

AUGUST 11 -- (1)

Block #12

Name: Noboru Tamura

Age: 34

Present Address: Blk, 12; Bldg. 3; Apt. D.

Former Address: Rt. 1, Box 258-A, Santa Ana, Calif.

Marital Status: Married (Two Children)

Schools Attended: High School

Membership in Clubs and Organizations:

Orange County Young Men's Association
(President for one year)

Wintersburg Presbyterian Church

Letterman in High School Varsity

Business Positions Held:

Farming

"My business has been farming. In 1939 I acquired twenty acres of land and farmed it together with one hundred acres of rented land. In 1940 I worked as a foreman on a forty-acre celery ranch employing ten to sixty men. I farmed for myself again in 1941.

"I have been living in Orange County for thirty-four years. During that period, I moved with my parents to three different locations.

"I lost my mother when I was nine years of age (1916). I have two brothers. My father died in 1936.

"Three years following my mother's death, my father remarried. I now have two half brothers living with me. My two half sisters and stepmother have gone to Japan. (1939). Since my father's death, I helped my brother, now an attorney, to complete his law course, and also supported my family left in my care."

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Block #5

Name: Ray Raitaro Otsuka

Age: 25

Present Address: Blk. 5, Bldg. 10, Apt. A.
Former " Rt. 4, Box 543, Santa Ana, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools attended: Grammar School and High School

Business Positions Held:

"While in high school, I worked as a clerk in a grocery store during vacations. After my graduation, my father turned all his farm business over to me. I was engaged in this business until I evacuated.

"My ambition was to own a fleet of trucks to haul produce to the markets. So during the slack season on my farm, I found work in local hauling and long distance for a large trucking company. Sometimes I used my truck to buy vegetables in the market for a few vegetable stores in my home time. In doing all this, I learned a great deal about the supervision of a fleet of trucks for various types hauling. It also gave me an opportunity to study the conditions existing in the markets."

Membership in Clubs, Associations, etc:

"During my high school years, I was a member of various athletic clubs, science club, and was active in the Boy Scout group, particularly in my grammar school years.

"After graduation, I joined the Y.M.A. and held offices in the organization for a few years. The Y.M.A. was a very active social and athletic association in Orange County. I have also been a member of the Santa Ana Y.M.C.A., the Orange County J.A.C.L., the Baptist Young Peoples Union, and the Orange County Judo Club. I was a member of the Judo Club for about eight years, and after receiving my degree as an instructor of Judo, I taught a few Caucasians (clubs) who were interested in the Art of Judo."

AUGUST 15 -- (b)

Block #43

Name: Frank Shiotaro Miyamura

Age: 28

Present Address: Blk, 43, Bldg., 5, Apt. B
Former " P. O. Box 234, Stanton, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Agricultural School in Japan
(comparable to our high schools here)
Circumstances forced him to work which
prevented him from going to school in
this country.

Business Positions Held: Foreman of labor crews (of about
100 men) on large farms. Last position held was
that of a salesman for a large fertilizer company.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L.
Orange County Judo Club

Notes: Born in Puente, California, went to Japan at the age
of eight years, returned to the United States in 1931.

Just after the outbreak of the present emergency, he re-
ceived an honorary discharge from the U.S. Army. He was
stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois.

*No examination.
Special appointment approved.

J.G.E.

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Block #38

Name: Iwao Aoki

Age: 26 Date of Birth: June 15, 1916

Present Address: Blk. 38, Bldg. 3, Apt. A

Former Address: Rt. 1, Box 100, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Graduate of Huntington Beach Union High

Business Positions Held: Farming

Manager of large farms, vegetable and chili pepper
" of chili dehydration system
Shipper of vegetables

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

Orange County Y.M.A.

" " J.A.C.L.

" " Y.M.W.B.A.

(President, 1935 and 1941)

(Vice-President in 1936)

San Diego Coop. Ass'n.

Accomplishments:

1. As manager of farm and dehydrating
 - a. Harmonious relationship between Mexican and Japanese laborers.
 - b. Unity among workers of office staff and employees.
 - c. Closer relationship among Issei and Nisei employees,
2. As shipper
 - a. Made many contracts with various business men.
 - b. Through contacts and correspondence made many friendships among Americans."

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Block #37

Name: Frank Ichâro Abe

Age: 32

Present Address: Blk. 37, Bldg. 4, Apt. C
Former " P. O. Box 32, Seal Beach, Calif.

Marital Status: Married, two Children

Schools attended: Long Beach Junior College Graduate

Business Positions Held: Owner-operator of vegetable farm
" " cut flower farm

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

Long Beach J.A.C.L.
" " Japanese Presbyterian Church
(Board member)
Seal Beach-Bixby Celery Growers Ass'n.
Southern Calif. Floricultural Ass'n.

Accomplishments:

"Previous to evacuation, I was chosen as one of the delegates representing Long Beach J.A.C.L. to the Special national session in San Francisco.

"I was one of the elders of the Long Beach Japanese Presbyterian Church and served as Clerk of the Session.

"Pre-medical career was cut short by the depression. In school I participated in the Premedical Society, College Y, and the German Club.

"Out of school, I was in partnership with my father in farming which also included wholesale marketing and retail fruit and vegetable merchandising. Since the death of my father in 1938, I have engaged in vegetable production and have experimented with cut flowers.

"Although I had majored in "Premed" at school, I am just as interested in business and in social work aside from farming."

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Block #27

Name: Toshi Hiko So

Age: 42

Present Address: Block 27 ; Bldg. 8; App. D.
Former " Rt. 4, Box 205, Santa Ana, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: College

Business Positions Held:

Foreman in a store

Manager in a "

Foreman on a farm

Manager of a farm and packing house

Farmer

Membership in Clubs and other Organizations:

Various athletic teams, both in school and
out of school

Christian Church

Student Clubs

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Block #21

Name: Leonard Toshikazu Miyawaki

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 21, Bldg. 1, Apt. B.
Former " 139 North Huntington Ave., Garden Grove, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School
High School
Extension course in real estate and insurance
few Years of Japanese School

Business Positions Held: Ranching
Real Estate and General Insurance

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Orange County J.A.C.L. (President
Vice-President
Member at large)
Orange County Y.M.A. (President)
" " Nisei Farmers Ass'n.,
Wintersburg Presbyterian Church
" C.E. (President)
Orange County C.E. Union (Vice-President)
Toastmasters Club (Secretary)

Accomplishments:

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Block #43

Name: Seichi Fujimura

Age: 55

Birthplace: Yamaguchiken, Japan.

Present Address: Block 43, Bldg. 14, Apt. C.

Former " San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Lahainaluna School, 4 years in Hawaii
School in Japan, 8 years
Polytechnic Evening High, 4 years
L. A. C. College, Chapman College, U.S. C.
3 years

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Protestant Church

U. S. Army service during World War I

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Block #22

Name: Richard (Dick) Toshiaki Shimada

Age: 25

Present Address: Block 22, Bldg. 13, Apt. F
Former " Rt. 3, Box 119, Anaheim, Calif.

Birthplace: Moneta, Calif.

Marital Status: Married - no children

Schools Attended:

Grammar - Wiseburn, Hawthorne, Calif.
Junior H.S. - James A. Foshay, Los Angeles, Calif.
High School - Polytechnic, John H. Francis, L. A.
Junior College - Fullerton J.C.

Business Positions Held: Fruitstand Clerk
N.Y.A. work
Assisting Machine shop instructor
Orchard Work (general)

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Y.M.C.A.
Japanese Club (Polytechnic)
Boy's League (")
J.C. Japanese Club
Methodist Church

Accomplishments:

"As of now, Acting as Block Leader I have learned leadership, responsibility, and how to govern a large group."

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Block #44

Name: Kaneaki Kobashi

Age: 38

Present Address: Block 44, Bldg. 9, Apt. B
Former " P. O. Box 424, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Marital Status: Married. One Daughter, three sons.

Schools Attended: Graduated from Redondo Beach High School in 1928

Business Positions Held: Farming, 7 years
Manager of a fruit stand, 6 years

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

"I was a member of the Athletic Club and the Latin Club in high school."

Accomplishments:

"I really haven't got much to say in regard to my life career, but during my past experience in farming and managing a fruit stand, I do not remember a single instance of having a quarrel or argument with the people I had contact with. I think it is due to my fair treatment of the people.

Having been elected the Manager of Block #44, I must have courage to meet some difficult problems that happen to come up from the block people in the future. We are living in the same block and eating in the same mess hall so I consider myself the head of a larger family. I am willing to do my very best to see that the people are treated fair, to see that they are all happy, and doing their share to make this Peston an ideal place to live."

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Block #38

Name: Harry Asachika

Age: 36

Present Address: Block 38, Bldg. 3, Apt. D.
Former " Rt. 1, Box 111, Buena Park, Calif.

Marital Status: Married, one daughter

Schools Attended: Grammar school in Japan
High School in Japan
Teachers' Training Course
Iolani High School in Honolulu
Pasadena Junior College
L. A. City College, Post graduate course

Business Positions Held: Manager of a store
Teacher, Principal
Executive Secretary of Automobile
Association.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n, and Similar Organizations:

Accomplishments:

Honor graduate in Japan
Honored by Governor
Attended schools for 9 years after graduating
high school
Entirely self-supporting

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Block #44

Name: Sunao Murakami

Present Address: Block #44, Bldg. 5, Apt. A
Former " Rt. 2, Box 154, Santa Ana, Calif.

Age: 24
Birthplace; San Gabriel, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Rowland Union Grammar School, Puente, Calif.
Tustin High School
Santa Ana Junior College

Membership in Clubs, etc.

O.C.Y.M.A.
J.A.C.L.
Letterman Club in school

"I have helped on my father's farm. While attending J.C., I was taken ill. I was ill for a year. My intentions were to continue school when we were evacuated."

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Block #12

Name: Thomas Yuichiro Okamoto

Age: 20

Present Address: Block 12, Bldg. 5, Apt. A
Former " Rt. 4, Box 215, Santa Ana, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Grammar School
High School

Business Positions Held: "I have no experience of business.
Reason: I was in school until evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and similar Organizations:

Japanese Presbyterian Church in Huntington Beach,
Calif.

Accomplishments:

"After finishing Junior High School, I did not enter high school the following school term. I worked for a year and a half and went to night school while I was working. Then I started high school and was to graduate June 11, 1942 but was forced to evacuate May 15, 1942. I received my diploma Dec. 7, 1942.

