

Congressman Tolan's mail from pressure groups ~~XXXXX~~ is sparse as compared with that of other West Coast Congressman. The American Legion is notably absent. The Association of Washington Cities, and two Chambers of Commerce were heard from, as ~~was~~ the California Grange News and the omnipresent Pacific League, all favoring evacuation. The Los Angeles Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, at Los Angeles wrote protesting the movement.

(This tally is so atypical as to indicate that not all of Congressman Tolan's material regarding evacuation was carded for the study.)

Tolan

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Ind	31	
Total P's	10 (P ₃ - 5)	
Total	41	100%

Ind	13	
Total P's	2 (P ₃ - 2)	
Total	15	100%

Prm Evac thru Mar. 2
Number %

Ind	26	
Total P	9	
Total	35	100%

Prm Evac after 3/2
Number

Ind	6	
Total P's	1	
Total	7	100%

Cm Evac thru 3/2

Ind	2	
Total P	2	
Total	4	100%

Cm Evac after 3/2

Ind	10	
Total P's	0	
Total	10	100%

House of Representatives U. S.

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Thomas Reep
M. C.

2/27/1942.

Respectfully referred to:

Honorable John H. Tolan
House of Representatives.

CALIFORNIA.

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TOM ROLPH
RECEIVED

FEB 27 1942

Berkeley, California
February 23, 1942

ANSWERED _____

Mr. Thomas Rolph
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please do everything possible to have every Jap in California, be he citizen, school boy or employee, moved from the state. The situation here is so serious and if drastic measures are not taken immediately, California will be taken over by these miserable creatures.

I have just returned from the Salinas area and I saw Japs everywhere - everyone feels very much alarmed at the delay in getting them out of the vital areas.

Friday I had occasion to go to the State Employment office in Oakland and there were at least six Japanese girls employed there, waiting on and consulting white applicants. Whatever is our State government thinking of, when it has the effrontery to allow such a condition as that to exist.

We are all hoping that quick action will be taken on this situation and knowing that you are a real Californian with California's best interests at heart I am appealing to you to do your utmost to remedy this critical situation.

Yours very truly

Waring M. Goodwin

Mr. J. H. Tolan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolan:

Inasmuch as you are one of the representative voices in America, having earned the confidence and respect of the public, I wish to bring a most serious and flagrantly neglected matter to your attention.

For many years we have benevolently allowed pro-Nazi and pro-Japanese organizations to grow and flourish unmolested in our midst. Their untold thousands of members, openly and avowedly un-American, are still at large - - supposedly disbanded. According to newspaper reports we have interred a mere 3,000 enemy aliens, including Germans, Italians and Japanese, while Cuba in comparison, has put away over 4,000. Why, there's almost 5,000 Japanese "fishermen" on little Terminal Island near San Pedro, alone!

In Mr. Richard Rollins recent book "I Find Treason" he gives invaluable information on over 100 German Bunds, every member of which should be imprisoned for the duration. In Reader's Digest of Jan. 1942, the article "Japanese Saboteurs in Our Midst" by one of its editors, Mr. Stanley High, is a most illuminating article on their activities and strategic locations on the West Coast. If you haven't read it, please do! You will find it very interesting - unpleasantly so!

The French, the Poles, the Dutch, the Norwegians and all the other conquered nations have suffered disaster from fifth columns. We ourselves, have already fared badly from the treachery of Japanese fifth column in the Philippines and Hawaii. We are informed that Mexico, (from whence many of us feared Japanese action) has already tied up the entire Japanese Fishing Fleet, and moved all Japs into the interior. Yet, apathetic, tolerant America seems to go right on, unable to profit from the disastrous experiences of those other countries, as well as our own - - a lackadaisical, complacent republic!!

