

November 4, 1941 -- On Wardman Park hotel stationery,
I got off the following letter in
the way of a report to H. T. Komai this afternoon:

"Washington, D. C.
November 4, 1941

"Dear Mr. Komai:

"Thank you for your letter to me; it was a most encouraging note to hear from you directly and somehow made me feel we are on the right track.

"I am ashamed to say I could not read it completely, although enough to gather its context, so had Mr. Nakamura check for me and found I had guessed correctly. That is one thing I must and shall do--learn enough Nihongo to be able to correspond properly at least. To my parents and parents-in-law I have been able only to scribble out my very bad Roomazi.

"It was also good to learn how smoothly the English staff has been functioning. I've somehow managed to write briefly to every member. Instructions have been given to Henry & Sadae as well as to Johnny and Joe regarding preparations for the Holiday Issue.

"THE FOLLOWING is in the nature of my personal report to you. We have been very busy during the past four days, and it has been almost all I have been able to do to get enough sleep.

"We've also had a heavy bit of correspondence to get off in Washington to various officials, hence the daily reports to the Welfare Committee have been suspended. Mr. Nakamura wishes to do a lot of personal reporting. I also have a very well-filled notebook of reports on the calls and contacts which I have made. Briefly, however, here is a summary since last Thursday's report:

"FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1941: Interview with Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. (17 minutes) We presented problem of resident Japanese, in case of shooting war, found her intensely sympathetic, interested. HIGHLIGHTS: (1) She stressed the importance of organization work. "Through organized groups will objectives such as welfare and social justice best be achieved." She feels that the Issei who feel loyal to America ought to be given legal status on an equal basis as Americans, regardless of their ineligibility to Citizenship. More details later. Our contact with White House suggested by Mrs. Frece, secretary who was good enough to make the appointment for me. Periodic correspondence with Mrs. Roosevelt through Mrs. Frece is suggested.

"Regarding contact with the National Headquarters of the

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American Legion, please refer to my letter to Mr. Sakai. There were half a dozen minor calls on Friday, about which, more later.

"SATURDAY, November 1, 1941: The Department of Justice, Division of Immigration and Naturalization, Mr. Marshall Dimock and Dr. Henry Hazard. Mr. Nakamura spent a good two hours with Mr. Dimock, I with Dr. Hazard an equally long time. We are comparing notes. Dr. Hazard heads the Bureau of Research and Data, Immigration & Naturalization Service. I have made arrangements to maintain contact with his office through correspondence. He has suggested we do such; it may be advisable for us to send copies of our Sunday Rafu Shimpō to this office. More of this, however, on return. The Chu-Nichi will be able to receive a definite assurance from the Dept of Justice that in event of war, resident Issei will be treated equally under the law.

"SUNDAY, November 2, 1941: We again attended the St. John's Episcopal Church near the White House, met with Rev. Leslie Glenn, pastor; we took Rev. John Magee, associate pastor, to lunch, talked with him over 3½ hours. Rev. Magee was a missionary to China for 30 years, former head of the International Red Cross, Nanking, China. He was at Nanking at the time of the Japanese occupation of that city. I was quite interested to get the full import of his conversation, am sure you will be also.

"MONDAY, November 3, 1941: We lunched as guests of Rev. John Magee. Mr. Nakamura called upon Hubert Geyer, got off our letter to Attorney General Francis Biddle. I called upon and met with: Congressman Charles Kramer; Congressman Noah Mason, Congressman Lindley Beckworth; talked with Miss Miriam Wydra, secretary to Congressman Samuel Dickstein. Detailed reports on return.

"TUESDAY, November 4, 1941: We both called upon and conferred with Senator Sheridan Downey. Regarding the Issei Citizenship request, he says: 'I think the request is an most reasonable one from the standpoint of the natural justice of such an appeal. I feel, however, that opposition might come from the Department of Justice and other sources at this time.' (Neither Mr. Nakamura nor I have encountered any opposition from the Department of Justice. However, there has been Congressional opposition expressed.) Mr. Downey, further, remarked: 'I practised law in Sacramento for quite some time and became familiar with the Japanese. I found them of splendid character, law-abiding citizens.'

"He further said: 'You can count upon my aid and assistance to the fullest in contacting the State Department, the Justice Department. I am very sympathetic to the problems.'

"NOTE: I have discovered that my contacts with the County

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Central Democratic Committee, makes it easier and more convenient to begin conversation with Congressmen and Senators from California.

"WE ALSO CALLED upon the offices of Senator Edward Johnson of Colorado; Senator Tom Connally of Texas; Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. We talked with their secretaries, made arrangements for securing information & data, sounded out general sentiment relative to our specific problems.

"WE MET AND TALKED with Senator Patrick McCarran OF Nevada, who is making appointments for me to see State Department officials tomorrow, while Mr. Nakamura confers with Congressman Jerry Voorhis. Mr. McCarran represents a very typical sentiment regarding the Issei position: "The request you make (U.S. citizenship for Issei) is reasonable enough," he says, "but the point is this. How can you achieve the goal? I would say it is an impossibility at this time to get citizenship for the Oriental alien. They have been aliens so long, and Californians would be very very much opposed to it. I would suggest you see someone in the State Department." He continued: "Sure, you can get assurance from the Justice Department and all that, but it is not likely that it will amount to much. They gave assurance to Germans in the World War and had to put some in the concentration camp in Salt Lake City. They're building some now."

"Any in California?" I asked him.

"I don't know," he said.

"I report this here because his viewpoint is very frank, although not entirely supported by accurate and up-to-date data.

"THERE IS A SURPRISING LACK OF UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT RESIDENT JAPANESE AMONG WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES FROM CALIFORNIA. Mostly, the "subversive talk" of Kilsoo Haan is about all any of these people are familiar with, with several noteworthy exceptions. A OUR JOB is to supply that information.

"There are just too many details to attempt to compile in orderly sequence at present, so I'll forego that until returning.

"We are winding up all business tomorrow, will fly to New York Thursday morning. Our return ticket is from New York. Friday we plan to be in Chicago, Saturday in Salt Lake, Sunday home. Because of adverse weather, with arrival of winter sleet and snow, we only plan to fly in daylight and good weather.

"IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS # you have for me,

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please wire. In Chicago, we will stay overnight at the Hotel Stevens. I have kept a day-to-day, item-by-item expense account, have economized best able under the circumstances. I sincerely hope the results will justify whatever hope Issei and Nisei welfare have placed in it, and also that it will have justified the effort to which I have placed the English staff. We have laid, I feel, some worthwhile groundwork. Thank you for this opportunity, and my very best regards,

Sincerely,
Togo Tanaka"

November 5, 1941 -- Another letter-report to H. T. Komai today. We're still in Washington, D.C., having decided to stay over another day or two:

"WARDMAN PARK HOTEL
Washington, D. C.

"Mr. H. T. Komai
Publisher, The Rafu Shimpo Nov. 5, 1941

"Dear Mr. Komai:

"Because we have a dozen unfilled appointments which must be met Thursday, we are staying over an additional day to complete them, will start for home Friday morning via New York, Chicago, Salt Lake City.

"I sent a night letter to you this evening. We should be home by Tuesday by the latest; however, I shall keep you posted along the way. Much may depend upon the weather.

"THE LACK OF PROPER AND ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT RESIDENT JAPANESE, BOTH ISSEI & NISEI, OF THE WEST COAST among Senators, Congressmen & Department heads in Washington, D.C. is appalling.

"Those who claim to be informed, such as Rep. Charles Kramer, are at least 10 to 15 years behind the times in statistics, factual knowledge of current conditions, and general concept.

"Senator Tom Connally of Texas, a fine old gentleman and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who is very sympathetic to our problems, did not know that Issei Japanese cannot be naturalized.

"While it would be unfair to compare him in the same light as Rep. Kramer, this situation of not being informed about the Issei, and Nisei for that matter, is typical of the situation we face on Capitol Hill.

"BAD PROPAGANDA: Furthermore, the only kind of information about us that has been made available to government officials out here has been the unfair, malicious type spread by such persons as Kilsoo K. Haan.

For instance, I conferred today with Messrs. Langdon & Shuler in the Far Eastern Division of the State Department. I had been informed that they might furnish valuable leads. Both gentlemen knew about the Gillette Resolution in the Senate, setting up a 5-man committee to investigate alleged subversive activities, instigated by Haan. Neither had known

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about remarks published in the Congressional Record of October 21, 1941, quoting Congressman Jerry C Voorhis reporting on the Northern California Committee for Fair Play to Citizens and Aliens of Japanese Extraction.

"SENATOR TOM CONNALLY: We were very lucky in catching Senator Tom Connally tonight, just by chance, after today's very heated Senate debate. He was just entering his office when we went up, introduced ourselves, asked him for some time, he invited us in, we sat down and talked. "I think anyone truly loyal to the United States ought to be entitled to United States citizenship," he said definitely, "but you ought to take the matter up with your California Congressmen. We know you who are permanent residents here have nothing to do with the foreign policy of Japan, and we have no intention of holding you responsible." He said he was familiar with the bill which made citizens of Japanese veterans (Nye-Lea--1935) and further stated he would support any such measure if brought before the Senate, that would solve the problem of resident Issei being unfairly classified as 'enemy alien', in the event of war.

"IF EITHER CITIZENSHIP IS TO BE ACHIEVED FOR THE ISSEI or some Congressional action to raise their legal status from the present, OUR FIRST GOAL, it seems to me, after this survey work, would be to get the unqualified backing of the 20 Representatives of California and the two Senators.

"OBSERVATION: We can count upon the leadership support, it appears, of Representative Jerry Voorhis and Representative Thomas Ford. We would probably run into some opposition in Rep. Charles Kramer. We already have the pledge of support of Senator Sheridan Downey; we are seeking confirmation of Senator Hiram Johnson, will know by tomorrow night.

"The groundwork is being laid here for cementing good contacts with Representatives Clarence Lea (Santa Rosa), Harry Lane Englebright (Nevada City, Calif), Frank Henry Buck (Vacaville), Thomas Rolph (San Francisco), Richard Welch (San Francisco), Albert Carter (Oakland), John H. Tolan (Oakland), John Z. Anderson (San Juan Batista), Bertrand W. Gearhardt (Fresno), Alfred J. Elliott (Tulare), Carl Hinshaw (Pasadena), John Costello (Los Angeles), Leland Ford (Los Angeles), Ward Johnson (Long Beach), Harry R. Sheppard (Yucaipa), Edouard Izac (San Diego).

"In this latter work, the cooperation and work of the National Citizens League, in my opinion, will be indispensable. In backtracking earlier contacts, I have discovered that Nisei participation in Congressional elections means much to many of the Representatives, more so than any plea that any spokesman for an Issei organizations such as the Chu Nichi could make. Congressmen, you know, are politicians as

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rule.

"IN MY CONTACTS HERE I HAVE AT ALL TIMES REPRESENTED MYSELF AS ENGLISH EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES JAPANESE DAILY NEWS. IN the Capitol, to the Congressmen I have carried the personal greetings and message of Mr. Claude Welch, Chairman of the L.A. County Central Democratic Committee and Mr. Thomas Lynch, president of the Democratic Luncheon Club of Los Angeles. I am sure that in no other capacity could entrance into so many offices on very short notice have been obtained.

"It was as a newspaper editor of a resident Japanese publication that I was able to secure our appointment with the White House and Mrs. Roosevelt. We have checked and found that we were very fortunate, only a small number of those asking for an appointment being granted the opportunity.

"NEWSPAPER STATUS: On return I should like to bring to your attention a suggestion made to me today by R. P. Mitchell, assistant to J. McDermott, Chief of the Division of Current Information, Department of State that we apply for recognition to be represented at officials press conferences.

Our position, of course, would be unique in that we seek classification as an American publication. If such recognition were granted, it would strengthen our position immeasurably, according to the point of view I had expressed to me today.

"DUAL CITIZENSHIP BILL: Revision of this measure is now expected to take place and in the form where its provisions will affect only those in the Army, Navy, Marine forces, and the Government Civil Service employ.

The next subcommittee hearing will be held in room 1015, New House Office building, Capitol, at 10 a.m. on next Monday.