At the present time I have received personal advice from Tomo Ito. We play cards every now and then to become better acquainted. Now that I am in office, I surely wish there were more people like Tomo and Roy. This block is a tough one so all I can do is to do my very best. I have a staff in now that is working 100% for the block."

See also Miscellaneous, October 14

(Personality of Morris Bunge, Executive
Director)

Person

October 21

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Dr. Yuasa (Cf: July 27, page 3; September 21, page 2), the former president of the Doshi-sha University (Congregational denomination), is coming here to speak tomorrow. In reporting on Dr. Yuasa, the Japanese section of the Poston Chronicle concluded with the following statements:

Person
" . . . During his lecture, he might say something which might be impossible for the Poston Issei to swallow. But he is a man of world-wide fame and of full of convictions. Therefore, irrespective of Christian or not, everyone should hear him at least once with open mind."

The Poston Chronicle reporter evidently was aware of some criticisms among the Issei against the coming of Dr. Yuasa. He is known to be an ardent internationalist and against Chauvinism. At one time, he cried that international brotherhood and friendship cannot be altered by the present war. Articles by him in this vein have appeared in the New York Jiji, which are delivered to residents free of charge. Of course, many Issei

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cannot accept anything but Chauvinistic, ultra-patriotic utterances from their fellow Japanese.

I have been approached by R_ev. Iwanaga, who is one of the sponsors here, to move the series of lectures|to the Block 4 outdoor stage from the school auditorium, where it has been scheduled. In view of comments, either mildly unfavorable or outspokenly bellicose, I advised him against the transfer. I was afraid of hecklings from the audience, if it were held at the Shibai stage. The past experience has shown that it is very difficult to draw selected groups at the stage, and ^{that} it is very difficult to control irresponsible elements among the audience. If it ~~is~~ is held in the auditorium, the audience will certainly be selected.

October 10

Blk Mgr

Meeting

At the point, Supervisor ended the subject of the future of the SRA. He introduced Moris Burge, and announced that he would soon be leaving Poston to take a new position at Fort Ontario.

Burge: I didn't come prepared, Dick, to speak, because I have as yet not gone, but I will be leaving about the 20th of this month. I am leaving with some unhappiness. I regret that your efforts to educate me is going for nought. I would like to thank you and Dick for all the hard work you have done for me. I ~~have~~ have not been in Camp I long enough to have you miss me. I do ^{wish} not [^] to joke about this, becuase lea^ving is a big wrench to me.

Personalities
The thought that before long most of you will be relocating yourself helps me to go with a lighter heart. I am going with orders to report to New York where I will still be with the WRA. In the last six months or more since I have been here (Camp I), I have not been here long enough to know the Poston I culture thoroughly. But Dick has kept me in close touch with you Block

OCTOBER 4 -- (1)

The "hot lead" for LeBerthon and his assistants turned out to be "dud". They rushed out of the project yesterday afternoon to check the Indian who was supposed to have fed and housed Isamu Takahashi. (Cf: October 3, page 5) It was reported by the police of the Indian agency that this Indian had told his Indian friends that he supplied food and a place to sleep to a Japanese who fitted the description of Takashshi in return for a large sum of money. When he was questioned by LeBerthon, he refused to verify the story. Instead, he steadfastly denied that he had said that he gave food and lodging to a Japanese.

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October 4

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Personnel

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Managers. Thank you for all your help in making my job and Mr. Mills' job a little easier.

At the suggestion by Nishimoto, the Block Managers gave Burge a thunderous ovation in appreciation^{of}₁ his service to evacuees.

October 9

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Personal

Nobuichi Muramoto, the suicide victim of Block 14 (Cf: October 4, page 1), had been out on seasonal leave this summer. After he came back from the outside, he was heard to say that he had nothing to live for. He had saved enough money to take care of his funeral expenses, ^{and} he was willing to die, he remarked.

He is the third man who has successfully committed suicide. in December, 1942, The first man hung himself [^] with rope. The second man also used rope and killed himself in the hospital. He had been confined in the hospital because of tuberculosis and had become despondent because he had no hope of recovery.

Although successful suicides number only three, there have been many unsuccessful attempts in the past.

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Personnel

September 27

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A man in the politics in Camp III came to see Sumida and
requested him to investigate the application to return to Calif-

Personal file

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ornia by one Ito, a resident of Camp III. The man who requested the information told Sumida that Ito evacuated from San Diego. After Pearl Harbor, Ito worked with the FBI in that area and aided ^{it} in rounding up many Japanese, he stated. His connection with the FBI could not be substantiated beyond suspicion. Since coming to Poston, Ito was not liked by others and is being suspected as Inu. Recently he began to boast that he had applied ^{to} ~~for~~ return to California and his application would easily be granted soon. The inquirer stated that he ^{had} _A looked into the files at the Leave Office secretly, but no such application was found in them. He suspected that Ito was being recalled by the FBI, which applied directly to the Army for him. Should Ito return to California, he would probably work for the FBI again. And many persons in-the-know at Camp III want to prevent his return "in order to protect those Japanese that have returned to California". Ito is unscrupulous, and cannot tell what he may do to other Japanese, *they claim,*

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SEPTEMBER 23 -- (1)

Information is trickling in from the various blocks explaining the political upsets in the present Councilmanic election. The end of political careers for M. Nagai, the Councilman from Block 3 and the Chairman of the Executive Board, and Y. Kawasaki, the Councilman from Block 13 and the treasurer of the Hospital Committee, is widely discussed among people in camp. This is also true with R. Onishi, the Councilman from Block 32 and a member of "City Hall Gang", although he has a better chance of staging a come back in the future. Since the upsets are significantⁱⁿ indicating the trend of the people, a Brief~~an~~alysis is given here.

M. Nagai began his political career as soon as he entered this center. He stood on the platform of extreme non-cooperation at the beginning. He argued, then, that Japanese here were prisoners of war. The Covenant of 1928 at Geneva should, therefore, apply to the evacuees, and the WRA could not enforce labor upon them. He reasoned that the Japanese should not work on the project except in maintaining their own messhalls. He regarded himself as a champion of the Japanese cause in terms^{was} of the Covenant~~in~~ in regard to war prisoners. His orientation^{was}, consequently, ~~was~~ directed to the government in Japan, the Spanish Embassy, and "post-war indemnities". He sought his strength and support from these sources. Privately, he dreamed of an "Utopian colonization" for the Japanese in America in the South Seas or in the Dutch East Indies after the war. "There was no future in America for the Japanese," and he saw a golden opportunity in establishing a happy haven on new land. For the Nisei he advocated re-orⁱentation. To them he repeatedly pointed out that "Japs are Japs", and they could not become, nor could they be accepted as, American citizens. The only escape from the impasse of the Nisei was to follow the destiny of the Issei in a new haven,

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where their happy existence would be under the protection of the Japanese Government. This reasoning led Nagai to champion an extensive Japanization of the Nisei. One time, he is known to have given a series of lectures to the Nisei on the Japanese history and the Japanese culture.

Nagai emerged early as a political leader. He was the Chairman of the Issei Advisory Board. His ideology was welcome to the more extreme element, when the more nationalistic Japanese were aggressively vocal and wielded a great influence over the community. Nagai spoke "their language" and was regarded as Messiah by them for their causes. Nagai drew a strongest support from the quarters of "bachelor" Issei and Kibei, who were the extremes of the extreme element and were known as violent "actionists." His activities during the November strike and the first visit of the Spanish Consul are a typical indication of his personality and of what he stood on. (See Tsuchiyama's reports.)

By the spring of 1943, the tenor of camp began to change; the people began to think of stabilizing. That is, the process of "settling down" began to be noticed. Most of people began to think in terms of living peacefully and quietly until the war ended. The first election of members for the Permanent Local Council in May, 1943 indicated the straws in the wind. Many new faces appeared among them, who were regarded as more stable and rational. Meanwhile, a shift in the Block Manager personnel was noticed, too. The time called for Managers in blocks who could take ~~the~~ leadership; more strong Managers began to appear on the horizon. The emergence of strong personalities as Managers inevitably strengthened the Block Manager system. They took initiatives in camp-wide affairs, which hithertoo were undertaken by the Executive Board.

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Nagai and his supporters were steadily losing prestige; their ideology was losing popularity. He, however, managed to survive during the summer on his past laurel and because of his usefulness in controlling the "bachelors" in line. Segregation in October was a blow to Nagai. It took people who were congenial with Nagai's ideas to Tule Lake. The segregation of the nationalistic Japanese was bound to change the complexion of Poston I. Out of the ashes of evacuation, America for the first time in many months began to echo as the land of the future ^{for} many Japanese. The resurgence of attachment to America grew faintly, but gradually.

Nagai lost his supporters through the segregation, his political enemies gained their strength, and his utterances in the past, which were decidedly out of tune with the time, were still remembered. His Executive Board was overshadowed by the stronger Block Managers' organization. Time had changed. In late October, he was appointed by the new Council, as a last resort, as the Chairman of the Board, (See my Journal) but his days were numbered.

Subsequently, Nagai saw the trend and attempted to change his course. He worked for collaboration with the Managers and for a rapprochement with his political enemies, but it was too late. He remained quietly and his Board became very inactive. Lately, he acted as a member of the committee for the send-off parties for the Nisei soldiers called for active duty. This was a sudden departure on his part, and brought about adverse criticisms against him. Thus, Nagai's end might be interpreted as a victim of the changing tide of the community.

As a struggle for the last straw, Nagai sent Matsubara, a member of the Executive Board, to G. Iseda, the new Councilman from Block 3, for the purpose of inducing Iseda to resign in favor of

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Nagai. Iseda refused. He stated that he had been nominated by the Block Council (therefore, elected because of no other candidate) and he was in no position to decline its wish. Iseda worked for the Community Analysis Section this summer and is known as a collabora-tionist.

With Kawasaki, the situation is somewhat different. He was more of an old line Japanese-Association-type politician. He had no convictions of his own and ~~a~~ very much of an opportunist. He failed to be re-nominated due to his complication with the Hos-pital Fund scandal. A great deal of pressure had been put to the residents of Block 13 by others in order to recall Kawasaki be-cause of the corruption. The leaders of Block 13 had contemplated to recall him, but decided to await this election to unseat Kawa-saki. This is an example where a block was forced to change its Councilman due to the pressure from the outside of the block. Mi-zushima of Block 45 was unseated similarly during the May election (1943).

