement of Japanese residents will be conducted over a reasonable period with the army in charge of all activities.

Erich stated neither the army, the Federal Reserve Bank nor the Department of Agriculture wants the Japanese to be intimidated, mistreated or dispossessed of property at sacrifice figures.

Japanese are free to negotiate their own deals. Outright sales for which they receive all cash, or part cash and some contract for payment of the deferred amount; leases or subleases to individuals, groups, or corporations; trustee arrangements made with banks, trust companies, individuals, etc. for operation of the property; continued operation of the property by means of managers or any other ordinary legal arrangements are all right, says Erich.

The property need not be turned over to the Federal Reserve Bank, unless the individual wants it handled that way.

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Repercussions to the planned removal of Japanese and Japanese Americans from rural areas of the state were being felt more strongly each day. Truck farming districts, such as those close to Stockton, and other major agricultural harvest areas have been partially dependent upon Japanese labor. Farm leaders have charged, while admitting the necessity for clearing out all dangerous persons, that the rich farm industry of the state would be hit hard unless substitute labor can be found.

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Other federal agencies moved to prevent Japanese soon to be evacuated from being defrauded of their property, and to continue full production in the truck gardens of Japanese farmers.

The war-time farm adjustment program, set up under the Farm Security Administration of the Department of Agriculture, opened offices in Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington.

It will try to see that Japanese are able to make a fair disposition of their land, that qualified farmers take over the acreage, and that the latter get operating credit.

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Jap Suicide

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### Japanese Woman Attempts Suicide

Dread of her forthcoming evacuation led a Japanese wife to attempt to drown herself in the ocean at the foot of Lincoln Way yesterday, police said.

She was Mrs. Edako Ono, 41, of 1354 Grant Avenue, but passers-by noticed her being buffeted by the waves, and called the Golden Gate Coast Guard Station, which rescued her. Treated for submersion at Park Emergency Hospital, she was later discharged. Her husband operates a Kearny Street restaurant.

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### Owens Valley Plan 'Okayed' By L. A. Group

LOS ANGELES, March 10—(U.P.)—  
The city council gave back-handed  
approval Monday to the much-dis-  
cussed plan to place enemy aliens in  
the Owens river valley when it  
failed to adopt a resolution oppos-  
ing the program.

Councilman J. Win Austin asked  
the council to go on record as op-  
posing the concentrating of the  
aliens in an area in which they  
could injure national defense facili-  
ties. Part of the Los Angeles metro-  
politan water system is located in  
Owens river valley, about 275 miles  
north of here.

After prolonged debate, the coun-  
cil refused to adopt Austin's resolu-  
tion and referred it to the water  
and power committee for further  
study.

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#### CRITICISM VOICED

The army's plan to move Japanese to the Owens River Valley drew criticism even before it was announced when Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles yesterday termed any such move "a serious thing for the city."

Today, however, Clark and General Manager H. A. Van Norman of the City Water Bureau said colonizing of Japanese in the valley would not affect purity of Los Angeles' water supply and that danger of sabotage actually would be less.

Clark said the army would have guards in the area and that various other protective measures to be employed would make the aqueduct safer than in the past. Van Norman asserted that sanitary facilities which the army will install will eliminate any danger of contamination.

The Owens Valley Aqueduct, vital part of Los Angeles' water system, flows through the valley.

"I've got to protect the drinking water of this city," the Los Angeles mayor declared.

The City of Los Angeles expected to present its official position in more detail before the Tolan Congressional Committee on Defense Migration and Alien Evacuation, which opened hearings in Los Angeles today.

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