

December 2, 1941: H.T. Komai suggests that we might go to the United China Relief ~~banquet~~ banquet at the Fiesta Room of the Ambassador Hotel tonight. He has received a notice in the mails and has been wondering about whether we should go or not, finally thinks it will be interesting. He says we ought to invite Gongoro Nakamura too; H.T. will foot the bill.

The affair is labelled "The Order of the Jade" Banquet, and over 1000 people are expected tonight in soup and fish. According to the announcement, "The Order of the Jade" is the highest honor the Chinese Government bestows upon civilians for distinguished services rendered to China and the Chinese people. Originated in 1930, the Nationalist Government chose Jade as the jewel of this particular Order, since for 2000 years this stone has been used by the Chinese as a symbol of friendship and gratitude to express the noblest of human sentiments."

H.T. telephones and makes the reservations. He calls up Gongoro Nakamura, and the three of us are to go out there in my car. We arrive a little early to watch the crowd gather in the lobby of the Ambassador Fiesta Room. Tonight's speakers are Mrs. James E. Hughes, Vice Chairman of the National Advisory Committee of United China Relief and Henry R. Luce, Editor of Time and Life. Their speeches are to be broadcast over KFWB, and I run into Harry Maizlish, the fast-talking effervescent Warner Bros. press agent and present manager of KFWB. Maizlish says: "See, this is what we could've done if the Japanese here would've got behind a United China Relief rally at the Hollywood Bowl this last fall. It didn't come through did it? The Japanese American Citizens Society missed a good bet on that one."

The three of us, Komai, Nakamura, and I go into the Fiesta Room with our tickets. We are ushered to our table, the very last one on the farthest southwest corner of the room, quite isolated. I asked H.T. under what name he had made the reservations. He says: "L.A. Japanese Daily News." Both Nakamura and Komai choose to overlook the location of the table, we all become enraptured in the program. It's quite an event.

There is a toast to the President of the United States by the Honorable C. I. Hsia; This is followed by a toast to the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, proposed by Manchester Boddy, editor and publisher of the Daily News.

Hsia makes a speech: "The Chinese people have a message to America. That message is that we share a cultural affinity much closer than most people suspect. Your missionaries have been more successful as salesmen of American culture, American standards and life than as

Ambassadors of Christ. The Chinese, being a practical people, have been more interested in the salvation of their country than in the salvation of their souls. The Chinese Republic was fashioned after the U.S. pattern. As evidence of the close cultural relationship between China and the United States is the fact that most of China's leaders today were educated in the United States. I need only to quote the words of the late Senator Borah who said: 'We have an abiding faith in the future of the Chinese people'. As for the so-called American-Japanese negotiations that are now reported to be going on, the Chinese people believe that the American people will stand by their treaty and enter into no deal with the Japanese. The Chinese people are convinced that Japan's military leaders are faithless and that nothing good will come from the present unless Japan mends her ways. The present rulers of Japan cannot be trusted and you cannot do business with them." (applause).

Neither Komai nor Nakamura have anything to say at this point, though all of us are taking in the atmosphere. I say to them: "He doesn't have any use for the Japanese government." Nakamura says: "The Chinese are good talkers, but there is something to what he says."

Manchester Boddy rises to speak after being introduced. Komai says he will go up and shake Boddy's hands after the dinner; they have been friends for many years. Boddy says: "Tonight we are met to restore honor upon the citizens of China. Our position in the Pacific, our relations in the Orient, gave us an opportunity, and with that opportunity the responsibility to take the lead in our relations in the Orient. We are now witnessing a re-awakening of China, and all of the vast orient, the cradle of civilization has been awakened by the sound of guns and the zoom of airplanes."

Komai says: "Do you think there are any other Japanese in this audience?" None of us had seen or recognized anyone we knew while we were out in the lobby. We conclude that we are the only ones in the whole assemblage.

Mrs. Hughes is getting up to speak; she says it with a flourish, but not much substance: "Friends in Southern California.... on this occasion it is fitting to mention all the services rendered by our American friends in the promotion of the cause of democracy in China... The Republic of China is a modern democracy. We have always known that we shared a common destiny. ... We both faced the greatest crisis in our history when Japan attacked China in 1937... America, like China, can live only in a free world..." She wound up with a plea that all her listeners give generously to United China Relief.

Toastmaster Neil Petree, young president of Barker Bros. department store and head of the Downtown Business Men's Association, in introducing Henry Luce,

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says: "As editor and publisher of LIFE Magazine which already has a circulation of 3,250,000, Mr. Luce is likely to be the most powerful magazine publisher of all time."

Luce has a lot to say, among which: "Nothing I could possibly say would in any way impair the friendship you feel for China. Four years ago the American people took the stand in the Chinese-Japanese war that China was being unjustly attacked by an aggressor nation. The American people were for China and against Japan. They took the stand by a far greater majority than they have on any president.

"More than two years ago, the overwhelming majority of the people favored an embargo against Japan. That has been enforced only recently.