Onishi failed to be re-nominated, because he had expressed that he had no desire to serve another term. He had realized his un-popularity with the Block Managers (See the Managers vs. Council conflict of May, 1944.) and ~~with~~ his trouble with the noodle workers and its subsequent adverse publicity.

See also Miscellaneous, September 10
(for personality of Yosuke Matsushita)

Personalities

Block #15

Name: Toko Kuroiwa

Age: 27

Date of Birth: January 2, 1915

Present Address: Blk. 15, Bldg. 10, Apt. D.
Former " P. O. Box 682, Mesa, Arizona

Marital Status: Married on June 11, 1938 to Kazuye Takata
"We have two children and are very happy."

Schools Attended: Graduated from Alma School and Mesa Union High School.

Business Positions Held: Agriculture (Crop Specialty)

"Up until our evacuation, I was engaged in agriculture. (crop specialty). After my graduation in 1934, I took over my father's business, who at that time was engaged in lettuce industry. After taking over his position, I spread out to specializing in strawberries. With five years experience in strawberries, we were doing fairly well till our evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

M Club in High School
J.A.C.L.
Y.M.W.B.A.

Accomplishments:

"I have no outstanding accomplishments in my life as yet. I'm just beginning to understand a social life. I've been busy with my work."

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Block #16

Name: Takeshi Richard Nishimoto

Age: 29

Present Address: Blk; Bld. 11; Apt. C
Former " Hollister, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School
Military Academy Redwood City, Calif.
High School
Junior College

Business Positions Held:

Migrant Laborer for two years
Farmer for eight years
Salesman for two years

Membership in Clubs and Organizations:

Friendship Club (president)
J.A.C.L. (President)

"Born in Gilroy, California twenty-nine years ago. There wasn't very much in my early life except for the mischiefs that I used to get into. The first words of English taught me were by an Irish-Italian who took great pains in teaching me a vocabulary that would do justice to any character that John Steinbeck might create. The first years of my school was a constant unlearning of these words.

"Miss Feeney, my teacher for the first five years of my school life, gave me more than my share of teaching, and in my estimation she planned out and helped me more than anyone else. She constantly reminded me to overlook the prejudices of the other peoples and to form none on my part. She taught me the words of the Ten Commandments and their meaning. She nursed my mental anguishes and shared my joys of accomplishments.

After moving from Gilroy to Hollister, I attended a military academy in Redwood City prior to entering high school. There I learned from the colonel the meaning of the word discipline and also to cooperate amongst one's fellow men.

"I, having gone through grammar school in six years was a bit younger than my friends. Therefore, as an athlete, I was always appointed the mangger, or the water boy of the various teams. Finishing high school in three years, I took with me some knowledge of chemistry, journalism, photography, and business administration.

"Being a bit young, I went to junior college for a year and a half, when I received my necessary credit to transfer to another college. I developed an ear ailment after a rather boisterous

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Christmas holiday with my friends and that ended my school career. For two years, I went through a series of operations and hospitalization in San Francisco, and thoughts of going back to school did not appeal to me nor my pocketbook. So I took up agriculture. I suffered my ups and downs with the rest of the farmers about me, and with these I held a few social position. I led a group of motorcyclists in club work, and I was president of a Friendship Society which later was chartered as the S.B.C. I also belong to the J.A.C.L.

"I later became a salesman for the Pacific Guano Co. and the Niagara Dust Company, and in that time I again became the president of the Citizens League.

"Among my friends, if any mischief was done, such as parking someone else's car somewhere else, or calling up jealous wives to make them suspicious, or telling tall tales, I or my friend, Bill McNamee, were accused of being the perpetrator."

AUGUST 14 -- (e)

Block #17

Name: Frank Noboru Shigemi

Age: 32 Date of Birth: June 11, 1909

Present Address: Block 17; Bldg.5; Apt. D

Former Address: Rt. 2, Box 34-B, Gilroy, Calif.

Marital Status: Married (Two Children)

Schools Attended: Grammar School

Business Positions Held:
Farmer

Membership in Clubs and Other Organizations:

Japanese Ass'n of Gilroy, Calif.

J. A.C.L.

Berry Growers Ass'n. of San Francisco, Calif.
(Central Calif. Branch)

"I attended only grammar school because I lost my mother and had to help my Dad on the farm. Before I was evacuated I was running a berry farm and vegetable farm of my own in Gilroy, Calif. While in Gilroy, I was supervisor of the Central Berry Growers Ass'n., and counsel for the Citizens League. I helped the people in my district to sell their farm crops and farm tools through the W.C.C.A. office, and also to store furniture."

AUGUST 14 -- (f)

Block #18

Name: Kay Katsukiyo Kadotani

Age: 32

Present Address: Blk. 18, Bldg. 4, Apt. C
Former " Rt. 2, Box 841-C, Watsonville, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Graduated Grammar School in Japan
" " " " U. S. A.

Business Positions Held: Farmer
Foreman for Matsuura & Marui Pkg. Co., Watsonville
(Lettuce packer and shipper) 5 years

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L.
Y.M.W.B.A.
Buddhist Association

Accomplishments:

"As a temporary Block Manager for the last month and a half.
I learned how it is important to get people's cooperation."

AUGUST 14 -- (g)

Block #19

Name: Charles M. Kurashita

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 19, Bldg. 7, Apt. D
Former " 986 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Junior College, 2 years in U.S.
Commercial High School, 5 years in Japan

Business Positions Held: Bookkeeper in Japan
Importing and Exporting, Japan - U.S.A.
Produce Manager, U.S.A.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

Los Angeles J.A.C.L.
Aeronautical Engineering Club in Junior College
Senior Life Guard, Red Cross
A.F.L., Local 1510
Japanese Chamber of Commerce

Accomplishments:

"During the course of my traveling to Japan and Eastern states I was able to get in touch with various classes of people. By meeting them I learned a great deal of judging a person; character, education, personality, business knowledge, etc. At the same time, I was able to improve myself in various respects.

The life in Poston for the past three months has taught me a great deal about camp life and living with a group of people."

AUGUST 14 -- (1)

Block #22

Name: Masao Iwatate

Age: 36

Former Address: P. O. Box 486, Oceanside, Calif.

Present " Blk. 22, Bldg., 7, Apt. D.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Keio University of Japan
Heald's Business College in San Francisco

Business Positions Held: Editor of JAPANESE AMERICAN news-
paper from 1936 to 1939.
Secretary of Oceanside Farmers' Cooperative Ass'n.
from 1940 to evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Police Officers League of Los Angeles, 1939
J.A.C.L., 1941-42

Accomplishments:

AUGUST 14 -- (j)

Block #26

Name: Harry Shinjiro Moritomo

Age:

Present Address: Blk. 26, Bldg. 11, Apt. B

Former Address: P. O. Box 54, Solana Beach, Calif.

Marital Status: Married (1937)

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan (6 years)
High School (in Japan) (5 ")
Grammar School, Moneta, Calif.
Hayward Union High School (2 years)
Y.M.C.A. Night School (6 Months) (Los Angeles)

Business Positions Held:
Farmer

Membership in Clubs and other Organizations:
Japanese Ass'n. of San Diego, Calif.
" " Alameda, Calif.
" " Fresno, Calif.

"My specialty is strawberry farming. I was engaged in this business in Alameda County for fifteen years prior to moving to San Diego County. In San Diego I was raising tomatoes, strawberries, and all kinds of vegetables. I have also had experience in bookkeeping."

AUGUST 14 -- (1)

Block #28

Name: Makoto Richard Ejima

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 28, Bldg. 8, Apt. A.
Former " 845 19th, San Diego, Calif.

Marital Status: Married (One Daughter)

Schools Attended: Diesel School (Aircraft sheet metal works)
College, Over 1 year
Night school (Comptometer operation)

Business Positions Held: Operator of Gasoline Station
Cashier for firm with payroll of three to four
thousand each week.
Co-owner of wholesale florist shop
Took Navy Commissary orders
Foreman of American owned firm

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L.
Boy Scout
Parliamentary Law Club
A.F.L.
Teamster's Union
Industrial Club (President)

Accomplishments:

"I have saved one person from drowning. I have been the only American-Japanese to be a foreman in a certain American owned firm with sixty Caucasian employees.

AUGUST 14 -- (m)

Block #30

Name: Ralph Sunao Nakasuji

Age: 36 Date of Birth: January 26, 1906
Place of " Wakayama, Japan.

Present Address: Blk. 30, Bldg. 5, Apt. C
Former " 447 So. Fresno St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Elementary School in Japan, 1912 to 1918
High School in Japan, 1918 to 1920
Special course in English U. S., 1920 to 1921
High School in U.S., 1921 to 1922
Completed through the junior year
National Auto School in L.A., 1922 to 1923

Business Positions Held: "Employed as a mechanic at the F.&K
Garage in L.A. from 1923 to 1924, after which I opened
an auto repair shop of my own in L.A. employing an
average of thirteen mechanic during the year. In
1931 I bequeathed the business to my brother and
returned to Japan where I began another garage,
But I returned again to the U.S. and went into a
partnership with my brother.

"I bought a hotel business in 1940
and operated it as a side business."

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Holiness Church in Los Angeles
(Member of Board of Directors)

Accomplishments:

"I taught Sunday School ofr the Junior Class. I tried to
make personal contacts with the residents by making periodic
calls and so far I'm getting along very good with all the
residents."

AUGUST 14 -- (n)

Block #31

Name: George Kazuto Nishita

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 31, Bldg. 5, Apt. D
Former " Rt. 1, Box 9, San Juan Bautista, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Up to second year in High School
Four Years in Japanese School

Business Positions Held: Farmer for 12 years

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

Boy Scouts (Scout Master for 8 years)
Associate Farmer of Hollister (Board of Directors)
J.A.C.L.
Y.B.A.
Selective Service #122, Hollister, Calif.
Boy Scout Councilman of Troop 27 of San Juan
Bautista

AUGUST 14 -- (a)

Block #14

Name: Henry Yeshikazu Chuman

Age: 32

Present Address: Blk. 14, Bldg. 1, Apt. A.
Former " Saxony Road, Encinitas, California

Marital Status: Separated from wife for about 1 year.

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan
High School in Japan
Venice Junior High School
" High School.
General Motor's Salesman's Training School

Business Positions Held: Chevrolet Salesman
Secretary at San Diego County Berry Growers Ass'n.
Farmer at Encinitas
Owner and Operator of two groveries

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

J. A.C.L., San Diego Chapter.
Farmer's Association
Solana Beach-Encinitas Farmers Ass'n. (Organizer)

Accomplishments:

"All my life I have helped Issei people as a contact man or as an interpreter."