At the hearings to date, I have, with the permission of all parties interested in my trip here, appeared on behalf of the National Citizens League. I hope we have done the proper thing.

"Passage of this measure, an amendment to the Nationality Act of 1940, is conceded in almost all quarters.

"Congressman Kramer's relative's death yesterday sent

him flying to Chicago; he will not be back here until Friday; however, we are leaving that morning.

7 "MRS. SHIPLEY, Chief of the Passport Division, State Department, gave me 20 minutes of her time today. Regarding issuance of passports to any Nisei desiring to return to Japan, of which there are very few, she said that the State Dept is not issuing any. There are no exceptions. If any Americans of Japanese ancestry wish to leave the country, they will have to do so as nationals of a foreign country; they cannot expect a U.S. passport, she said. However, she understands the human factors of various individual cases, and advises all persons determined to do so anyway, to first file an application, which will be rejected anyway, then go. This will mean that that person's record is on file and later on, "when normalcy returns", and if any such person would like to reclaim his or her U.S. citizenship, proper steps can be taken. Without a record, however, no steps can be taken at all.

"THE STATE DEPARTMENT has no competent jurisdiction over the resident Issei Japanese welfare, according to general check-up made to date. While I spent a good deal of the morning confirming this fact, Mr. Nakamura did some excellent work at the Department of Justice (which has almost prior and complete jurisdiction). He met and talked with Mrs. Dorothy Donnell, Director of the Citizenship Programs for the Dept of Justice and secured an invitation for the Chu Nichi's participation on a nationwide radio broadcast Jan. 4, 1942.

"In my opinion, this is a signal accomplishment; the time of the broadcast alone can be measured in worth of thousands of dollars, according to several persons with whom I have consulted on the matter. Mr. Nakamura is quite modest in his reports, does not go into detail, consequently I do not believe either Eiji or the Chu Nichi has been completely and sufficiently informed the past few days.

"These are my own personal reports to you because I feel directly responsible to you in this matter.

"There are many other detailed matters about which I do not have time to write at the present but will report on return.

"I sincerely hope the results will justify the trip. We both have done our level best. With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Togo Tanaka"

November ⁶~~5~~, 1941: Heard from the boss via wire:

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WARDMAN PARK HOTEL-

HOORAY YOUR WORTHY GROUNDWORK. TODAY I HAVE
SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH UNITED PRESS FOR THEIR
WIRE SERVICE NEXT TWO YEARS. SEE JACK BISCO OF
NEWYORK UNITED PRESS HEADQUARTERS BEFORE YOU
RETURN-

-H T KOMAI

BISCO KOMAI. TOGO.

Also a letter from our associate editor Sadae
Nomura:

"Tuesday night

"Dear Togo:

"Does the paper miss you! Terribly!

"And how is our editor--or should we say, First Nisei
Lobbyist? Nope--don't like the word lobbyist--reminds
us of nasty politicians and history and poli sci class-
es.

"You must be terribly busy--won't bother you with triv-
ials. Just thought I'd give you a brief report on the
situation here.

"We are struggling along with the paper--with the able
assistance of the staff--Yas, Richard, Edith (through
her we get our daily dose of art and culture news) Henry
Joe and Johnny. The last two have been terribly help-
ful--especially last Saturday. We got the paper done
about 7:45 p.m. I still don't see how we ever did it.
At 3 p.m. I was afraid we'd be working until the wee
hours.

"I still don't know whether you want your trip explained.
But according to Mr. Komai and Eiji, it is best to be
very vague about the whole thing--as you might have
noticed in the Ed. Note for your story.

"Tad Uyeno has also been helpful. In fact, he brought
in two editorials today, just in case you're not able
to send in any.

"Everything is going along as well as can be expected,
I think. But so many times a day I wish you were
here so I could get some advice. There are oh, so
many decisions to make--most of them trivial of

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course.

"I know you're making most of your stay there. Turn on your personality and give them all you've got. We're all behind you.

"Don't worry about us. We're carrying on. Please keep us posted. We'll do the same. Everybody's working hard.

Lots of luck to you,

Sadae

P.S.: Best regards from the staff."

November 9, 1941: The Southern District Council meeting of the Japanese American Citizens League is being held today at the American Legion Hall in Torrance, California. No one attends from the newspaper, but the staff secures the following minutes of the meeting:

"MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 1941
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, TORRANCE

"The regular quarterly meeting of the Southern District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman ✓ Mr. Fred Tayama. The assembly stood and saluted the flag. The roll was called; all Chapters were present with the exception of Arizona and Brawley. Pasadena, Santa Barbara, and Ventura, all potential Chapters, were also present.

"The official delegates present were:

"Arizona	Absent
"Brawley	Absent
"El Centro	Mr. Harvey Tanaka Mrs. Dorothy Kitow
"Bay District	Mr. Henry Fukuhara Mr. Joe Masaoka ✓
"Gardena	Mr. George Yamagata
"Long Beach	Mrs. Yayoi Ono
"Los Angeles	Mr. Eiji Tanabe Mr. Shigemi Aratani
"Orange County	Mr. Yōshiki Yoshida Mr. Henry Kanegai
"San Diego	Mr. Fred Katsumata Mr. Min Kushino
"San Luis Obispo	Mr. James Nakamura ✓ Mr. Karl Taku
"San Pedro	Mr. Kiyoshi Higashi ✓ Mr. Kiyoshi Nakamura
"Santa Maria	Mr. Harry Miyake Mr. Ken Utsunomiya
"San Gabriel	Mr. Henry Kuwabara Mr. Tom Oki

"The delegates from the guest Chapters were:

"Pasadena	Mr. Shuichi Ogura Miss Eiko Yoshihashi
"Santa Barbara	Mr. Tom Hirashima
"Ventura	Miss Helen Kimura Mr. Brownie Furutani

"Mr. Kiyoshi Higashi of the Board of Governors was also present.

"The minutes of the special council meeting held in Los Angeles on September 14, 1941, were read.

"The following corrections were made:

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"Page 1.

"San Luis Obispo had only one official delegate present at the meeting (James Nakamura).

"Page 2.

"Mr. Mike Masaoka's official title is 'National Secretary and Field Executive', and not 'National Executive Secretary.'