"The instincts of the American people are sure and certain, even where their knowledge is vague. The future of Asia is vital to the future of America. The key to Asia is China.

"The Chinese people are like us. They like us as a nation and they like us individually.

"The United States will not let China down! That is how a New York newspaper headline recently read. This is silly and reveals the complacency of the American people. For the fate of the United States depends more upon what China does for us more so than what the United States does for China.

"The transformation of China is an amazing and great thing. We Americans have known China better and longer than any other people. We undoubtedly have had a greater influence in shaping her pattern.

"In her present struggle with Japan, for China there is only one feasible outcome. It is victory. My theme is victory, tonight. In China today, it is a living thing. We speak also for a victory for America. Victory for America and for China are synonymous. The two victories have a rendezvous in the future. If we keep that rendezvous, we shall talk no more of the decline of civilization, but then we shall see the dawn of world history. That is the high adventure for which we and our children must be prepared.

"The pattern of China's victory is already formed. Ours is taking shape in our minds. The Chinese people believe that a conflict between Japan and the United States is inevitable and they also feel that it will seal the destiny of Fascist Japan."

Decorations are presented (Order of the Jade)

to Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, a very very old white haired man who makes a feeble speech; Dr. Charles Keyser Edmunds, whom we've never heard about before; Dr. Rufus B. von Klein Smid, president of the University of Southern California; and Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, president of the California Institute of Technology. Millikan's speech was good; among other things, he said: "Intelligence, and character, in the long run, have always triumphed over the brute, just as the dinosaur could not, in the long run, survive over the puny human being. . . the first Summa Cum Laude we had at the California Institute of Technology had the non-Nordic name of Chow."

At the conclusion of the banquet, H.T. motioned both Nakamura and me to follow him; we went up to the speaker's platform and Komai introduced us to Manchester Boddy. As we got out into the lobby again, we ran into Harry Hammond Beall, advertising man and press agent whom both Komai and Nakamura knew quite well. Beall smiled and said; "Well I'll be damned, how are you boys? Come on with me to the Grove (Coconut Grove) and I'll buy the drinks." I tagged along after being introduced. This guy Beall is the publicity man the Japanese Chamber of Commerce back in 1937 or 38 (when Nakamura was president of the organization) employed to prepare a brochure for dissemination in Southern California; the title of the little gem was "Japan's Stand in North China" or some such stuff. Beall got a fat little check for \$1500 for the job, it was told to me shortly thereafter by George Nakamoto, our former editor who apparently had his eyes on the job himself and couldn't quite see why in the hell all the gravy had to go to some high-powered press agent. The propaganda, which it obviously was, boomeranged. Most newspaper editors who got it laughed it out of print; some wrote some pretty sarcastic editorials. Beall seemed in high spirits. A lot of trivia was passed back and forth. The drinks were ordered, and we sat and watched the floor show. Beall said he had some connections with the Ambassador and was doing their publicity or some such thing. He seemed to know the headwaiters et al. A thin man with one arm off at the elbow and his wife came over to talk to Beall, who promptly introduced all of us to the couple. The man is Ed Ainsworth of the Los Angeles Times and the woman is his wife. They join us. "Ainsworth is in charge of the editorial page of the Times," Beall explains. In conversing with Ainsworth, I discover we have a mutual friend in the Freeman Lusks, whom Jean and I had visited only recently at their ranch in San Fernando. I say: "My wife and Lavonne (Mrs. Lusk) are expecting babies about the same time." Ainsworth says: "Hahn't you heard? Lavonne had a miscarriage and lost her baby just the other day; she slipped and fell." This is a shocking surprise. We leave shortly after midnight; I drive Komai home.

Our conversation is sparse. He says things

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aren't too bright, but there won't be any war, there can't be. He doesn't say it with the old conviction, though; there's more uncertainty in his voice, it seems. But he always winds up with: "Maybe in another generation after I am dead. That will be the problem of the Nisei, but not for the Issei."

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Seeing Beal tonight prompts me to check in our files to see some of the newspaper comments of the classic job he did for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. I run across an interesting item of comment. It is the lead bit in the column "This Week" by Harold Henry in The Los Angeles Press, published by the Wilshire Publishing Company, 206 S. Western Avenue, and it is typical of editors' reaction: (Sept. 30, 1937 issue)

"THE JAPANESE prove again that they are great imitators. Seeing how smoothly the New Deal's publicity machine functions, the Nipponese, faced with growing condemnation for slaughtering non-combatant Chinese, have established a propaganda mill. Local Japanese apparently have engaged Mr. Harry H. (Ham) Beall, one of our most aggressive and successful press agents, and under Ham's experienced finesse there has already issued forth a publicity release and a booklet defending the Japanese position in China.

"After reading the initial release, one is moved almost to tears over the way the Chinese have been imposing on the poor Japs over there during recent years. The atrocities they have endured make the German invasion of Belgium look like a Sunday School excursion. Some of the pungent paragraphs in the release are: 'Japan has no territorial ambitions in China. Japan is not fighting the 400,000,000 Chinese people, but is fighting the war lords. Japan's sole aim is to bring about permanent cooperation between Japanese and Chinese so they may live side by side as good neighbors.'