I have confidence in our F.B.I., but am utterly unable to understand the mere observance of such enemy aliens, when their internment would eliminate them, ease the problems of civilian defense, and certainly reduce the dangers from sabotage and espionage. All the other conquered countries had good bureaus-of-investigation too! In times of peace, I am just as strong a booster of those freedoms that make our democracy great, as anyone; but, in times of total-war, no measures are too severe, that defend the eventual re-enjoyment of those same freedoms. At a time when the safety of our nation is at stake, most certainly is no time for maudlin sympathies.

I would greatly appreciate your comments on the matter, but what is more important, if you are in accord, the furthering of what seems a criminally-neglected action.

Very truly yours,

B. W. Pendleton

BWP:R

B. W. PENDLETON,
7607 Lexington,
Los Angeles, Calif.

P.S. Friends and associates are sending out similar letters to representative people.

*This is from letter -
Tolan had received -
one from S. J. Taylor, Los Angeles
other from Martin L. Henkeloff, 1595 Alhambra, Calif.*

January 8th, 1942.

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Jan. 5, 1942
Frank W. Epperson
Oakland

Wants all Japanese removed from Pacific Coast, and doesn't think they should be in army, as even citizens retain Japanese ways. If loyal they will not object to evacuation.

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John P. Ferle
Oakland
Jan. 10, 1942

Wants Japanese nations removed from coast, a class of enemy aliens not to be trusted.

T.

J.F.
Ed. McSwain
Berkeley
Jan. 6, 1942

Refers to FDR's statement that this is battle of production, and calls attention to war production on West Coast, in proximity to concentration of Japanese. Thinks Japs might send planes close enough to cause blackout warning, then Japs here could work under darkness to sabotage production! P₁

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Morton Wallace, Berkeley
Jan. 16, 1942

(Telegram)

Remove all enemy aliens from Western Shores.
Imperative for national interest.

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Cathrine H. Boysen
No address
January 8, 1942

Calls attention to areas vital to national defense still surrounded by Japs waiting to strike.

Tolan

Leora Helber Coldwell
119 City Park
Simonsdale, Portsmouth, Va.
Jan. 23, 1942

Evacuate Japanese - put them behind barbed wire - act promptly. P₁

Tolan

Methodist Church, Bd. of Education
Los Angeles, Calif.
Jan. 29, 1942

Opposed to evacuation

P₃ - cm

Tolan

J.F. McSwain
Berkeley, Calif.
Feb. 10, 1942

For evacuation

P₁

Tolan

A. W. Litts
Pasadena, Calif.
Feb. - no date

Put Japs near defense plants so if Japs bomb
Japs will be killed.

Tolan

Colton Chamber of Commerce
Colton, Calif.
Feb. 11, 1942

Resolution: Evacuation for "all enemy aliens,
all persons of dual citizenship, and all
menaces, etc.

P₃

Tolan

Leora H. Coldwell
119 City Park
Portsmouth, Va
Feb. 1, 1942

Order every Japanese, American-born or not,
into concentration camps at once.

P₁

Tolan

Mr. Fred D. Burleigh
Berkeley, Calif.
Feb. 11, 1942

Victories in Singapore and Dutch Indies.
Next is Pac. Coast. Get rid of all Japs.

Tolan

W.W. Laidley
Attorney at Law
162 Mountain Avenue
Piedmont, Calif.
2/13/42

Expedite transfer to less vital areas of enemy
aliens of every class.

Tolan

H.C. Mull
Warren, Ohio
Feb. 18, 1942

"Shoot first - investigate afterwards."

Tolan

G.O. Goodsell
Fullerton, Calif.
Feb. 17, 1942

Move Japs fast!

Tolan

Mrs. Helen Nordin
Colfax, Calif.
Feb. 18, 1942

Hysterical re yellow menace

Tolan

A.F. Taylor,
808 Oxford,
Berkeley, Calif.
Feb. 18, 1942

Can't something be done to move these Japanese,
national and native born, back from the Coast
areas.

Must we wait for another Pearl Harbor or a
Singapore?