"Mr. Ken Utsunomiya is Chairman of the Membership Committee, not Mr. George Inagaki.

"PASADENA APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

"A letter from the Pasadena Citizens League for application for membership in the Council was read. Mr. George Yamagata moved that Pasadena be admitted as a member of the S.D.C. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yoshiki Yoshida and unanimously carried.

"REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

"Mr. George Inagaki, Council Vice-President, reported on the S.D.C. Cabinet's activities from September 5 to date.

"SOLDIERS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

"Mr. George Inagaki, Chairman of the Soldiers Entertainment Committee, reported that 'the soldiers Entertainment Day' was very successful; it was held October 26 at San Luis Obispo. Many letters of thanks were received from the soldiers and he thanked all those Chapters that participated in this event.

"TREASURY REPORT

"Mr. Frank Ono gave the treasury report. Mr. Henry Fukuhara moved that the report be accepted and Mr. George Yamagata seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

"Mr. Ono acknowledged the check for fifty dollars (\$50.00) which was received from the Japanese Christian Church Federation of Southern California, for the splendid work of the J.A.C.L. in these trying times.

"MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

"Mr. Ken Utsunomiya passed out mimeographed sheets containing suggestions and methods for increasing the membership of the Chapters. He announced that the Chapters have never had a systematic plan, and that this time the drives are to be put on a business basis.

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He urged that everyone contact others, and that all Nisei should be members of the organization. Each Chapter should make a weekly report to the Los Angeles office as to the progress of the Drive.

"Mr. Ken Utsunomiya emphasized again the need for a uniform charge, but since there are so many obstacles involved he announced that the Chapters may continue the previous rates of the respective Chapters.

"LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT

"Mr. Frank Kito spoke briefly on the status of the Legal Committee. The meeting was adjourned temporarily for luncheon at 12:10 p.m.

"AFTERNOON SESSION

"The meeting was reopened by Chairman Fred Tayama at 2:00 p.m.

"The roll was called; all the Chapters responded with the exception of Arizona and Brawley.

"Mr. Lyle Kurisaki, member of the Board of Governors, was introduced.

"GUEST SPEAKER- MR. EDWIN D. BIRD

"Mr. Edwin D. Bird of the State Department of Employment was introduced. He explained the work of the agency. Originally, the work of the department was pure and simple and was established for finding a person a job.

"The job seekers are segregated into hundreds of classification. The defense industries are disregarding many qualifications during this time of National defense because of the scarcity of workers. The employers are beginning to disregard the qualifications as to race. There is the attempt to sell the worker on his merits.

"He stated that many of the young Nisei have had the doctrines of the family instilled in them. They hesitate to express themselves and their views. The majority of the Nisei do not announce their abilities and capabilities and thereby lessen the chances of employment because they do not sell themselves. He is too hesitant or he is too modest to speak up for himself. Mr. Bird asked the assembly for their cooperation by aiding the Nisei to express themselves and state their abilities. It is a difficult problem to bring out these things from the boys. He stated, 'You are entitled to those same justices and privileges as any other person.' He advised, 'Speak your mind

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as an American citizen and stand on your own feet.'

"He cited cases where he has placed young men of the minority groups into positions in defense industries recently. Among them are several Nisei who have secured work in defense industries.

"He stated that if any one of the Nisei comes across any discrimination because of race to report it to his office so that he can look into the matter.

"SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT

"Mr. Masao Satow presented copies of "Speakers Bureau Proposals" to the assembly. He explained the proposals in detail. The three main proposals are:

"1. To encourage the establishment of Speakers Bureaus in local Chapters.

"2. To act as the clearing house for speakers.

"3. To act as clearing house for finance.

"He offered his services for formation of a Speakers Bureau in each Chapter.

"Chapters expecting to form a Speakers Bureau are:

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| "1. Orange County | 5. Bay District |
| "2. San Pedro | 6. San Gabriel |
| "3. Gardena | 7. Long Beach |
| "4. Santa Maria | |

"Each chapter will be responsible for the finances of the Speakers Bureau in its respective district.

"Each Chapter was requested by Mr. Masao Satow to send in a letter regarding formation of a Speakers Bureau in that Chapter.

"COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DEFENSE

"Mr. Joe Masaoka, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for Southern California Defense made a report on his research on Kenneth S. Haan who has been spreading propaganda about the Nisei in the United States.

"It was urged that all members write to Congress men, editors, and others who take the Nisei stand. It was advised that we write to them and thank them for what they are doing for us.

"HISTORIAN REPORT

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"Mrs. Dorothy Kitow announced that there are no records on file with the exception of a few sheets which were handed to her recently. She has nothing to follow as basis for her work as historian. She made the following request:

"1. That all the Committee Chairmen submit a report annually.

"2. That the people who have acted on any committee since 1934 to report the important activities.

"3. That all Chapters who entered the Council since 1934 report when it became a member of the Council.

"PETITION FROM SANTA BARBARA

"Mr. Tom Hirashima presented application for Santa Barbara's membership into the Council. Mr. Henry Kanegai moved that the Council accept the petition; Mr. Henry Fukuhara seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

"REVISION OF S.D.C. CONSTITUTION

"Mr. Henry Kuwabara, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, announced that the revisions of the S.D.C. Constitution which are recommended are the following:

"Article 4, Section 3; Article 7, Section 2; Article 6, Section 1; By Laws, Article 1, Sections 1 and 2.

"After due discussion, the constitution was turned over to the Legal Committee for further study. Report will be made at the next session.

"RECESS

"THANKSGIVING SACRIFICE

"National Headquarter's proposal of 'Thanksgiving Sacrifice' or \$1.50 per family towards the USO fund in an effort to get national recognition was not considered feasible. It was suggested that a letter of regret be sent to Mr. Masaoka.

"PACIFIC CITIZEN & NATIONAL REQUEST

"Mr. Ken Matsumoto presented a proposition from National Headquarters requesting financial aid for the special Christmas edition of the Pacific Citizen through soliciting for advertisements.

"After much discussion, Mr. Shigemi Aratani moved that we send a letter of regret that we cannot comply

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with the requests. Mr. Kiyoshi Higashi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. But, it was emphasized that we do not ignore the matter entirely, but that each Chapter put in an advertisement, large or small.