"Perhaps this is true and perhaps you can make a fellow friendly and a good neighbor by bombing his wife and children. Perhaps the publicity will swing us over and we'll be making the

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Japanese a warloan. Someone should  
tip Ham to use that old one about  
'saving the world for democracy' and  
we'll go in hook, line, and sinker."

December 5, 1941: Edward Velarde of the Santa Ana Register, whom I met at the Optimist Club there last Tuesday sent us a clipping from his newspaper of Dec. 3, 1941. His clipping and letter are worth filing for reference:

The article, with accompanying photograph:

W a r   i n   P a c i f i c  
C l o s e ,   S p e a k e r  
T e l l s   S . A .   C l u b

"It is no longer a question 'if' the United States is involved in war with Japan, but rather 'when'. Such is the general feeling of officials in the nation's capital, according to Togo Tanaka, English editor of the Los Angeles Japanese Daily News, who addressed a meeting of the Santa Ana Optimist club yesterday noon.

#### Met with Officials

"Tanaka recently returned from conferences in Washington, D.C., to discuss the Japanese-American situation with State, War, and Navy department officials and presented his impressions at yesterday's meeting. The problem of the Americans of Japanese extraction is one to be considered seriously and judiciously, the speaker declared, and official Washington is much concerned.

"When it is considered that 150,000 persons of Japanese parentage are concentrated on the west coast and a similar number is in Hawaii, the problem can readily be appreciated, Tanaka said. The attitude of this government is that persons cannot hold two loyalties --they must be either Americans or Japanese. This same view is held by Americans who have 'Japanese faces', Tanaka emphasized.

#### Matter of Time

"Referring to the current strained relations between the United States and Japan, Tanaka stated that government officials reflect the opinion that it is a matter of time before actual armed conflict begins to replace the state of non-hostility now existing.

"The speaker was introduced by Nat Neff, program chairman. Present at the meeting as guests to aid in the club's celebration of this Optimist week were Superintendent of Schools Frank A. Henderson and V. L. Motry, chairman of the city traffic safety commission."

Velarde's letter was brief and incidental:

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December 4, 1941

"Mr. Togo Tanaka, English Editor  
L.A. Japanese Daily News  
104 North Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Tanaka:

It was a pleasure to have met you last Tuesday when you addressed the Santa Ana Optimist Club. Just as a 'remembrance' I am enclosing the clipping of your talk which I hope you will find satisfactory. Sorry that more of your address could not be quoted, but owing to the everlasting space problem, it was impossible.

Needless to say, I enjoyed your talk, and hold the same views regarding the Japanese American question as you. I have known several Americans of Japanese parentage, and have always found them of very high calibre and hold them in high esteem.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed)  
Edward Velarde

Enc."

Velarde's letter was acknowledged on the day we received it with the following:

T H E      R A F U      S H I M P O  
L.A. Japanese Daily News  
104 N. L.A. Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dec. 5, 1941

"Mr. Edward Velarde  
Santa Ana Register  
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Velarde:

Thank you for your letter and the clipping. It

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was very kind and thoughtful of you to send it to me, and frankly I thought your write-up was top-notch. The space allotment was over generous.

I should like to place your paper on our mailing list for the Sunday edition of our paper. We hope you will see fit to use whatever may be of sufficient interest to reprint or to quote, if occasion should arise.

We would appreciate an occasional clipping from you or a copy of the Register if you should remember us in the \* midst of a busy newspaperman's schedule.

It was a genuine pleasure p meeting you. If you should ever come down our way, please make it a point to come in, even if you ~~it~~ only have time to say hello. With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Togo Tanaka, English Editor"

December 10; 1941: Clippings & correspondence accumulate on my desk as I continue to languish in the hoosegow, Lincoln Heights jail to be precise. Things are happening outside. This clipping is from today's issue of the Pasadena Star-News:

"American-Born Japanese Pledge Lives  
To the Defense of the United States"

"(Editor's Note--Hundreds of Pasadenaans know Nobu T. Kawai, a Pasadena native son. They know him because they went to school with him here. They shouted for him and his teammates when, in 1927, he played fullback on the state championship Pasadena junior college football team. They remember him as a member of the first junior college team to play in Hawaii, and as an organizer and first president of the Order of Mast and Dagger, leading honorary club on the junior college campus. Nobu continued his studies, being graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1930, where he also played football. He returned to Pasadena, married, has one son and holds a responsible Pasadena position. So does a brother Harry, an old and valued employe in a Pasadena home. A second brother Aki, enlisted in March and now is on duty with the U.S. Army tank corps. A third brother, Hiro, also a Pasadena native son, offered himself for enlistment and was rejected for faulty hearing. America has a right to be proud of this son, who today, by invitation of the Star-News, speaks to you as president of the Pasadena Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League. Nobu Kawai, the floor is yours.)