Judo instructor at Encinitas for 4 years.

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Somew background data for O'Day was gotten from French.

O'Day attended Reed College in Portland, Ore., where he majored in Statistics. He did not graduate. He has been in the Federal service for a long time; most of his time with the government was spent with the Farm Security, where he had something to do with population works, although on local scale. He has had some experience in canvassing and sampling public opinion. His brother, it was told, is a rather well known physicist at the M. I. T.

O'Day was a persona non grata with the Tule Lake administration, because he sided with the cause of segregants, and was quite out-

Personalities

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John Powell is a graduate of Wisconsin. He finished his undergraduate and graduate work there. After graduation he taught sometime at his alma mater. He recieved his Ph. D. in Philosophy.

Personality

Walter Bladerston is a graduate of Cornell. He majored in History. He wrote his doctor's thesis on some phase of medieval Europe. His wife is a graduate of UCLA and did some graduate work at Whittier. She is an Art major and has a teaching certificate. When she was drafted to teach here, he taught the art classes in Poston High School.

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AUGUST 24 -- (2)

spoken in condemning the "semi dictatorship" policies of the administration there, French reported.

"He is a very negativistic fellow," French stated. "He is likely to be misunderstood by many."

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AUGUST 29 - (dd)

Block #42

Name: Kotchi Tsunoda

Age: 28

Birthplace: Compton, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Present Address: Block #42, Bldg. 8, Apt. D
Former " Box 150P2, Thermal, Calif.

Schools Attended: Silsbee Grammar School, El Centro, Calif.
Central Union High School, El Centro

Business Positions Held: Farmer

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Thermal Farmer's Co-op. Ass'n.

AUGUST 29 -- (a)

Block #3

Name: Yossige John Horiye

Age: 53

Present Address: Block 3, Bldg. 6, Apt. C
Former " Di Giorgio Farms, Arvin, Calif.

Marital Status: Married. Three Boys, one girl

Schools Attended: Grammar School, 8 years
High School, 5 years
College, 4 months

Business Positions Held: Cook

Membership in Clubs, Associations and Similar Organizations:

Accomplishments:

"Not much for the record, but while in America for 37 years, I was in the restaurant business together with other jobs as salesman, detective, farmer, cook contractor, and railroad foreman.

AUGUST 29 -- (b)

Block #11

Name: Yoshimi Yamada

Present Address: Block 1, Bldg. 4, Apt. D
Former " 3092 Walnut Street, Riverside, Calif.

Age: 44

Birthplace: Hiroshima, Japan.

Marital Status: Married, two Children

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan, 7 years
High School in Japan, 5 years

Business Positions Held: Wholesale Produce Market

Membership in clubs, etc.

Fairmont Country Golf Club
Japanese Association of Riverside

AUGUST 29 -- (c)

Block #12

Name: Keige Kaku

Age: 28

Present Address: Block 12, Bldg. 6, Apt. B
Former " P. O. Box 366, Brawley, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Farmer

Membership in Clubs, etc: J.A.C.L.

AUGUST 29 -- (d)

Block #53

Name: Saichi Hara

Age: 46

Present Address: Block 53, Bldg. 4, Apt. B
Former " P. O. Box 196, Brawley, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School

Business Positions Held: Farmer

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Japanese Methodist Church
World War Veteran
American Legion

AUGUST 29 -- (e)

Block #11

Name: Kenzo Sugino

Age: 53

Birthplace: Kagawa-Ken, Japan

Birthdate: June 10, 1889

Present Address: Block 11 1/2 Bldg. 8, Apt. B
Former " 3261 Folsom St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married 1924

Schools Attended: Grammar and High 12, years in Japan
Univ. of Nebraska, 2 years
Los Angeles College of Optometry, 2 years

Business Positions Held: Practiced Optometry 1921 to March 1942.

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Sunrise Angling Club
Kita Nog-gaku Kai (noh drama club)
American Philatelic Society
Parents Ass'n. of Japanese Language School

Accomplishments:

"There are no accomplishment or attainment aside from my hobbies of fishing and Noh drama. And I could say I was enjoying my daily life up to memorable Dec. 7. Since then everything has been topsy-turvy. I do not know whether the incident which I experienced last year had a direct bearing, on my character or not, but I was picked up by the FBI and detained at Immigration Station at Tujunga for 6 months. The reason, I suppose, was just because I happened to have been the president of the Parents Ass'n. of a Japanese Language School which was formed at the request of the American Presbyterian Extension Board who ran the school to bring better understanding between teachers and pupils."

AUGUST 29 -- (f)

Block #42

Name: Tom Yataro Sakai

Age: 25

Marital Status:

Present Address: Block 42, Bld. 9, Apt. A
Former " P. O. Box 133, Indio, Calif.

Schools Attended: Roosevelt Grammar
Coachella Valley Union High School
S. C., 2 summer sessions
L.A.C.C.

Business Positions Held: Owner and farmer of 40 acres since 1935.

Membership in Clubs, etc:

Coachella Japanese Christian Church
C. Valley Farmer Association
California State Guard

"Graduate of H. S. only but have attended summer school at LA.C.C. since graduation in 1935. One of leader of Coachella Y. People since graduation. Three month trip to Japan in 1937. Can speak Spanish more fluently than Japanese. Church background."

AUGUST 29 -- (g)

Block #5

Name: Chitoshi Sugi

Age: 60

Birthplace; Miyazaki, Japan

Present Address: Block 5, Bldg. 6, Apt. A.

Former " 4460 Howard Ave., Riverside, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held; Florist

Membership in Clubs, etc., None

Accomplishments: U. S. Navy, 1903-1907

AUGUST 29 -- (h)

Block #4

Name: Taro Akutagawa

Present Address: Block 4, Bldg. 3, Apt B.
Former " Rt. 1, Box 115-B, Perris, Calif.

Age: 25

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Onion and Potato Grower
Salesman

Membership in Clubs, Etc.

Lake View Onion Grower Ass'n.
Mitsu Boshi Club

AUGUST 29 -- (1)

Block #26

Name: Tahachiro Yoshioka

Age: 60

Present Address: Block 26, Bldg 12, Apt. A
Former " 115 South Fresno St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School, 2 years
High School, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years
College, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years

Business Positions Held: Hotel Manager

Membership In clubs, etc.; Japanese Ass'n.

AUGUST 29 -- (k)

Block #43

Name: Shigeshi Yamano

Age: 39

Present Address: Block 43, Bldg. 9, Apt. B

Former Address: P. O. Box 92, Solana Beach, Calif.

Marital Status: Married, two children

School attended: College graduate (in Japan)
1 year High School in the United States

Business Positions Held: Manager of apartment house in
Los Angeles, Calif.

"Ever since coming to this country, the life I spent was one long stretch of rather easy going and whatever I have accomplished did not mean much either to myself or to anyone in particular. But the democratic mode of living here seems to have thoroughly got hold of me, so I have no other desire to live anywhere but here, all my life if permitted."

AUGUST 29 -- (1)

Block #31

Name: James Masato Fujimoto

Age: 41

Present Address: Block 31, Bldg. 8, Apt. B
Former " Rt. 2, Box Rucher Ave., Gilroy, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: San Juan Elementary School
San Jose High School

Business Positions Held: Farmer

AUGUST 29 -- (m)

Block #16

Name: Tsuneo Sumida

Age: 43

Present Address: Block 16, Bldg. 1, Apt. A.
Former " 1503 Laguna Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Marital Status : Married

Schools Attended: Commercial High School in San Francisco
School in Osaka, Japan

Business Positions Held: Importers and Exporters

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

Japanese Association
Y.M.C.A.

"As my duty I shall work to preserve peace within the
block and to obey Administration orders."

AUGUST 29 -- (n)

Block #60

Name: Thomas Tamotsu Miyamoto

Age: 37

Present Address Block 60, Bldg. 12, Apt. B
Former " 538 "C" Street, Brawley, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended:

Hilo Union Grammar School, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H.
9-12--6-20

Hilo High School, Hilo Hawaii, T.H.
9-20--6-24

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.
9-24--6-25

Central Junior College, El Centro, Calif.
9-25--6-26, graduated

Business Positions Held:

Sales Manager & General Manager, Accountant,
Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables Packing & Shipping
Firm, Brawley, Calif. 10-32--5-42

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L., Brawley Chapter, Treasurer
Brawley Chamber of Commerce
California State Guard, 10-41--4-42

Block #22

Name: Hifumi Henry Fujiura

Age: 23

Present Address: Block 22, Bldg. 5, Apt. D

Former Address: P. O. Box 641, Oceanside, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: 3 grammar schools
Imperial Valley Union High School, 2 years
Sweetwater High School, National City,
California, 2 years

Business Positions Held: Owned and operated a wholesale produce company for a period of 2 years.
Also was junior partner (verbal agreement) in the Imperial Valley Produce Company, operated by Caucasians.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

Young Peoples Christian Society of Chula Vista,
Calif. Secretary
Young Farmers' Association of North San Diego,
Secretary
C.S.F. in high school
Boy Scouts
Captain of various school teams

Accomplishments:

"In regard to the last paragraph, I haven't much to say except that because of my business dealing, I found out I was able to get along with people of various temperament and races."

AUGUST 29 -- (r)

Block #45

Name: Ray Shigeru Tanaka

Age: 35 years old

Present Address: Block 45, Bldg. 8, Apt. D.
Former " 3416 East Fifth St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married. 3 children

Schools attended: Waialua School
McKinley High School
Lahaina Luna Tech. High School

Business Positions Held: Manager, Star Produce Co., Los Angeles, Cal.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

Junior Produce Club
J.A.C.L. Los Angeles Branch

AUGUST 29 -- (t)

Block #32

Name: Asakuma Jo

Age: 39

Former Address: P. O. Box 152, San Juan Bautista, Calif.
Present " Block 32, Bldg. 12, Apt. A.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Private tutor in Pasadena, Calif.

Business Positions Held: Foreman in Delano, Calif.

Membership in clubs, etc.: None

"I have been the Block Manager #32 for the past 10 months."

AUGUST 29 -- (u)

Block #47

Name: Richard Hiroshi Iwata

Age: 25

Birthplace: Los Angeles, Calif.