"WELFARE COMMITTEE

"The S.D.C. amount to be paid to the Welfare fund was announced as \$157.92.

"Permission was granted to refer this to the Welfare Committee. It was announced that the Welfare funds should have been kept separate rather than put into the general funds. The Welfare funds have been spent.

"POSSIBILITY OF BAKERSFIELD JOINING COUNCIL

"A letter from Miss Florence Mori of the Bakersfield Chapter requested information on how to become a member of the Council was read. The Chairman announced that he will attempt to attend one of the Chapter's general meetings to assist the Chapter in this matter.

"TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

"Mr. Nobu Kawai and Mr. Shuichi Okura of Pasadena Citizens League requested financial support from the S.D.C. toward a float to be presented at Pasadena on New Year's Day at the annual Tournament of Roses. He estimated that \$1,200 to \$1,500 will be needed to sponsor the float this year. He suggested that the S.D.C. sponsor a dance in order to raise funds. Mr. Karl Taku moved that the body take a roll call on the matter. Mr. Aratani seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

"Mr. Nobu Kawai was appointed Chairman of the Float Committee. His Committee members are as follows: Henry Fukuhara, Henry Kuwabara, George Yamauchi, Brownie Furutani, Karl Taku, Fred Katsumata, Ken Matsumoto, Hitoshi Nitta, and Frances Takahama.

"The initial Committee meeting will be held at the S.D.C. Office, 104 S. San Pedro Street, on Wednesday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m.

"Mr. George Inagaki requested and moved that the S.D.C. write a letter to Nat'l Headquarters suggesting that the 'Thanksgiving Sacrifice' be changed to the 'Tournament of Roses' as the project for recognition. The motion was carried unanimously.

"ABSENT CHAPTERS

"It was suggested that the S.D.C. send letters to the Chapters that have been absent from the last two Council meetings, warning them that their charters will be

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revoked if they are not present at the next meeting.

"NEXT COUNCIL MEETING"

"Mr. Yoshiki Yoshida extended an invitation on behalf of the Orange County Chapter to attend the meeting in February to be held in Santa Ana. The time and place will be mailed to the Chapters.

"HOST CHAPTER THANKED"

"Mr. Frank Ono made the motion that Gardena be thanked for being hosts at this meeting.

"The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Taye Suruki"

November 12, 1941: Copies of two letters recently received from Washington, D.C. by Gongoro Nakamura have been passed on to us by the Chuo Nikkai (Central Japanese Association) through executive secretary Eiji Tanabe. Nakamura is reported to be occupied with meetings and answering inquiries from all over Southern California about the situation. Big question seems to be: how soon can the Issei whose funds are frozen get them unfrozen. Nakamura is not so certain about war being inevitable as some of us, but he is gloomy in his outlook; and this doesn't seem to satisfy many of the Issei who refuse to believe that war is just around the corner. News stories are being made out of the letters, for both the Japanese and English Sections:

"OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Washington, D.C.
November 5, 1941

"COPY

"Mr. Gongoro Nakamura, President
Central Japanese Association of America
258 East First Street
Los Angeles, California

"Dear Mr. Nakamura:

"I am glad to have chatted with you when you were in Washington, and that you followed my suggestion and discussed with Mr. Marshall Dimock of the Immigration and Naturalization Service the questions with which you are concerned.

"I am now in receipt of your letter of November 2nd, which I have read with great interest.

"It is the determination of this Government to guarantee all of the safeguards of our law to all racial groups in this country and to increase our vigilance in times of international crisis, such as this. My predecessor, Honorable Robert H. Jackson, and I have consistently and vigorously emphasized that the law-enforcement agencies, for which we are responsible, will do everything in their power to administer equal justice and to assure all racial groups the due process of law requirements to which everyone in the United States, citizen or non-citizen, is entitled.

"We are appreciative of your offer to cooperate to the fullest extent in the important work of bringing to account any who may

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violate our laws and to protect all others who are law-abiding and loyal to our institutions.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Biddle (signed)

Attorney General"

Tanabe says that Nakamura was 'highly elated' upon receiving this letter and that he is going to have copies translated in Japanese and sent out mimeographed to the entire membership of the Central Japanese Association organizations. The other letter from Washington:

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"DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D.C.

November 5, 1941

"Mr. Gongoro Nakamura
President, Central Japanese Assn of America
Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, D.C.

"Dear Mr. Nakamura:

"The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States is putting on the radio a series of choral concerts by racial groups of American residents for the purpose of greater tolerance between Americans of all nationalities. We have had Dutch-Americans, German-Americans, Italian-Americans and many other nationality groups sing for us on this radio service. It goes on the air every Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and is a half-hour in length. The Mutual Broadcasting System carries this program and we have eighty-six stations at present which use this Sunday afternoon concert and many millions of listeners, we believe.

"We should like to have a concert of this sort by Japanese American singers put on from Los Angeles over the Don Lee Station on December 7th or January 4th. The group might consist of anywhere from twenty-five to one hundred. Each program consists of about eight (8) songs, three (3) American patriotic songs and the other five (5) either patriotic or

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folk songs in the native Japanese tongue.

"These are connected by remarks of an announcer who will explain the share that the Japanese residents play in American life and their contribution to our culture and their loyalty to our ideals, and they will give a short explanation of each of the Japanese songs before they are sung.

"Will you let me know whether you can get us a group of Japanese Americans who will put on a program from California on December 7th? We should have word on this by the 12th of November at the very latest. If they can not sing for us on the radio at that date, perhaps they could take the date of January 4th.

"Awaiting your reply,

Cordially yours,

s i g n e d

Dorothy Donnell
Director of Citizenship"

Tanabe says that a letter of acknowledgment and acceptance has been airmailed Dorothy Donnell by Nakamura. The plan is to secure the picked voices of the Christian Church young people combined Choir Festival group and present them over Don Lee Station on Sunday, January 4. Nakamura is greatly enthused about this and feels that the Central Japanese Association has taken the leadership in such matters away from the J.A.C.L.