By NOBU KAWAI

"In the calm that follows the anxiety and near hysteria which gripped the nation for several hours after the first announcement of the bombing of Hawaii, we wish to appeal to the rational thinking of the American people to correctly establish the status of the Japanese population within our borders.

"Let us not lose sight of the fact that more than two-thirds of the entire Japanese population of the United States are American citizens who happen to be born of Japanese parents instead of English, French or some other nationality. Some 20,000 of these Americans of Japanese ancestry, known as Nisei, are residents of Los Angeles County.

"Their parents, who have been permanent residents of the United States since the period prior to the Alien Exclusion Act of 1924, are here today because they have chosen the American way of living instead of taking advantage of the many opportunities they had of returning to their old country. They are alien Japanese who would be good American citizens had the privilege of naturalization not been denied them. Many of these alien Japanese have been peaceful residents of the United States for more than 40 years.

"Because we are at war with Japan, we need not look upon these Japanese residents as enemy aliens who would turn against the country they have adopted and learned to love. At the very moment hostile action broke the peaceful ties between Japan and the United States, the long arm of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was already picking up those aliens who have for months been listed in their files as suspicious. For the individual to attempt to do the work of the FBI is to risk doing an injustice to an innocent resident.

"The Nisei are definitely in a tough spot. They have professed their loyalty to the United States and have won the confidence of federal, state, and local authorities. Their problem now is to demonstrate their loyalty during this major emergency to the 'man on the street,' their fellow Americans.

"Because they believe in the principles of democracy and fair play, they are confident that right thinking Americans will give them a fair chance. America to them is the only country they know. To them it is not only a place to live, but a country they want to defend.

"With hearts filled with emotion and minds stunned by the reality of war between their own country, the United States, and that of their parents, they lost no time in pledging their lives to the defense of America and the crushing of Japan and her Axis partners. Through their national organization, the Japanese American Citizens League, they have formed an Anti-Axis Committee which will cooperate with local and state defense councils and aid federal agencies in apprehending members of their community who are disloyal to America.

"The Nisei's choice of America as their country has been deliberate and without reservation. They have made known their pledge and ask now that they be given opportunities to show their patriotism."

December 11, 1941: Moved by our jailers to the little tank on the end of the hall in the "modern section" (so they tell us) of Lincoln Heights. There are only nine of us here; there were over 100 of us in the other tank. Now I got a whole cot to myself, same smelly blankets. Wish I could take a bath. Everyone is beginning to look terribly seedy. No newspapers, no communication with the outside, and those terrible meals. Wrote another letter to Jean and gave it unsealed to the good-natured flatfoot who opens and shuts the cell door. He said he couldn't make any promises about when it would be mailed. Talked with him again. He said: "How come you're in here, buddy? You don't talk like a Jap." This gets me every time; I just said: "It's all a big damn mistake. You'll see me out soon." He shrugged his big shoulders and said: "Yeah, but I guess they can't take no chances. These G-men know what they're doin'."

Mr. Nagano, a skinny and lanky Issei who talks surprisingly good English and who talks interminably, keeps our little cell entertained most of the time. He says to me: "Little cramped in here, isn't it? Doesn't this cramp your style? ha ha ha." Great joke. He looked familiar. I asked him: "Didn't you referee our last Rafu Shimpo-Kashu Mainichi softball game?" He says: "You bet I did. I'm the guy who counted all those strikes you pitched. By the way, do you think they're going to let us out of here? I heard one of the men say at lunch today that they're going to send us all to a real concentration camp where they will give us a trial."

Mr. Hamaguchi, a quiet and mild-mannered little man who operates some class C hotel somewhere, introduced himself and after some preliminaries, asked: "Why are you in here?" I answer: "I don't know, do you know why you are?" He shakes his head. He then explains that he is the father of the well known Nisei Japanese dancer, Kansuma, whose real name is Sumako Hamaguchi.

Most of the conversation still revolves around families at home; at least most of the inmates here know their wives know where they are. Every time the jailer comes to make some kind of announcement, everyone jumps up, thinking I suppose, that his turn for release has come. Nobody knows where we are headed from here, but everybody is guessing. A couple of prisoners in the adjoining tank are yelling about the "goddam judge who stuck us in here for just being drunk." We peep through the transom bars which separate our cells; one of the prisoners in the next tank has a copy of the Herald & Express. We strain to see the headlines, but it's out of range. Strange what conversation our next-door neighbors are engaged in; one talkative guy is explaining Havelock Ellis to a couple of mugs who hang on to his every word.

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While I am still trying in vain to get the jailer to get me a lawyer at Lincoln Heights jail, the correspondence continues to accumulate at the office, I learn later after my release. And some of the newspapers in the hinterlands are getting mighty unfriendly. Chiduyo Imoto, our correspondent and contributor from Huntington Beach who has been covering Orange County, is credited with having sent in the clipping from the Buena Park News, an organ of the West Orange County Publishing Co.