Present Address: Block 47, Doctors' Dorm #4,
Poston General Hospital
Former " 129 So. Mathews St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Boyd St. School
Breed St. School, L.A.
Jr. High School: Hoülenbeck
Roosevelt High School
University of Calif at Los Angeles
A. B. Psychology
Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif.
A. B. Biology
College of Medical Evangelists, School of
Medicine

Business Positions Held: Member of Medical Staff,
Poston, Hospital

Membership in clubs, etc.

Present Position: Councilman 47

Military training: Reserved Officers Training Corp
Honorable discharge - Corporal, Machine Gun.

Licensed Radio Amateur: w6nqo

Photography: Speed Graphic, f. 3.5 Tessar, synchroflash,
Silent and sound photography and projection - 16 mm.

Boy Scouts of America

Positions: Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committeeman,
Merit Badge Counselor.

Rank: Eagle, Silver bar; X year veteran.
Scout life guard.

American Red Cross:

Instructors Certificates in Life Saving and first Aid.

Religion: Seventh Day Adventists
Sabbath School Superintendent

AUGUST 29 -- (w)

Block #13

Name: Hiroshi Sato

Age: 22

Birthplace: Fresno, Calif.

Present Address: Block 13, Bldg. 6, Apt. C.
Former " 921 Glenwood Ave., Delano, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Westside Grammar School
Delano Joint Union High School

Business Positions Held:

Membership in Clubs, etc.

J.A.C.L.

Y.B.A.

Y.M.A. (Delano)

AUGUST 29 -- (x)

Block #30

Name: Edward Ichizi Ouchi

Age: 32

Birthplace: Sacramento, Calif.

Present Address: Block 30, Bldg. 3, Apt. C
Former " 2670 Island Ave., San Diego, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar and High School in Japan
Sacramento " "
Sacramento Junior College
University of California, 1½ years

Business Positions Held: Owner of Wholesale Produce and Farm

Membership in Clubs, etc.
San Diego Buddhist Church

Accomplishments:

"Successfully managing 1700 labors which has increased 30% efficiency, eliminate 75% internal trouble, decreased 25% expenditures than previous management.

"Giving financial aid and legal advice to many Japanese farmers in San Diego.

"Accomplishments here in Poston, please refer to Mr. Head and Dr. Leighton."

AUGUST 29 -- (y)

Block #46

Name: Takashi Morioka

Age: 25

Birthplace; Watsonville, Calif.

Present Address: Block 46, Bldg. 9, Apt. B.
Former " 2800 # 4th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: First St. School, Los Angeles, Calif.
Hollenbeck Junio High School, L. A. Calif.
Roosevelt High School
National Schools (Radio-Television)

Business Positions Held:

Worked as retail fruit and vegetable clerk.
Managed a " " " " stand.
Owned and operated " " " "
Owned and operated Grocery Store.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

Golden Bears (Y.M.C.A.) 14 years
Vice-President of Sr. Class Jr. High
Boy Scout of America
Member of Baptist Church Young People

AUGUST 29 -- (z)

Block #2

Name: Takeo Stanley Isobe

Age: 23

Birthplace: Stockton, Calif.

Present Address: Block 3, Bldg. 8, Apt. D.
Former " Rt. 4, Box 91, Watsonville, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Pajaro Grammar School
Watsonville High School
Salinas Junior College

Business Positions Held: Student

Membership in clubs, etc.:

Y.B.A.
Photography Club

Editor of the 1941 Manzanita, yearbook of
Watsonville High School.

AUGUST 29 -- (aa)

Block #26

Name: Masaki Hanaoka

Age: 33

Birthplace: Portland, Oregon

Present Address: Block 36, Bldg. 1, Apt. B2
Former " 121 South Fresno St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Junior High School, 1 year
High School, 2 years
Junior College, None
University of Southwestern, $\frac{1}{2}$ year

Business Positions Held: Bookkeeper and checker

Membership in clubs, etc.:

Japanese Club in High School
J.A.C.L.
Japanese Ass'n. of L. A.

AUGUST 29 - (cc)

Block #46

Name: George K. Oki

Present Address: Block 46, Bldg. 9, Apt. D
Former " 2522 Gleason Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Age: 24

Birthplace: Newcastle, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Newcastle Union Grammar School
Auburn Union Grammar School
Placer Union High School
Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles, Calif.

Business Positions Held:

K.N. S. Produce, Owner and manager
Glendale, Calif.
Ace Produce, manager
Los Angeles, Calif.
Save Rite Produce #4, Assistant and manager
Rosemead, Calif.
Stop and Shop #1, Akiyama Produce, clerk
Serval #2, clerk
P.H.S. Trucking Outfit, truck driver
Venice, Calif.

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Automobile Club, Southern California
A.F.L. Local Union #10

AUGUST 14 -- (o)

Block #32

Name: Stanley Kiyoshi Watanabe

Age: 24

Present Address: Blk. 32, Bldg. 1, Apt. C
Former " 301 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Waialua Grammar School, 1-6
" Junior High School, 7-9
Leihehua High School 10-12
Commercial School at Honolulu, 1 year

Business Positions Held: Hawaiian Pineapple Co., 2 years
(Foreman of a crew)

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

Y.M.B.A.
Hi-Y
F.F.A.
Letterman Club

Accomplishments:

In High School, football and baseball
Journalism, 4 years
Poems published in 1941 "Pageant of Poetry"
Pacific Press Publishing Company

AUGUST 14 -- (p)

Block #35

Name: George Tatsuo Nagano

Age: 52

Present Address: Blk. 35, Bldg. 1, Apt. C.
Former " 2319 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Retail Market

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

Japanese Athletic Union (Original)
Y.M.C.A.

Accomplishments:

"Whole hearted support on all athletic activities in Canada and also in Los Angeles.

"Help out on general relief in every way possible.

"Still doing very best to help others here."

AUGUST 14-- (q)

Block #36

Name: George M. Nagakura

Age: 49 Date of Birth: May 25, 1902

Present Address: Blk. 36, Bldg. 3, Apt. C.
Former " 1733 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan, 8 years
High School, 2 years
College, U.S.C., 4 years

Business Positions Held: Eastern Furniture Co. Retail Store
(Manager Japanese Dept.) 1927-36
B.M.T. Paper Co. (Wholesale Paper Manager Japanese
Dept.) 1936-37
Calif. Crocker Co. (Manager Japanese Dept.)
1937-39
Luer Packing Co. (Salesman) 1939-40
So. Calif. Japanese Retail Grocers Ass'n. of Los
Angeles, Calif. (Executive Secretary)
1940-42

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L. - Los Angeles, Calif.

Accomplishments:

"I helped Japanese Issei and Nisei and in social work."

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Block #39

Name: Takeo Momita

Age: 40

Present Address: Blk. 39, Bldg. 3, Apt. D.
Former " 826 Commercial Ave., El Centro, Calif.

Marital Status: Married (3 children)

Schools Attended: U. S.C. College of Pharmacy
8 years Japanese School in Sacramento

Business Positions Held: Worked as pharmacist, 1924-26
Owner and operator of store from 1926 to time of
evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n. and Similar Organizations:

Nat'l. Retail Druggist's Ass'n.
Calif. " " "
So. Calif. " " "
U. S. C. Alumni Ass'n.
Brawley Chamber of Commerce (Director)
Imperial County Retail Druggist Ass'n. (Sec-Treas.)
Japanese Ass'n.
Buddhist Church
Boy Scouts, (Organizer of Brawley Buddhist Church
troop)
Boy Scouts (Organizer of San Diego Buddhist Church
troop)

Accomplishments:

"I have persuaded County Supervisors to change ordinance to
take Japanese into County Hospital on the same basis as Americans.

"I have been accepted into membership of the El Centro Rotary
Club but declined for personal reasons.

"I have successfully fought the San Diego City ordinance for
the benefit of the Japanese because of discriminations.

"I have been interpreter of the Superior Courts of San Diego
and also the Immigration office of San Diego.

"I have saved the Buddhist Churches of Brawley and El Centro
many dollars due to unfair taxations.

"Before evacuation, I helped and assisted the WCCA and our
Welfare Committee until the last day.

"Instituted the Japan Nigh Day at the County Fair and it has
been yearly since.

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"Since coming to Poston, I have been recuperating until I was drafted into organizing the block office. I have helped the Block Manager by making announcements and holding meetings in Japanese to the benefit of the Issei. I am now serving as Chairman of the International Service Division of the Poston Chapter of the American Red Cross."

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Block #42

Name: Elmer C. Suski

Age: 26

Present Address: Blk. 42, Bldg. 10, Apt. C
Former " Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Amelia St. School, 1921-1929
Lincoln High School, 1929-1933
Los Angeles Jr. College, 1933-1935
(Aero Engr. Course)
Frank Wiggins Trade School, 1935
(Aircraft riveting course)
U.S.C., evening school (summer)
Compton Airports for C.A.A. flight training course, 1941
Scott & Coulter Inc. for Pilot's license (completed)

Business Positions Held: Circulation of Japanese Daily
(school days)
Cashier at Venice Celery Distr., 1936-1941
(wholesale Produce)
Cashier and field agent for A.P. Produce Co., 1941

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n., and Similar Organizations:

Oliver Club, life member (athletic and social club)
Japanese Athletic Union (Member of Board of Control)
Jr. Produce Club (Sec.-Treas. of 1st cabinet)
(Organization of all young workers in L.A. wholesale market)
Jr. Optimists and Knights (school organization)

Accomplishments:

"Had sale of my former place of employment, Venice Celery Distr. Sold to outside concern, but last minute 'war scare' and evacuation broke deal. Felt my share of responsibility accomplished.

Aside from this, being younger than other Block Managers nominees, I haven't accomplished anything outstanding but feel that Poston is a field for great endeavor in the years to come."

Block #44

Name: Ralph Murata

Age: 28 Date of Birth: Nov. 10, 1913

Present Address: Block 44, Bldg. 8; Apt. B
Former " Box 217 Carlsbad, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Grammar School
High School

Business Positions Held:

Farming

Membership in Clubs and Other Organizations:

Lettermen's Club
J.A.C.L.

".....My present age is twenty-eight years, and am single. I still live with my parents. The schools that I have attended are grammar and high schools. As far as my scholastic standing was concerned, my work was average. I did not attain spectacular grades. Upon my graduation from high school, I immediately went into farming with my father. All but three years, of this period was spent in farming. During the three years, I worked as a produce solicitor for a San Francisco firm.