November 13, 1941: Back at the grind, but Washington is still a fresh memory. Talked some more this morning to H.T. He seems a little puzzled by our persistent alarmist talk about how everyone expects a blow-off any time. Overheard him remark in the kitchen that 'Togo's judgment may be young, probably wrong this time.' All the same he looks worried. Stayed in all day without going out on Legislative Report prospects. Our lead major story for the day, a United Press condensation:

"S e e m o u n t i n g t e n s i o n
b e t w e e n U . S . , J a p a n

"WASHINGTON. (U.P.)--There was accumulating evidence today that the United States is making every preparation for the worst in its already threadbare relations with Japan.

"On the eve of the arrival of Japan's special 'peace' envoy, Saburo Kurusu, this government made an unspectacular -yet far-reaching move that may force the -two nations even farther apart. It strengthened embattled China's economic hand--a move running counter to Japan's fundamental demand that the United States cease aid to China.

We printed a column summarizing our outlook on the prospects for peace--or war--under the "Post Script" heading today. The column:

"'MUST U.S. FIGHT JAPAN?' We still hope not. The answer, however, appears to be: Yes. There is only little hope that war on the Pacific can be avoided at this stage. War is probable. For the record, this is only our opinion. But it is opinion based on well-placed Washington sentiment that we can no longer consider separately the war in the west from that in the east.

"THE MISTAKES OF MUNICH, the stupidity of British diplomacy in the tragic days of '38 have long since dawned with smashing impact in the National Capital. In U.S. relations with Japan, the effect has been to steel this country against any compromise in the Far East. There will be no second Munich. There will be no 'deal' with Japan.

"WAR WITH JAPAN will come as surely as it came to an unbelieving Europe in September '39. The prospect for the months ahead is to draw the remaining quarter of the globe into the flames of Mars, any cross-section Washington consensus will show you. Hope is glimmering now that a conflict on the Pacific actually can be averted.

"IS THERE ANY belief or hope that we won't have to fight Japan? Yes. But such belief and hope is held by those who are confident the initiative for keeping peace will come from Tokyo. 'Even the military of Japan wouldn't lead the nation into a suicidal war,' they will comment. But they're not sure. They are sure, however, there'll be no backing down on this side.

"RIDICULOUS, ABSURD, DESTRUCTIVE & USELESS. These are some of the terms employed to describe the imminent clash between United States and Japan. 'What could be gained by such an utterly needless conflict?' one Senator from a Western state observed. Yet he admitted he would vote FOR stopping Japan if matters came to a showdown. There is scarcely any active opposition on Capitol Hill to check our steady approach to the brink of war with Japan.

"TROUBLE SHOOTING DIPLOMAT (A Washington correspondent who is not Japanese supplied me with that term) Saburo Kurusu is enroute to Washington. He is supposed to carry a 'last offer' from Tokyo. Some reports say he is really coming to replace Envoy Nomura. Much speculation over his 'mission' has been characterized by some hints of his trip being 'foredoomed to failure'. Is there any hope? IF Tokyo is prepared to modify the scope & extent of her New Order in Greater East Asia, maybe, yes, some. If not, there is no hope at all. That is Washington's stand, stripped of the usual heavy diplomatic verbiage.

"PEACE IS NOT MERELY the absence of war. Peace is a positive condition. We are not at peace today with Japan. We are only in a temporarily suspended state of non-hostilities. Decks of U.S. battleships in Pacific waters are cleared for action. There's as much alert on this side of the American continent as on the Atlantic where American blood has already spilled. The door that leads back to peace with Japan is not yet closed. It is still ajar. But it is steadily drawing shut. Japanese Ambassador Nomura, personally regarded highly in most Washington quarters, stayed the slide toward war. But he too has steadily lost ground. Some feel the die was cast beyond recall on Sept. 27, 1940 when Japan signed the Axis pact, joined the company of Hitler & Mussolini.

"HOW MUCH HOPE CAN we reasonably still hold? Our guess: We are already three-quarters along the path to war with Japan. In Washington, D.C., there is not as much wishful thinking as there is expectation--of war."

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In our issue of the same day, we printed excerpts from an airmail dispatch from Larry Tajiri, our New York contributor, who reported: "Possibility of immediate joint action by the United States and Great Britain is believed likely, following Monday's statement by Prime Minister Church-

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ill that the British will declare war against Japan 'within the hour' should hostilities break out between Nippon and America. A highly authoritative source in Washington discloses that plans for concerted action in the Far East have already been discussed by Britain and the United States and may be announced soon 'possibly about the time of Kurusu's arrival in Washington'"

Tajiri's dispatch was translated and prominent featured in the Japanese section.

A hopeful note picked up by a staff member from a metropolitan daily was reprinted in both English and Japanese sections today:

"SEATTLE CLERGY PROMISES COOPERATION

"SEATTLE.--Sympathy and cooperation of the Seattle churches towards both the first and second generation Japanese during these trying days of international tension was promised in a resolution passed by the influential Seattle Council of Churches by an unanimous vote at its regular meeting last week. The resolution was introduced to the Council by its Race Relations Department.

"The resolution follows:

"Message to the Japanese in the Pacific Northwest: We wish to congratulate you on the good record the Japanese in the United States have for being a law-abiding people. Both the first generation and the American born second generation, are above average in the matter of good citizenship and observance of the best social usages. We feel that you have nothing to fear from the American government or the American people as long as you continue such conduct.

"We wish to assure you of the sympathy and cooperation of the Churches. We urge you to take any problem that may arise because of the international situation, or because of any local matter, to any Christians with whom you may ~~be~~ be acquainted. Please do not hesitate to confer with any Christian church pastor relative to any problem that may arise."

A press release from Mike Masaoka and the National J.A.C.L. asserts that the League has received assurances from Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah that there

will be no witch-hunting directed against resident issei and nisei. The headline for local J.A.C.L. activities:

"Float Ball again set
for Pasadena Civic

And the story:

"Selecting Wednesday, Dec. 17, as the date of their second annual Float Ball, preparations were launched for another gigantic drive to raise funds for the float to be entered in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's day. The ball will be held in the spacious Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

"Under chairmanship of Nobu Kawai, who successfully handled last year's drive and float, a committee comprised of Ken Matsumoto, Frank Kuwahara, Bob Okazaki, Erie Kawai and Swish Ogura met for the first time to make preliminary plans."