The staff read this bit and felt down-in-the-mouth:

"WE ARE IN THE ARMY NOW

"We are in the army now. There is no way of avoiding our part. Of course we can be good soldiers or we can be otherwise but soldiers we are. We have been thinking that we were large enough that no one would jump upon us but last Sunday we found out that the tiny Japanese with the fist of Hitler at his back jumped upon us while we were not looking. We should have been looking, but the little guy with the broad smile and 'excuse us please' had us believing he was some sort of gentleman.

"We still believe that there are thousands of Japanese born in America that have absorbed the sunshine of our ideals and have become good citizens but there are thousands upon thousands that are still Japanese. We understand two Japanese Americans educated in Anaheim High school and who were apparently loyal students are high up in the Japanese army and navy.

"We must be careful. We would in no way injure an American citizen loyal to our ideals but we must be certain that he is such a citizen. There are a lot of professed American citizens who are not of Japanese extraction that are a lot more dangerous to our cause than are the Japanese. We must watch but we must not unjustly suspect or condemn.

"We are in the war. We should have been better prepared but there were thousands of our citizens who were so against war that they could not understand why we should be prepared for war. They honestly believed that to prepare for war was to invite war. They believed that it took two to cause a fight but we have learned that Hitler has initiated a new rule; it is either you must fight or be a servant.

"W The We are in the war. We are in to win and we will win. There is no use to get excited. We have a great war machine. In our democratic way we have manned it. We must have confidence in the personnel of our government. Let us not criticise except we have knowledge and have thoroughly investigated that which we are criticising. When we have knowledge and proof of matters that should be corrected let us take such knowledge and proof to the proper persons

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and not broadcast where it will do no good.

"The most of us are pacifists; few of us want war but none of us wish to become servants or have our loved ones become servants of any man or group of men. The Japanese have attacked us in a manner which is an insult to a civilized world. Let us avenge the insult and the untimely deaths of our soldiers, marines, and civilians. When that is done let us insure the future for those to follow us against such a dastardly act to happen again.

"We must sacrifice much. We must obey those in authority. We must cooperate. We must be good soldiers. The better soldiers we are the sooner we will remove the danger to our country, state, county, community and home."

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The editorial is from page two of the Buena Park News, December 11, 1941.

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On my return to the office, I ask Sakai why he is so ~~si~~ distressed about an editorial like this. I say: "It's not bad." He says: "the remark about Nisei from Anaheim high school being high up in the Army and Navy. That is the kind of rumor that is going to be our greatest handicap. It will be remembered; it will be spread, and soon it will be like wildfire over a sage brush desert."

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Today's edition of The Rafu Shimpo is a four-page regular newspaper format size editie- affair. The two outer pages are English, the inside pages are Japanese. It folds "backward". If I weren't in jail, I am sure the regular English front page would be on the other side so the paper would fold open like any book in English rather than in Japanese; but this is the speculation of someone who wasn't there; like Monday morning quarterbacking. In our biggest type, on the bottom of the English Section front page, runs the streamer:

"We are 100 Per cent for The United States"

And the caption at the top of the front page, under a whole 8-column spread of Stars & Stripes, reads:

"All issei-owned property 'not-transferable!'"

"All property owned by the Japanese aliens, now classed as 'enemy aliens', are non-transferable, according to a ruling received from the Treasury Department by the Federal Reserve branch here, it was learned today.

"Small scale Japanese business establishments handling foodstuffs which have not been closed down as yet will be allowed to continue operating on a cash basis, it was revealed today through Federal Reserve officials.

"Restaurants, groceries, fruit and vegetable markets etc., with no more than 10 workers are classed as the 'small-scale business establishments'. Other Japanese stores, such as cleaners, dry goods, etc., with a maximum of 2 workers, will also be allowed to continue operating."

"Gasoline still sold  
to issei by concerns"

"We have not received orders from Washington forbidding sale of gasoline to the Japanese," reported the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Attorney General's office in reply to queries of The Rafu Shimpo prompted by reports that gasoline and oil were being refused sale to Japanese.

"Inquiries made to major local oil distributing firms revealed that thus far they were regulating their own business policies in regard to the sale of merchandise to Japanese aliens.

"Seaside Gasoline Co. reported that they were still making cash sales of gasoline and oil.

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"The Standard Oil Co. is picking up all credit cards issued to aliens. This is not, they said, any discriminatory measure but only because Japanese bank accounts have been temporarily blocked.

"Richfield Oil Co. said that they had nothing about regulating the sale of oil to alien Japanese.

"The independent Gilmore Oil Co, reported that their policy had not changed and that they are still selling to independent dealers who make their own policies.

"The Shell Oil Co. had no information to release but will give a statement later.

"Officials of the Union Oil Co. assured The Rafu Shimpō that 'we're selling to anybody who comes to our service stations'.