".....I worked as district governor of the J.A.C.L. for three years.

"All other accomplishments are not particularly worth mentioning. I am just another average human being."

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Block #45

Name: Jack Y. Nakagawa

Age: 30 Date of Birth: Dec. 5, 1911, Missoula, Mont.

Present Address: Block 45, Bldg. 8, Apt. C
Former " 3420 E. 5th St. Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Lowell Grammar School - 5 years
Hell Gate Grammar School - 2 years
Missoula County High School - one Year
Franklin High School - Seattle, Wash
Washington Technical School - Seattle, Wash
Wilson's Business College - Seattle, Wash

Business Positions Held:

Worker in Cannery (salmon) in Alaska
Dishwasher and bus boy for three months
following graduation from high school
Bookkeeper in a furniture factory for one year
Contract field harvester
Manager of retail furniture stores
Farmers' agent and vegetable salesman
Fruit stand owner
Free lance broker
Special field agent for A.F. of L. of the
Retail Clerks International Protective Ass'n.
Union spokesman of Japanese Citizens Federation.

".....My father's occupation at the time I was born was railroad section foreman, hotel keeper, and farmer.I majored in commerce at high school.While working as a bookkeeper in a furniture factory, I studied business law and radio operator's license.In 1932 I received my commercial radio operator's license.While operating a fruit stand in Seattle, I dabbled in the stock market and lost a good part of the bankroll in a gold mine speculation, and some more to a broker who absconded with clients' accounts. During the years of 1932-36, I spent considerable time organizing Christian church conferences in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. I became fairly well acquainted with businesses of Japanese firms such as Mitsui, Mitsu-bishi, Yokohama Specie Bank, etc. through fellowship with their managers and department heads. At the same time I became well acquainted with people in the Pacific Northwest.In 1938 I returned to Seattle to take over my father's business, the Seattle Tofu Company. He had passed away. I returned to Los Angeles in 1939 after selling the controlling stock in the Seattle Tofu Company,In 1941 I helped organized the Union Local 1510, A.F. of L. of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association. I became their

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recording secretary and special field agent. In 1942 I helped organize the Japanese Citizens Federation in Los Angeles and became the Union 1510 spokesman in that organization. I was evacuated from Boyle Heights on May 29, 1942.

"My family includes my mother, a brother working with the fish culture department, and a sister working as secretary to Mr. H. W. Smith and Mr. A. W. Emple. I have two married sisters. One brother-in-law is a Municipal Councilman, Mr. Seiichi Nomura, Law and Order Committee. The other brother-in-law is Mr. R. S. Tanaka, Life Guard Captain."

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Block #46

Name: William Susumu Tanaka

Age: 22

Date of Birth: August 66 1920

Present Address: Blk. 46, Bldg. 1, Apt. B

Former " 1722 Pennsylvania Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: First Street School to 2nd Grade
Breed St. School, 6th grade
Hollenbeck Jr. High
Woodrow Wilson Jr. High
Glendale Brdwy. High School, Jr. Year
(quit school to help relatives hoping to attend later)
Night School

Membership in Clubs, Ass'n, and Similar Organizations:

N.A.A. Air cadet at the Grand Central Airport, Glendale
National Breakfast Club
National Jr. Red Cross, Glendale Chapter

Accomplishments:

"Before we had to evacuate, I went on with my welfare work of helping the people of all different classes and races, and at the same time, the American's worst enemy--crime. I went to work for a private police agent in Los Angeles to pick up training and experience hoping someday that I might be of great value to the society and the country. Here I found out how to get along with people and talk to them.

"I have saved many of ~~xx~~ my people's lives during those dark hours of the night which was never recorded but kept confidential by our agents and myself. I was not on the pay basis or did not accept any money during my service for Barney Jewett, Los Angeles Police Dept. #2379. I attended Juvenile cases to help locate lost children and locate the ones on the criminal list. This job appeals to me the most because I have done more for society than in any other organization besides the Red Cross.

"Here I take the pleasure of saying my life and duty now remain for the duration, for the people of Poston.

"I am an orphan and will do my level to help in this welfare work of serving my people here."

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Block #54

Name: Kenichi Shibata

Age: 52

Present Address: Block 54, Bldg. 5, Apt. B

Former Address: Bonsall, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: 10th grade at Hilo, Hawaii

Business Positions Held: Foreman on fruit farm
Timekeeper on vineyard owned by Fruit
Exchange & Co.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

American Legion

J. A. C. L.

Accomplishment:

"I have helped to organize a Citizens League in some town in Central California. I have worked with the American Legion between the Japanese Community."

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Block #59

Name: Shogo Saito

Age: 28 Date of Birth: April 16, 1914

Présent Address: Block 59, Bldg. 14, Apt. D.

Former Address: P. O. Box 412, Westmoreland, California

Marital Status: Married on November 28, 1941

Schools Attentded: Grammer High School
High School

Business Positions Held: Helped on farm at home, later taking
over the farm.
Trucking business
Field Representative for produce firm in Los Angeles

Membership in Clubs, Associations and Similar Organizations:

Boy Scouts
J. A. C. L.

Accomplishments:

"While I was on the farm I bacame interested in scouting, especially the Japanese group. The Brawley Chapter of the J.A.C.L. sponsored the troop and as Scoutmaster, we organized a full troop, receiving fine cooperation fro the parents.

After a year and a half the boys were getting older and there was a need for further activities although the boys were working for higher rank. A suggestion of a Drum and Bugle Corps was made by one of the Councilmen so after investigating thoroughly, the boys really liked the idea. After contacting various music stores and scout supply offices, we got the equipment at a very reasonable price. The Corps was very successful and during the year we played for jamborees, Court of Honor, county fairs, etc."

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Block #60

Name: Henry Toshisuke Sase

Age: 42

Present Address: Blk. 60, Bldg. 10, Apt. C

Former Address: 508 C Street, Brawley, California

Marital Status: Married

School Attended: Grammar School in Japan

Business Positions Held: Self-Salesman
(Insecticides, fertilizers, etc.)

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The following pages are the reproduction of "Autobiographies of the Block Managers" presented to John Evans in September, 1942, for "Civil Service Examination". (Cf: July 24, page j, the second paragraph). The original is marked "strictly confidential" by Evans.

Block #2

Name: Frank Shigemi Izuo

Age: 42 Date of Birth: January 14, 1900
Place " " Hawaii

Present Address: Blk. 2 Bldg. 7 Apt. D.
Former " 3306 E. Third Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Japanese School, 2 years
Los Angeles High School, 4 years
Photography School, 1½ years

Business Positions Held: Manager Vegetable Market, 5 Years
Owner-manager Hollywood Market, 3 years
" " " Photography business, 1933-41

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:
Member of J.C.L. of Los Angeles, 1933-42
Vice-president of Kibei Part of J.C.L., Los Angeles
1937-38

Member of Hawaii Club, 1932-42
Third Vice-President Hawaii Club, 1932-38
Vice-President Hawaii Club, 1938-39
Member at large Hawaii Club, 1939-41
Auditor of Hiroshima Kenjin Kai 1938-41
Member of Hiroshima Kenjin Kai 1932-42
Treasurer of " " " 1941- to present
Member of Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 1932-42

Accomplishments:

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Block #3

Name: John Katano

Age: 39 Date of Birth:
Place " "

Present Address: Blk. 3 Bldg. 1 Apt. A
Former "

Marital Status: Married, 13 years. 2 children

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Store clerk, 2 years
Leased vineyard, 4 years
Wholesale produce store manager, 4 years
Gasoline Service Station Operator, 1 year
Service Station Owner, 12 years
Restaurant Owner, 6 years
Ranch foreman 320 acre vineyard for McKevitt-Di Giorgio
Co. of Delano, 4 years
Ranch foreman for Mid-State Horticultural Co., Fresno,
Calif., 1 year
Owner and Operator of 160 acres of vineyard in
partnership with brother, 6 years. Added 120
acres in the next 5 years.
Co-owner of 15 acres of property south of city
limits of Delano.
Service station and restaurant property sold and
four vacant blocks, J, K, L, and M, on Glenwood
Street, Delano, Calif. purchased.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Young Men's Japanese Club (Sei Nen Kai), Visalia, Calif.
(Organizer and Treasurer)
Tulare County of J.A.C.L. (Charter member and Chairman
of the Board of Trustees.)
Delano Chapter J.A.C.L. (formed in 1941, Chairman of the
Board of Trustees.)
Produce and Growers Market in Fresno (Organizer and share-
holder. Member of Board of Directors,
4 years.)
Central California Growers Ass'n. of Fresno (Sales Manager
for 2 years.)

Many of these position and activities took place simul-
taneously.

Block #4

Name: Danny Susumu Yoshimura

Age: 35

Present Address: Block 4: Bldg. 11, Apt. B
Former " 404 E. California Blvd., Ontario, Calif.

Marital Status: Married (One Son aged $2\frac{1}{2}$ years)

Schools Attended: Junten Middle School, Tokyo, Japan,
Graduated in 1924

Fairfax High School, Hollywood, Calif.
Attended $3\frac{1}{2}$ years

Polytechnic Evening High School, Los Angeles
Graduated in 1929

University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, California
Attended $1\frac{1}{2}$ years

Business Positions Held:

Assistant Chief Accountant at the Los Angeles
Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited
(June, 1928 to Dec., 1941)

Membership in Clubs and Organizations:

Japanese Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles, Calif.

Accomplishments; None

"I was born in a northern city in Japan called Sendai in 1907. When I was two years of age, my father, as a preacher, went to the United States, and I with my mother and three brothers and sister moved to Shizuoka. There I attended grammar school. After about five years of stay, we moved back to Sendai. In 1919, we went to Tokyo and attended middle school and in 1923, we met the big earthquake. In 1924, I came to the United States where my father and brother were and attended school for three and a half years."

"I started to work in the Los Angeles Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank and worked up until Dec. 6, 1941. My parents and a brother are in Japan while I and another brother are in this country."

Block #6

Name: Paul Masata Higashi

Age: 21 Date of Birth: September 15, 1920

Present address: Blk.6: Bldg.3; Apt.A

Former Address: 203 Cannery St., Terminal Island, Calif.

Marital Status: Single (Living with Mother, two younger brothers, and a sister)

Schools attended: San Pedro High School
Graduated in 1939

Japanese Language School (High School)

Business Positions Held:

"After graduating from High school I helped father in his fishing business for a year. I had planned to enter Junior College but due to my father's death two years ago, I have had to support my family. I worked on a fishing boat as assistant engineer and radio operator. This work kept me in San San Pedro six months of the year, and the other six months was spent in Monterey."