A three-column cut, a Rafu Shimpo photo by Jiro Tani, graces the English Section for today:

"Church leaders plan for confab

And the caption beneath the photograph:

"Among the committee chairmen and advisers planning the 14th annual Fall Conference of the Y.P. Church Federation, slated to go into session tomorrow for three days are the young people pictured above: They are, l. to r., bottom row: Jimmy Yamanaka, Shoji Oniki, Mas Satow, Joe Eto; second row: Midori Satomi, Maki Kawakami, Miki Amai, Elinor Umezawa, Rubie Tajima--gen. chmn., Estelle Hoshimiya, Amy Murayama; standing: George Chida, Yoshiko Honma, Jessie Koyama, Yoshiko Ito, Esther Naito, Mary Saito, Sophie Tajima, Rev. Donald Toriumi."

And the story:

"Hundreds of young people from high school age up from the 32 member churches of the So. Calif. Y.P. Church Federation will gather tomorrow at the First Methodist church in Pasadena as the curtain will go up on the 14th annual Youth Conference of the Federation. Registration at 4 p.m. will launch this three-day conclave.

"One of the most outstanding and vital messages of the convention will be brought to the young people during the opening service at 8 p.m. tomorrow by Dr. F. W. Heckleman, missionary in Japan for 35 years and at present

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the Y.P. adviser at the San Gabriel Valley Methodist Church. He will speak on 'Kingdom of God and Its Priorities' with Toshio Ihara as chmn.

"Preceding this service a banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. with Ben Yoshioka as the toastmaster. Concluding the evening will be Fellowship hour under the leadership of Yoshiko Ito and Fred Ono.

"'Seek Ye First the Kingdom' forms the theme of this three-day meet. General chairman is Rubie Tajima, exec. sec'y of the Federation, assisted by leaders from the various churches. A special program for high school age nisei has been planned under the direction of chmn. Kiku Fukuyama.

"Those without automobile transportation are advised to take the Pasadena Oak Knoll line from either the station at Sixth and Main or from San Pedro St. in Li'l Tokio. The car will make a stop at Colorado and Oakland directly in front of the church."

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The Christian young people are not the only ones conferencing. Another caption: (same day's issue)

"Bussei select
Confab theme

And the Buddhist young people's story:

"OXNARD.--"Unity through Buddhism" has been selected as the theme for the coming 21st ~~annual~~ semi-annual conference of the South Central Coast Y.B.A. which will be held this Sunday, Nov. 16, at the local Buddhist temple, it was announced today.

"Speakers have also been selected for the panel discussion on 'Vocational Guidance', according to chmn Toshio Sakamoto. They include Miss Armstrong, Oxnard high school teacher; Mr. Sorem, Ventura Post Office civil service official; Brownie Furutani, G Ventura County J.A.C.L. president.

"Among the highlights of the day's program will be the ~~highlights~~ panel discussion, opening and closing service, installation of officers and a gala banquet and entertainment. Registration at 8:30 a.m. will start the day."

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November 18, 1941: Envelope addressed to me in the handwriting of Kilsoo Haan arrived today; it contained a mimeographed press release from the "Sino-Korean People's League, 101 D Street Northeast, Washington, D.C. It is dated Nov. 14, 1941. Haan "quotes me". For the life of me I cannot see how that man can fabricate such a misquotation, whole cloth. He reminds me again in this instance of Kipling's poem about "if you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken twisted by knaves as a trap for fools..." In the release, he writes:

"Editor Togo Tanaka of Rafu Shimpō (Japanese Daily News in Los Angeles) admitted the existence of the Japanese Military Servicemen's League, 'but', he told Haan, 'the Japanese Military Servicemen's League is now being rapidly dissolved and all the money is to be turned over to the Japanese American Citizens League as soon as possible.'"

It's an idea, all right, though the National J.A.C.L. in San Francisco would probably blow up right through the ceiling if anyone ever proposed any such thing as accepting funds from such an organization. In Washington I recall Haan asking me if the Military Servicemen's League was in existence, and I replied yes but it ought to be dissolved. He added the rest. I must write him a letter at once.

The rest of his release:

"PRESS RELEASE

"'F.B.I. Raids Little Tokyo - Truckload of documents Confiscated' - Reports Doho

"According to Doho report received today, Mr. Shiro Fujioka, former general secretary of the Chuo Nikkai (Central Japanese Association) was taken to the F.B.I. office and questioned from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. During that time considerable details were asked as to the connection and relation to the Oversea Japanese Central Association which was organized in Japan last year.

"'Truckload of Documents Confiscated'

"Following all day questioning, about 11 p.m. twelve Federal agents in two groups called out presidents and secretaries from their homes and raided the offices of the Chuo Nikkai (Central Japanese Ass-

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ociation) and Rafu Nikkai (Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles) and 'confiscated a truckload of lists of donors to Japan's war funds and applicants for military deferment.'

"NOTE: background -

"On the 2nd of October Senator Guy M. Gillette in the Senate charged that certain leaders of the Japanese American Citizens League, 'succeeded in bringing about the cooperation and collaboration of the Japanese American Citizens League with the Japanese Imperial Comradeship Society and the Japanese Military Servicemen's League in the campaign to sell Japanese war bonds to the Japanese in the Western States.'

"Japanese leaders admit existence of above organizations as charged

"President Gongoro Nakamura of the Central Japanese Association admitted to Kilsoo Haan, Washington Representative of the Sino-Korean Peoples League, the existence of the Imperial Comradeship Society in Los Angeles.

"Editor Togo Tanaka of Rafu Shimpo (Los Angeles Japanese Daily) admitted the existence of the Japanese Military Servicemen's League, 'but' he told Haan, 'the Japanese Military Servicemen's League is now being rapidly dissolved and all the money is to be turned over to the Japanese American Citizens League as soon as possible.'

"Note - For four years American-Japanese leaders with the Japanese Consuls consistently tried to mislead the American public by making vehement denials of such organizations and blandly and repeatedly said that they have 'never heard of such anti-American organizations among the Japanese communities.'