"General Petroleum officials were reluctant to issue a statement. A retail General Petroleum station said, 'We have been ordered not to sell gasoline or oil to alien Japanese since Monday afternoon. Only Americans of Japanese ancestry having birth certificates with them are sold gasoline.'

"Clear Li'l Tokio  
of automobiles

"'No Parking' signs have sprung up all along the streets of Li'l Tokio according to regulations issued by the Police Commission.

"Enacted because of the defense emergency, and the regulation directs that no parking signs shall be erected on the following streets:

"Both sides of San Pedro Street--from Aliso to Second.

"Both sides of First Street--from Los Angeles to Alameda.

"Both sides of Second Street--from Los Angeles to Alameda.

"Both sides of Weller street--from First to Second.

"Both sides of Jackson street--from San Pedro to Alameda."

"Blackout tonight

"There will be another blackout tonight and on many nights to follow. Violations will be punishable by a \$500 fine or 6 months imprisonment.

"A three-minute sounding of sirens signals an air raid.

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"A one-minute sounding means all clear.

"Turn out all lights immediately.

"Motorists must park; if necessary to drive, proceed with light dim and covered with blue cellophane.

"Cooperate with authorities and remain in-doors."

"Hams' silenced  
by commission

"By order of the Federal Communications Commission, 60,000 amateur radio operators throughout the country have been silenced. The order affects more than 3000 'hams' in the Los Angeles area.

"Any amateur voice or code operator who violates the order is, in effect, operating an unlicensed radio station and is subject to a \$10,000 fine or imprisonment or both; said B. H. Linden, inspector in charge of the F.C.C. here.

"Orders from James L. Fly, F.C.C. chairman, read as follows:

"All amateur radio operations in the continental United States, its territories and possessions are hereby prohibited until further notice except for stations specifically authorized by Federal, state or municipal authorities in connection with emergency matters."

"Hearing for  
aliens set

"WASHINGTON/.--In the nation-wide round-up of suspected aliens, more than 2300 Japanese, German, Italian nationals have been taken into custody, announced Department of Justice authorities. In the southland alone, over 400 aliens, mostly Japanese, have been seized.

"According to the United States District Attorney William Fleet Palmer, hearings will be given to all suspects as soon as possible, before boards to be set up by the U.S. attorney general's office. It was indicated that boards of review, composed of five or six qualified men, would be set up in every district. Findings of these boards will be reported to U.S. Attorney General Biddle with whom will rest final decision on release or internment of suspects."

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"S t u d e n t s  
m a k e     p l e d g e

"Two hundred American citizens of Japanese ancestry expressed and assured their U.C.L.A. classmates that their only loyalties are to the United States, in a statement issued yesterday.

"The statement, signed by various officials of the Japanese Students Club and Bruin Club said, 'We stand ready with all other Americans to act in whatever capacity we may be called upon to perform in order to carry out the resolution of our government. Individually and collectively we plead our friends will accord us the same impartiality and tolerance they have shown us in the past.'

"Among the signers of the statement were: K. Kenneth Nakaoka, pres. of the Japanese Student Club; Toshi Ihara, pres. of the Japanese Bruins Club; Aki Hira-shiki, president of Chi Alpha Delta; and Lynn Takagaki, president of the U.C.L.A. Business Club."

"L e g i o n     R e s o l u t i o n

"The Commodore Perry Post No. 525 through its Commander, Dr. G. Y. Takeyama presented a resolution to the County Council of American Legion, Department of California which met last night at Patriotic Hall. The Council heartily approved the resolution and will attend to its public notification.

"The resolution is as follows:

"'WHEREAS, the members of the Commodore Perry Post No. 525 of the American Legion, Department of California, are American citizens of Japanese ancestry, and

"'WHEREAS, the Imperial Japanese Government has declared a state of war to exist between the nation and the United States of America, and

"'WHEREAS, the Imperial Japanese air and naval forces have unprovokedly and in a dastardly manner bombed and attacked these United States of America,

"'NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of the Commodore Perry Post No. 525 of the American Legion, Department of California, condemn Japan for the treachery committed by them against our country and unreservedly offer our services in the defense of our land against attack.

"'FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Council

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of the American Legion, Department of California; to the American Legion National Board; to the press of this community, and to the President of the United States of America.

"Dated: December 9, 1941.

Approved by the Executive Committee  
of the Commodore Perry Post No. 525,  
17th Dist. American Legion, Depart.  
of California.

Commander Dr. G. Y. Takeyama  
Adjutant M. Igasaki."

"Supervisors resolve aid  
to nisei school students

"Asking the public to show the American spirit toward the American born children of Japanese blood and their parents, the Board of Supervisors yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by John Anson Ford of the Third District. The resolution follows:

"'WHEREAS, in the newly declared war the first emotional reaction is apt to have repercussions against those who are wholly innocent of disloyalty, and

"'WHEREAS, Federal and local, and military and police authorities, and civilian defense agencies are alert to restrain and detect aliens and saboteurs, thus making regrettable action by some of the general public in indiscriminately condemning American citizens of Japanese blood, many of whom have proven their loyalty to the United States by service in the World War and in other ways, and

"'WHEREAS, children are often among the first ignorantly to display hysterical intolerance, and

"'WHEREAS, a tendency toward unreasoning condemnation of American born school children has resulted in disrupting some of our public schools;

"'THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors request the office of the Superintendent of Schools to take every step practical to establish in our public schools an attitude of sanity and fairness towards all children, and particularly that every effort be made to show a real American spirit toward American born children of Japanese blood and their parents.'"