Membership in Clubs, Associations, etc.:

Boy Scout	Hi-Y
Lettermen's Club	Speakers' Guide
Cosmopolitan Club	Spanish Club
Japanese Baptist Church (Terminal Island)	J.A.C.L.
Japanese Athletics Union	

"I am an Eagle Scout. I held the position as Assistant Scoutmaster during the latter years of my Scout work. In high school, I once served as judge of the Student Body Court. I was also the president of the Hi-Y in my senior year. I belonged to the Lettermen's Club throughout my high school days. I was a member of the Speakers' Guide and represented the school at various service organizations. I have also been a member of the Cosmopolitan Club and the Spanish Club,.....

"During the months of February and March of this year, I worked as a temporary interpreter in the office of the U.S. Immigration Service in Terminal Island. When the time for evacuation came, I moved to Bakersfield where we had friends. For three months I was without work. I could not accept positions in the rural districts because of the curfew. I did volunteer work for the J.A.C.L. and the Methodist Church. I also volunteered as interpreter for the W.C.C.A. I also taught Sunday School class while in Bakersfield. In addition to all of these, I acted as consultant

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for the Japanese people of Bakersfield and helped with their evacuation problems. I am still receiving expressions of gratitude for what little I did for the people while in Bakersfield.

"I am at present teaching a Sunday School class here at Boston."

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Block #11

Name: George Mikami

Age: 26

Date of Birth: Feb. 12, 1916

Present Address: Blk.11, Bldg. 9; Apt. D

Former Address: 3416 Sabina St., Los Angeles, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Chaffey Union High School
Graduated in 1933

Boys' Middle School, Hiroshima, Japan
Attended $2\frac{1}{2}$ years
Dental College, 6 months

Business Positions Held:

Manager and produce buyer for sister's store

Membership in Clubs and Associations:

Boy Scout

"I was born February 12, 1916, at a small town called Etiwanda which is in the State of California. My present age is 26, and I am single. I am the youngest of the family. Two eldest brothers were born in Japan. My third brother, two sisters and I were raised together in California.

"My parents moved to a town called Fontana which is only five miles from Etiwanda. I received my grammar school education at this town. I loved outdoor sports and would participate in all outdoor games from baseball to swimming. My grades were average.

"I attended Chaffey Union High School and took up a college preparatory course. During this period, I joined the Boy Scout organization and went up as far as Star Scout. During my senior year, the Manchurian incident occurred and discussions were going on at the League of Nations. I became very much interested and wanted to know more about Japan. So, after graduating high school in 1933, I went to Japan. I wanted to learn the Japanese language and help in some way to keep up the good relations between the United States and Japan. I attended a special class for Nisei at a Chugakko in Hiroshima City. I studied here for two and a half years, and then I became very homesick. My desire to return to the United States was great. But I still wanted to learn the language before returning, and also learn a trade.

"I took an examination for entrance to a dental college in Tokyo. To my amazement, I passed. I studied at this school for a half year and became ill. My illness was due to overstudy. I gave up my school work to spend two years in recuperating. I returned to the United States in 1938.

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" "When I returned to America, my sister was operating a store with my father's help. I worked here and became manager and buyer of produce for the store. During the time that I worked at the store, I attended night school, I took up radio and typing. Then came the evacuation, and now I am in Poston, Arizona."

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Block #13

Name: Kenji Nishimoto

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 13, Bldg. 11, Apt. A.
Former " 3055 Madison St., Riverside, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Graduated from Riverside High School, 1928.

Business Positions held: After graduation, helped at home until 1935.
Warehouse foreman for Yamada Bros., 3 years.
Trucking business with brother.
Farming.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Hi-Y
Press Club
Drama Club
Y.M.C.A. (1928-1933) Junior Advisor.
Riverside Christian Church (President for 2 years)
Boy Scouts (1926-1936; Ass't. Scoutmaster)
California State Guards

Accomplishments:

"Not many accomplishments in life. During my high school days I belonged to most every worthwhile club; Hi-Y, Press Club, Drama etc. After graduating became very active and was instrumental in organizing a Japanese scout troop in Riverside. Also started a C.E. chapter and became a Junior advisor in the Y.M.C.A. and helped organize the Japanese young people. I started different sports, mainly baseball, basketball, and football, but didn't succeed in anything but baseball.

"During my regime at Yamada Bros., I worked there about six months until I was promoted to salesman then to warehouse foreman, where I was directly in charge of about 7 men. I quit my job there under protests from my men and boss to work with my brother in the trucking business. We considered ourselves quite successful.

"During our last few days of liberty, I assisted in every way I could by helping families where fathers were interned by running errands, straightening legal affairs, shopping for the families, etc. We gave the services of two trucks and one pick-up to the California State Guard to help them put Camp Rubidoux in Riverside into shape. I did all of the delivering of material in the Fifth Regiment. Lt. Mitchell and Lt. Rankin of Co. A, Fifth Regiment will vouch for my services to the C.S.G. I consider this the greatest donation to the C.S.G. because at the time, the state did not appropriate any money or give them any kind of transportation. Camp Rubidoux in Riverside is now one of the finest training quarters in California. This statement is made by all high officials that go there on tours of inspection. I am proud that I was instrumental in starting the camp.

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the residents here toward this "wonderful" offer. They are at loss to explain away why Poston has failed while Gila received the offer enthusiastically. (Cf: July 22, page 2)

July 27

Parsell of the Seabrook Farm is still in this project. He was previously scheduled to leave here on July 22. Both Parsell and the Leave Office officials are disappointed of the poor showing of

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Tom Sakai, the former Block Manager's Supervisor, stated in part as follows in his recent letter to his friend here:

" . . . As for myself, life has been tremendously good to me. I'm working 10 hours a day, and 8 hours on Saturday. My place of work is 15 blocks away over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles which I walk to and from work so you can see I do plenty of exercise. My work keeps me until 7 P. M.; then 25 min. of walking, 10 min. of grocery buying, then home for bath, cook and eat. There are three of us but many times they leave it to me so at times we don't finish eating until 9 P.M. However from next week, it's a rush for I'm going to take up public speaking and Post-war economics at a nite school twice a week. Glasses commence at 8 so it's a mad rush. Then too, I've become interested in the resettlement problems of the evacuees and attend weekly meetings. All this and church on Sundays keeps me fully occupied. Even busier than ever in my young life. Oh yes, Sat. nites I go out. With who? Perhaps sometime I will let you know but you won't know here. Perhaps ~~some time~~ ~~I will~~ tho, it's only a passing fancy so . . . My work is congenial. Here are 5 of us in the dept. where I work. While we work we talk about everything from politics to love. Not only that but there's a cute nisei girl who works right alongside with me. It's enjoyable. Oh yes, recently I was transferred to this better job. Guess luck is with me.

"How are the niseis coming along? Too many of them spend recklessly thinking not of the future. Too many Pachooks and zoot suiters loitering about conspicuously. Last night one of them came up to me asking for some money. Imagine that! Asking for money when there are signs all over the city appealing for help!!! Wages are good, average roughly \$40.00 a week but with a little careless spending money dribbles away. My roommate bought two

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pounds of grapes for 78¢. However we have managed to get along on \$5.00 a week apiece. However it's hard to support a family decently let alone finding a place to live. It's still tough for family men to come out with their families . . ."

JUNE 24 -- (1)

David French informed me that the WRA has now been administering a ~~small~~^N camp in upstate of New York for refugees brought over recently from Italy. They number about 1000 and include quite many refugees from Yugoslavia, who had ~~fold~~^N to the Adriatic Islands. The administrative set^{up} of this camp is very complicated: the jurisdiction belongs to the War Department and the Navy Department, the administration is handled by the WRA, and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is responsible for its fiscal sides.

Personnel
The conference of the Community Analysts, which was scheduled in Washinton in the latter part of this month, was postponed until August because of this newly added responsibility.

Speaking of the appointed personnel here, French told me that Moris Burge likes to be flattered that he has a very good rapport with all the factions of the Evacuees. In fact, Burge often reminds other appointed personnel that he is ~~the~~ most intimate with and ~~the~~ closest to the evaucees. Mills, on the other hand, likes to be told that the conditions here have become orderly and well arranged since he arrived here.

Nishimoto reminded French that many evacuee leaders knew these weaknesses of Mills and Burge and have capitalized on them whenever they dealt with them.

April 16

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This is the evacuation experience of T and his family. T was a hauling man (See my Gambling report. A hauling man is a merchant who takes vegetables from a farms, transports them to a wholesale produce market, and sells them to store keepers. He charges a set of fees for transporting and commissions on percentage of the ^a proceeds.) He owned a two-ton stake body truck. With which he ~~went~~ ^{made} around a regular round of farms to collect vegetables early in the evening. He hauled them to the Wholesale Terminal Market (7th and Central Ave., Los Angeles) and there he sold them. From the transporting fees and commissions he averaged about one hundred ^{and} fifty dollars after deducting the operating business expenses every month.

He is the father of three daughters -- the eldest was born in 1923, the second in 1925, and the youngest in 1928. All the girls were born in California. He was born in Japan in 1891 and his wife was also born in Japan in 1903. The eldest daughter was just out of high school and was helping around the house. The last two were attending high school.

They lived in the district adjoining Boyle Height nearer to Lincoln Park. They rented a house, in which they had lived for more than fifteen years. The furniture in it ^{was} ~~were~~ their own.

T says that what he earned every month was just about enough to defray expenses at home. Only luxury he could boast of was the violin lessons he had given to his second daughter. His

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wife was frugal and economical, but he said they could not save much more than a few hundred dollars during all the years he had been in the business. He closed his business in January of 1942 anticipating some sort of evacuation. He knew that he could not stay in Los Angeles for long, because he and his wife were aliens. And awaiting the time of evacuation the saving of a few hundred dollars was barely enough to sustain them.

He sold his truck for about three hundred dollars, which was not bad considering the price he had paid second hand a few years ago. His furnitures ^{was} ~~were~~ stored in the home of their Mexican friend ~~for~~ free of charge.