Everybody believes 95% Nisei enemies, why delay?

Tolan

Carl Weber
1331 Stockton St.
San Francisco, Calif.
Feb. 18, 1942

90% of Japanese are Japanese Navy and Army
instructed spies. Guard airplane production.

Tolan

Myrtle A. Abadie
Oakland, Calif.
Feb. 19, 1942

Should not aliens be segregated?

Tolan

C.K. Schoell
San Diego, Calif.
Feb. 19, 1942

For evacuation

Tolan

William and Morris Hughes
Berkeley, Calif.
Feb. 19, 1942

Protest against cries to get rid of Japs.
Most are loyal.

cm

Tolan

G.I. Jackson
Berkeley, Calif.
Feb. 18, 1942

Move all Japs

Tolan

Lois Hunter
4264 Lakeshore Ave.
Oakland, Calif.
Feb. 19, 1942

Protest against mass evacuation.

cm

Tolan

R.C. Kelly
Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 20, 1942

Get rid of em, fast.

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Feb. 20, 1942
Mrs. George H. Harris, Piedmont

No racial prejudice, but wants Japanese removed
from Pacific coast

Tolan

C.A. "Cappy" Ricks,
Mayor of Martinez
Calif.
Feb. 20, 1942

Long letter re Italian "hardship" cases and
need for exemptions. -

P.S. "John - the Constitution can go overboard,
if necessary, as regards the Japs. I do not
think it is possible to crystal gaze well enough
to determine whether a local born Jap is loyal

or not. Do it constitutionally if you can.
If not possible, then we must win a war by
dictatorship methods."

Tolan

Paul A. McCarthy
Attorney at Law
1220 Mills Tower
San Francisco, Calif.
Feb. 23, 1942

Wants to arrange a meeting between T., Col.
Rucker, J.A.G.D., retired, and Mr. Jacobs, Pres.
Military Law Association - re declaration of
martial law.

Tolan

Katherine Nickolls
February 24, 1942

Japs wonderful farmers. Put 'em in Dust
Bowl and put Dust Bowl farmers on their lands.

Tolan

Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce
Laguna, Calif.
Feb. 23, 1942

Resolution: favors immediate removal of ALL
Japanese from the County.

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Tolan

Pacific League
112 W. 9th St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 25, 1942

Resolution - that all persons of Japanese
lineage be drafted into an Agricultural
Division - used under guard.

Russ Avery, President

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Pacific League made study - former Mayor
Frederick T. Woodman, Chairman
if not in Tolan Com. - write

Tolan

Ethel Bell,
1614 Oxford,
Berkeley, Calif.
February 23, 1942

"Isn't there something we can do to get all
Japanese (regardless of their status as citi-
zens) moved away from the California Coast..."

Tolan

Calif. Grange News (Wm. Ayers, ed.)
Sacramento, Calif.
Feb. 25, 1942

Get em out

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Tolan

Gerald Hardy
Hardy's Theatres
944 Van Ness Ave.
Fresno, Calif.

2/25/42

Put as many Japanese as possible into concentration camps in the interior. Organize groups . . . to report and investigate subversive activity.

Tolan

Long letter from Bellquist, March 3, 1942, preceding his longer memo that was published.

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Tolan

Elizabeth Everett,
San Francisco
February 27, 1942

Will sacrifice her salad - of Jap-grown lettuce for victory. Kick 'em out.

Tolan

A.E. Wright
1485 N. Dobenev Drive
Los Angeles, Calif.
March 5, 1942

Put all enemy aliens on land below dams and reservoirs then nobody will bomb them 'cause "their kind will be washed away."

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Tolan

Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Woodward, Jr.
Publishers
Bainbridge Review
Washington
Mar. 2, 1942
WIRE

Much evidence of loyalty on part of Nisei . . . wholesale evacuation would mean . . . to economic life of entire Pacific Coast.

cm

Tolan

Mrs. Frederick Mittner
Los Angeles, Calif.
Mar. 6, 1942

How to cope with psychological effects of evacuation.

cm

Tolan

Mrs. D.S. Parks,
Los Angeles, Mar. 6, 1942

Move Japs out - don't give them notice -
then we can take over their property.