December 20, 1941: I am still completely away from the newspaper, though released. The paper has been publishing regularly, though on Dec. 8, there were just two pages of English and no Japanese section at all. h.T. Komai, Hiroshi Suzuki, and Seiji Takemura are ~~at~~ all still in custody. Morale is jittery, especially in the Japanese section editorial room. Our English section editorials have been written by Tad Uyeno, I learn. The Anti-Axis Committee has set up some kind of a press censorship group headed by T.G. Ishimaru, and they've been pretty much influencing the local newspapers. The Anti-Axis Committee secured the L.A. Times photograph taken in Mayor Bowron's office, ordered my picture sliced out of the mat before running in our paper! Oh well. There is no Anti-Axis or local J.A.C.L. news in today's issue. The top headline in the English section, however, is:

"National C.L. wires appreciation to F.D.R.

"National President in  
thanks for treatment

"In response to the understanding and cooperation received from officials and community leaders throughout the country, the National J.A.C.L. dispatched a telegram to President Roosevelt signed by Saburo Kido, national president, and Mike Masaoka, national executive secretary. The wire read as follows:

"In behalf of the 15,000 members of the Japanese American Citizens League and the permanent resident nationals in this country, may we express to you and through you to the American people at large, our heartfelt and sincere appreciation for the fair treatment which is being accorded us. Our faith that American sportsmanship and tolerance would triumph over hysteria and mob action in time of war has been justified in the calm and consideration given to American citizens of Japanese extraction and to their parents, who, though excluded from naturalization by law, are in the main devoted and loyal to this great Republic.

"Once again we wish to thank you, the Federal, State and local officials; the press and radio services; and our numerous friends--all of whom have given us the greatest consideration and sympathy.

"May we pledge again our allegiance and loyalty to the Stars and Stripes and offer to you and to our Government the organizational as well as material facilities of our national league.

"With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year which will see the triumph of peace and liberty over the forces of hate and might."

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Both the Buddhist and Christian Church groups are displaying considerable activity.

The Buddhists, through Bishop R. Matsuo kage, superintendent of the Buddhist Missions of North America, have just released a statement, published in full on our second page:

"It is the firm conviction of the believers in the teachings of Buddha to work at all times for the welfare of all mankind and the peace of the world. The suddenness of the unwarranted and inhuman attack upon these United States of America leaves us, the Buddhists in America, with but one decision: the condemnation of that attack.

✓ "There now remains but one duty for us. The loyalty to the United States which we have pledged at all times must now be placed into instant action for the defense of the United States of America. This is the least that can be done to show our appreciation for the peace and religious freedom that has been given to us in the past.

"Our prayers are with the President Franklin D. Roosevelt who said, 'We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows.'

"YES, AMERICA MUST BE DEFENDED AT ALL COSTS!

--With the blessings of Buddha"

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The Japanese Union Church on North San Pedro street in Little Tokio announces the creation of a Church Emergency Council in the young people's department. The executive officers, selected at a joint meeting of the Senior Church Board, Young People's Society, Delta Chi, and the Sunday School teaching staff, are Paul Yokota, chairman; Aiko Saito, assistant chairman; Teruko Nishida, secretary; Bessie Matsuo, registrar; Grace Takahashi, in charge of family contacts; Teruko Watanabe, in charge of service projects; Masako Sugihara, in charge of general committees. Rev. Donald Toriumi, young people's pastor, and an unnamed Issei will act as advisers, according to the announcement.

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"Local churches set joint  
worship services tomorrow

"In place of the usual separate Japanese worship services, joint issei-nisei worship services with the sermon to be delivered in English have been planned by the majority of the local Japanese Christian churches for

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tomorrow morning. Only short prayers will be conducted in Japanese, it was revealed, as a step towards the Americanization of the issei.

"As a further step towards Americanization, the Pasadena church has completely reorganized its set-up with the nisei now taking over management. According to the church announcement, this plan had been under consideration for some time.

"A special musical Christmas worship service has been slated by the Japanese Christian church from 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Familiar Christmas carols by the congregation, the organ and the chimes will be featured with Mrs. Chitosey Kawabe as the organizer."

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The twenty-nine Buddhist and Christian church services regularly listed in the "Religious Services Tomorrow" section of our Saturday edition follow:

CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
820 East 20th Street  
Rev. K. Unoara, pastor

9:30--Sunday school teachers' prayer circle; 9:45--Joint Sunday school Christmas service; 11:00--Christmas Sunday service; "A Birthday and a Re-birth; Christ and the Nisei" by Rev. Fred Fertig.