Thus T and his family moved to Poston with the meager money on hand. As soon as the family settled down here, T worked in the Poultry Department, his wife in a messhall, and the eldest daughter as a teacher of the kindergarten. The second daughter graduated ^{from} high school in June, 1943. Since then she has been working as a music teacher. Therefore, all in all their income amounts to eighty-one dollars and fifty cents monthly here including the clothing allowances. T said, "That's a lot of money. We are saving for the first time in our lives. After all we don't have to worry about the food bills and rents" He said he would stay in Poston until the war ends. He does not think he can make this much money on the outside. "I am not young any more. I don't think I can work like in the old days any more. This is not a bad place after you get used to it," said he.

T is one of those who did not experience a financial hardship due to the evacuation. He said the only thing he lost was a couple of hundred dollars in account receivables. "But they

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were ~~kind~~ of accounts I would call dead," said he.

Mar 19

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This is ^{the} ~~a~~ brief ~~family~~ history of ^a ~~1~~ disintegrated Japanese ~~family~~.

Subject MA is an alien, born in Wakayama, Japan, on January 7, 1892. He came to America when he was in his early twenties. Since entering this country he has been a fisherman, most of his life was spent in Terminal Island, California. He has no education in this country. He graduated from an elementary school (6 years) in Japan. He married WA in 1935. This was his second marriage having two children, boy and girl, from his former marriage. His first wife died about 1932. He is about 5 feet 1 inch and 125 pounds. He is somewhat cross eyed, and his appearance is below the average for a Japanese. He likes to argue on trivial

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matters and very quick tempered. He has very ^{few} ~~little~~ friends among the Terminal Island evacuees and among his Do-ken-jin (People from the same prefecture in Japan. People from Wakayama, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Kagoshima, Kumamoto, and a few other prefectures are noted for their affinity among the people from the same prefecture.)

Subject WA is the second wife of MA. It is also the second marriage for her. She was born in Wakayama, Japan, in September 15, 1895. She has two children ^{here} ~~from~~ [^] her former marriage, one girl AS and one boy BS. She has only 6 years of elementary school education.

Subject AS was born in Los Angeles on March 9, 1924. She is about five feet two inches tall and weighs about 130 pounds. Her looks and her appearance are unattractive. She is a typical Kibei girl --- looks Japanese and speaks only Japanese. Her English is very simple and has strong accent.

Subject BS was also born in Los Angeles on July 4, 1927. He can only converse in Japanese -- ~~his~~ his Japanese is very discourteous, blunt and brusque. His appearance is poor. He is about five feet four inches and weighs about 130 pounds. He cannot mix with other young men of the block because of language handicap. The young men call him "Kibei pachuko".

S, the father of AS and BS, returned to Japan after several years in America to find a bride for himself in 1918. He ^{had} ~~made~~ [^] some money in retail produce market --- fruit stand. He married WA and brought her back to America.

S and his wife bought a fruit stand on old San Fernando Road, the main highway from Bakersfield to Los Angeles, near the present Southern Pacific freight yard. It was one of the few choicest locations for the business. Both S and his wife were

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busy from morning to night, and the merchandises were sold for good prices. (WA told me that a lug of potatoes, which was bought for thrity-five cents or forty cents, was sold for ninty cents after topping ---that is, making, say, five lugs out of original four lugs by taking potatoes off the tops of the lugs. WA also told me that her store sold as many as one hundred crates of strawberries ^{a day} at the height of season. I can believe these stories.) A boy was born in 1920, a second boy was born in 1922, and AS, the first girl and a third child in the family, was born in 1924. Meanwhile they were making good money and saving a good proportion of it. By the time BS was born in 1927, Their hard work and thrift showed a result; they had a ^ysaing of some thirty thousand dollars in American money, WA told me.

With the saving S and his wife together with the four children returned to S's home village in Wakayama. It was in 1928. Their good fortune, however, did not stay with them after they ~~had~~ returned to Japan. S's aged parents and elder brothers were envious of the money which S had brought back from America. They schemed in every way possible to take it away from him. S was not a dumb person, and soon caught on with the ambition and schemes of his parents and elder brothers. Nevertheless, he could not break away from the boddage of the patriarchal system; there was the censure of the villagers and his relatives to consider. It was a cause of mental conflicts; he spent many unhappy days. Soon he developed a habit of staying away from his home; he frequented the red light district, which is abundant in Japan. He contacted syphillis, which also contaminated WA. The circumstance aggrevated itself, and by the end of 1928 or in the early part of 1929 S began to show signs of being demented. One day in 1929 S jumped

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in front of a speeding train and killed himself. He was 39 then.

WA, realizing that the savings left by S could not last very long, decided to earn some money herself, but she could not do so if she stayed in Japan. She entrusted her four children in the custody of her brother and returned to America early in 1930.

WA came to Terminal Island, where many of her friends were engaged in fish cannery work. She obtained a job as a cannery worker, and she soon became very proficient in preparing fishes and earned good money. Her income ranged from thirty to fifty dollars a week at the height of season, she boasted. Out of this income she sent enough money to Japan to care for her children --- as much as 200 yen, ~~she stated~~, a month, she stated. (One yen ranged from 45 cents to twenty-three cents in exchange.)

About 1934, WA met MA. MA was a fisherman living in Terminal Island. He had lost his wife about two years previously and was lonesome. He had his eldest child, a son, in Japan, whom he had sent there some years ago to be raised in "the Japanese ways". With him he had his second child, a girl of about 16 years old, who had ^{joined} his parent shortly before after ~~having been~~ educated in Japan.

In 1935 WA married MA after some months of courtship. WA claimed recently that she had been threatened by MA to marry him; he said persistently, "I will kill you if you do not marry me." "And that was the only reason that I married him," she related to me.

In 1936 - 1937 MA could not make enough money to make living for his family --- for his wife, the child of the first marriage, and himself. These years were lean years for the fishermen. Many

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fishermen in Terminal Island were destitute. And like in other destitute families WA continued to work in the cannery to bring enough money back to support her family --- the one in America and her sons and daughter in Japan. She kept on, sometime working as many as sixteen hours a day during the busy time.

For two years since 1937 MA was incapacitated from his work due to his arthritis. He could not get on the fishing boat, and loafed around the house. While he was on shore, the incompatibility between MA and ~~his~~ daughter, which was present for sometime, became more ~~acute~~. They were often in wrestling scuffles, and led a cat-and-dog life. WA was ~~too~~ attacked by her second husband; she was often beaten by him with fists. She still stuck on to him; she believed he gave her a sense of security, as she had to raise her children in Japan "hook or crook." (I failed to understand her reasoning here. She was paying the living expenses and was sending money to Japan. I should think she would have been better off if she had stayed away from MA.)

MA always ~~tired~~ to take away from her the money left by her first husband. "I am not that dumb to do so. I know he is after the money," she said. As an example she related thus. In 1938 he got well enough to work. The fishing business was getting a little more prosperous. MA was hired for one fishing trip, which lasted for two months, and brought back about \$300. But on his second trip out, the crew lost a big money because of poor catch and he had to pay out \$150. (A fishing crew ~~goes~~ out on its trip on share crop basis.) So all in all he made only \$150 in five months.

~~In 1940 MA's daughter was married off after much difficulty. Meanwhile, her brother could not manager the three boys and wished~~

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MA insisted that he could not make money as long as he went out to the sea on a boat belonging to someone else; he wanted to own a boat of his own, however small. He did not have money upon himself to buy a boat, and persuaded his wife persistently to finance him with S's legacy. WA finally yielded to MA and loaned him one thousand dollars, with which he bought a small fishing boat. With this boat he made a short ^{trip} tip out to the ocean, but came back without a haul. He said the boat was not in a good condition and needed a complete overhaul. The repair cost him about one thousand dollars, which was again advanced by his wife. After a few trips again MA had to buy fishing nets and other fishing equipment, which ran into a large sum. This financing was done by the canning company by mortgaging the boat as a collateral.

Because of the war in Europe the prices of fishes advanced and the MA's business showed signs of prosperity. But this prosperity did not materialize fully and their ill fortune persisted. The war broke out in December and soon afterward MA was rounded up by the FBI for being a fisherman --- I could not explain my arrest in any other way, MA told me. And shortly afterwards WA with her children had to evacuate from Terminal Island in February, 1942. *the boat was forfeited for the mortgage (\$750) to the cannery.*

At the time of leaving WA had her own daughter AS and her own son BS with her. In 1940 her step daughter had been married off with difficulty. Because of the constant family quarrel no one had desired to act as the Baishaku-nin for the girl, and her parents had had to beg their friends to find some prospective bridegroom for the girl. As the step daughter had left the house, MA called BS from Japan; in fact, it is near to the truth if one said that he had been shipped by the guardian uncle, because he could not control BS's delinquency.

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(WA told me that her two elder sons were sent to another brother of hers in Philippine, because they too had become problem boys for ~~her~~ uncle in Japan.)

AS, too, had joined WA in 1941 after she had graduated from a Girls' High School in Japan.

After AS and BS had joined their mother in Terminal Island their step father maltreated them constantly. Often he beat them with fists on slight provocations. The family was a subject of gossips and criticisms among the Islanders. Often they ran away from home, but in the end they returned after a short while, because they were insecure in this unknown new land.

For further information on them, see November 7, page 1 and December 3, page 3.

At present the family continues to be disintegrated. WA suspects MA of having another woman. Their neighbors are complaining because of their fights. They are complaining about the way MA treats his step daughter and step son. AS expressed her desire to me that she wishes to break away from the family. She is 20 now, and is looking forward to relocate. Lack of ability to speak English is keeping her here.

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A woman went into one apartment, and gazed around and asked, "Where is my Roy?" She was about fifty years old. The occupants of the ^aaprtment had never seen her before. She went out after a while, and went into another apartment in the same block. Again she asked, "Where is my Roy?" The occupants of the second apartment had never seen her before, nor did they know any boy by the name of Roy. She was told that they did not know any Roy. She said, "That can't be true. I know Roy is here." She looked around the room for about five minutes and went outside.

Later in the afternoon she was caught by the police, because she had knocked down another woman with a log in another block. She was taken to the hospital and was ^xexamined by Dr. Pressman, who pronounced her demented.

It was told by her acquaintance that her son, Roy, was at Camp ~~Savage~~ ^{Shelby}, and she had been acting queer ever since her boy had been taken into the Army.

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I explained the disposition of Roy Furuya's matter to Len Nelson in detail. He was pleased with the outcome because he, too, had expected a clash between Nomura and Furuya. I told him that I was anticipating Furuya to come to see him with a crying towel and I did not want him to give him too encouraging sympathy over the "demotion."

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