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Mrs. Anna Pettijean
Oakland, Calif
April 25, 1942

Encloses clipping re: educating Japs, protests
we have already educated them too well.

Tolan

Margaret E. Rynning
4427 Brighton Ave.
San Diego, Calif.
Mar. 7, 1942

Move Japanese to farming communities EAST of
the Rockies.

Mimeographed sheet.

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April 27, 1942
Seema R. Allan, Berkeley

Favors helping Japanese, aliens and citizens
to maintain normal life. Approves Sproul's plan
for educating inland.

(com)

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Mr. Eldah F. McCall
Oakland
April 20, 1942

Disapproves plan to let Japanese students finish
educations at U.C. when American boys were draf-
ted and had to leave school

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Miss Mildred Gochenour
Berkeley,
April 27, 1942

Warns against high pressure methods to disfran-
chise, and otherwise mistreat Japanese citizens.
Wants fair treatment accorded those moved inland,
education continued.

com

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April 27, 1942
Miss Jenne Uppenkamp
Berkeley

Approves Sproul's plan for helping Japanese students, wants situation of all evacuees to be as normal as possible.

com

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May 2, 1942
Margaret Dressler
Berkeley

Desires that hardships on American Japanese be minimized and that precautions be taken to restore citizenship right after war.

com

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~~xxxxxx~~ April 27, 1942
Mrs. Kathleen S. Hutchens
Berkeley

Likes Japanese-Americans, feels that evacuation handled, at least in Berkeley, in humane friendly fashion and congratulates Tolson.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Sutton
Berkeley, Calif
May 4, 1942

Object to war taking on character of race war, want to prevent injustice to minority race.

com

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April 28, 1942
Berkeley,
Errett S. Tusner

Wants best possible treatment of Japanese evacuees, feels citizens should be made more a part of America, their loss to California is gain to other sections.

com

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July 10, 1942
Beatrice J. Kettlewell, *Piedmont*

Approves generally of evacuation, but thinks agricultural help should be returned where needed, and that citizen Japanese not be disfranchised.

com

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July 11, 1942
James E. Faulkner, Berkeley

Deplores luxuries such as clothing and candy being brought to Tanforan to interned Japs, hopes to see Tolan's public protest.

Tolan

Ruth Benedict
Los Angeles Branch of Women's Int'l League
for Peace & Freedom
Feb. - no date

Against evacuation.

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August 12, 1942
~~Berkeley~~
R.W. Robie, Berkeley

Wants statement from Tolan that all Japanese ~~extreme~~ should be removed from West Coast.

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Association of Washington Cities
Exec. Council

Resolution - "expresses confidence in and approval of the manner in which the Dept. of Justice and FBI are handling the situation with regard to alien enemies.

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Undated
Unaddressed
Louise Carlyle

Wants protection for West Coast people in ~~regard~~ regards Japanese.

Tolan

Frank L. Nicholson
Roseville, California.

People of Calif. want the Japs to get out.
Criticizes James M. Carter, State Motor Vehicle director,
Frank W. Stak, Public Works Div.
R.G. Wagonet, Employment "
Dr. Aaron J. Rosanoff, head of Institutions -
All 4 men, no like wholesale firing of Japs.

P.O.

Letters to Congressmen A 16.16

Tolan

"fewer than fifty" (Tulsa
Sept 25 '42)

Coffee

"less than 50 pieces all told" ("Oct 12)

Rolph

"An exam of his files
showed less than 50"

W. Johnson

"containing less
than 20." Said he had
not received very many"

Carter

"32 comm. about Jap"

Hinscham - did not send

T.F. Ford - no date