"Military Conscription Application

"Kilsoo Haan on the 29th of October in his testimony before the House Immigration Committee submitted Japanese Consulate General's official announcement with tran-

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slation, which appeared in the Hawaii Hochi (Japanese Daily in Honolulu) ordering the heads of the Japanese family to report their sons who are of military age, with this official threat:

"'Anyone who delays this report is punishable as a violator of the Conscription law.' - of Japan.

"Haan also submitted a photostat copy, with translation, of the Rafu Shimpo (Japanese Daily of Los Angeles) of a public announcement by the Japanese Association that they will handle the applications of military conscription."

November 29, 1941: Our Washington news-letter to the subscribers who are financing our public relations program went out today. Mimeographed in blue ink on white paper, it stated:

"WASHINGTON SUMMARY - November 29, 1941

(Note: Printed reports are planned for January when I hope to have 100 supporters. We have 62 at present. In the meantime, mimeographed TIMELY bulletins will be sent you.--Togo Tanaka)

"WAR WITH JAPAN? Underlying Washington feeling is: it will come. Most frequent guess is: By spring of '42 U.S. will be in the same type of shooting war with Japan as it is TODAY with Germany:

"'Shoot on sight... minor naval engagements... sinkings... blockade' But it will be WAR just the same.

"CHANCES FOR PEACE: O n l y if Japan agrees to U.S. terms; this considered unlikely in Washington.

This week, U.S. offer of \$100,000,000 loan to Japan in Hull-Kurusu negotiations reported as Washington bid to Tokyo. Price: Japan quit Axis, aid U.S. supply to Soviet. Odds: 8-1 Japan won't accept (according to informed Washington news sources)

"FOR RESIDENT ISSEI & NISEI BUSINESS:

Indications are: it's safer to be h geared in expectation of war conditions.

When war, IF it must come? Guesses range from 'matter of weeks' to 'end of 1942'.

RECOMMENDATION: Check up and survey your own business to determine possible losses & threats of cut-throat competition from persons who may take unfair advantage of the situation.

For instance: IN RETAIL PRODUCE: Signs reading--
"Don't Buy from Jap Fruit Stands" &
"Danger of Arsenic Poisoning" have
ALREADY BEEN PRINTED & ready for distribution in L.A.

ORGANIZED PROTECTION against w i t c h h u n t i n g business tactics should be considered NOW.

"ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

In the programs of all Issei groups in particular, this

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should be kept in mind:

TIES WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,
Consular, or otherwise, financial or
also otherwise, HAVE NO PLACE WHATEVER.

"Resident Issei & Nisei cooperation with the F.B.I. & Intelligence services on the west coast is appreciated by authorities in Washington.

"AMONG RESIDENT GROUPS, The Japanese American Citizens League is given a clean bill as being qualified to assume trusted (by federal agents) leadership.

"ISSEI ORGANIZATIONS (Japanese Associations) suffer from the handicap of past ties with Japanese Consular agents.

"Whether present patriotic American efforts of Issei organizations to serve useful roles in the U.S. Defense Program will be sufficient to live down the record of the PAST is a serious question.

"IF NOT, the question of dissolving some groups will arise.

MUCH DEPENDS UPON THE JUDGMENT OF
LOCAL F.B.I. & NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
OFFICIALS ON THE BASIS OF THEIR
KNOWLEDGE AND INVESTIGATIONS.

"PUBLIC INVESTIGATIONS:

Newspaper headlines & magazine articles adversely affect public sentiment, affect our businesses, make life generally less pleasant for us--in these days.

Sen. Guy Gillette (D.) of Iowa has resolution in U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee calling for \$20,000 appropriation for 5-man committee to investigate Pro-Japan activities of resident Japanese on west coast.

I met & talked with Sen. Gillette 15 days ago in Washington D.C. HE SAID PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION NOT AIMED AGAINST RESIDENT JAPANESE. It is aimed against Japanese Consular agents.

LIKELIHOOD OF RESOLUTION'S PASSAGE: 50-50-

Issei & Nisei organizations & individuals can be of service: OFFER COOPERATION TO Gillette NOW.

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"ENEMY ALIEN STATUS:

Legal status of Issei is: Permanent Resident aliens
What precedent there is for treatment of this status
in wartime is now being investigated by the staff.

WARTIME WOULD TEND TO DEPRIVE ISSEI OF SOME OF THE
RIGHTS THEY NOW ENJOY.

Preliminary recommendation: Some action to secure
clear-cut classification of permanent resident
Issei legally. AIM: TO ELEVATE THEM OUT OF THE
'ENEMY ALIEN' TECHNICAL STANDING.

There are many responsible officials in Washington,
D.C. who feel injustice would be done if Issei
were automatically d classed as 'enemy aliens'
WITHOUT first being given a choice.

PREDICTION: Watch for closing of Japanese
Consular offices in U.S. very soon.
This will be a step toward shooting
war on the Pacific.

"BLOCKED ACCOUNTS: Several hundred (exact number
not released) resident Japanese Issei visited Japan
last year. (26th Centennial of Japan).

"Those outside of U.S. after June 17, 1940, have
had their accounts frozen, their business subject
to license regulation by the Treasury Dept.

"MONTHLY APPLICATIONS for renewals (General License
No. 68), itemized reports on expenditures, etc. make
for big amount of red tape.

Washington officials acknowledge
it, but it's necessary. OBJECT:
To maintain legal, effective reg-
ulatory hand on resident Japanese
Issei.

"4 Concessions: If funds in excess of permitted amount
are needed, for expansion of business or some such
purpose for local expenditure, separate application
for withdrawals available.

"ALIEN PROPERTY REGISTRATION: Final deadline--Nov. 29
TFR 300 forms must be filed For any

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further extension requests, get in touch with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (L.A. branch)

"NOTE TO REPORT MEMBERS:

YOUR list of California newspapers which we are calling upon you to sponsor (5 to each member) will be mailed to you shortly.

IF YOU have any specific requests for information affecting your business or any members of your family, PLEASE WRITE.

Our Washington, D.C. contacts are already proving of value & many individuals problems are being met through securing official information swiftly.

I shall call on you personally again soon. My telephone TRinity 0666 (Los Angeles)

Respectfully submitted

TOGO TANAKA"