CLEARWATER JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH  
California Ave. and Madison Street  
Kazuo Harper Sakaue, Pastor

9:30--Church school, Harry Murakami, superintendent; 8:00--Evening sermon; first and third Saturdays of the month; 7:30--Intermediate Baptist Young Peoples Union; (second and fourth Saturdays of month); 7:30--young marrieds and market workers' group. Tuesday: 7:30--Bible study.

FRESNO METHODIST CHURCH  
Kern and D Streets  
Rev. Hideo Hashimoto, Pastor

10:00--Sunday School; 11:00--morning service.

GARDENA BAPTIST CHURCH (JAPANESE)  
Dalton and Gardena Blvd.  
Rev. K. T. Shiraishi, Pastor  
Rev. J. Morikawa, Y.P. Pastor

9:30--Sunday School, Mrs. Takenog, Supt.

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11:00--Morning worship service; 11:00--Japanese-worship service. Rev. Shiraishi, pastor. Thursday: 8:00--Young people's worship service. Rev. Morikawa, pastor. Saturday: 7:30--B.Y.P.U. Paul Naganog leader.

GLENDALE MIKUNI CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
317 W. Palmer St. Glendale  
S. Sakai, Acting Pastor

9:30--Sunday school; 9:30--church service; 7:00--Torch Bearers meeting; 7:00--N.C.L. meeting.

HIGASHI HINGWANJI TEMPLE  
118 N. Mott Street  
Rev. Kwankai Izuhara, Priest

9:30--Sunday school; 2:00--afternoon social.

HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
4011 Clinton Street  
Rev. T. Horikoshi, Pastor

9:30--Sunday school; 10:45--Combined issei-nisei services.

HOLLYWOOD JAPANESE INDEPENDENT CHURCH  
4011 Clinton Street  
Rev. T. Horikoshi, Pastor

9:30--Sunday school; 10:45--combined issei-nisei services; 11:00--Adult services.

JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH  
East Second & Evergreen  
Rev. Yamamoto, Pastor  
Rev. J. Morikawa, Y.P. pastor

9:30--Sunday school; 11:00--Adult worship service. Rev. Yamamoto to preach; 11:00 Young people's worship service; 6:30--Intermediate B.Y.P.U.; 7:30--Senior B.Y.P.U.

JAPANESE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1444 W. 37th street  
Rev. H. Ishiguro, Pastor

9:00--Sunday school; 9:00--Young People's Bible Study; 10:30--Church service; 8:00--Adult's evening service.

JAPANESE REFORMED CHURCH OF WEST LOS ANGELES  
11178 Massachusetts Ave.  
Rev. K. Suzuki, Pastor

9:30--Sunday school; 9:30--Bible class;

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8:00--Adult evening service.

KOYASAN TEMPLE

342 East First Street

Revs. Takahashi and Yasui, Priests

10:00--Sunday school services; 10:15--  
Sunday school classes; 11:00--Teachers' class.

L.A. FREE METHODIST CHURCH

210 S. Chicago Street

Rev. Shigekawa, Pastor

Rev. Laura Bodenhammer, Nisei Pastor

Victor Fujiu, Assistant Pastor

9:15--Sunday school; 10:30--Young People's  
meeting; 10:30--Junior meeting; 11:30--Adult worship.

L.A. JAPANESE HOLINESS

1771 West 35th Place

Rev. S. Kuzuhara, Pastor

Rev. A. J. Kuroda, Y.P. Pastor

9:00--Sunday school; 10:30--Joint issei-  
nisei reihai; Rev. Kuzuhara to speak; 7:30--Adults' evening  
evangelistic service; 7:30--Y.P. evening worship; Rev. Ku-  
zuhara, speaker.

L.A. REFORMED CHURCH

202 N. San Pedro Street

Rev. K. Suzuki, Pastor

10:00--Sunday school for all ages; 11:30--  
Adults' morning worship service.

LONG BEACH JAPANESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1333 Locust Avenue

Rev. Fujio Sonobe, Pastor

11:00--Morning worship service; 11:00  
--morning worship service. Wednesday: 8:00--Midweek  
prayer meeting; 8:00--Y.P. forum.

MARYKNOLL CATHOLIC CENTER

226 South Hewitt Street

Father Lavery, Superior

Fathers Swift and Clement, Assistants

7:00--First Mass; 9:00--Second Mass;  
10:15--Study club; 7:00--Evening service; Benediction of  
the Blessed Sacrament,

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METHODIST CHURCH

3500 South Normandie Ave.

Rev. Y. Yamaka, Pastor

Rev. Lester Suzuki, Nisei Pastor

6:00--Inter-racial prayer circle, Hollywood Congregational Church; 9:30--Church school for all ages; 11:00--Joint issei-nisei worship service; 7:30--Fellowship Circle-John Wesley League joint Christmas worship.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH

2800 East Third Street

Rev. Z. Ishihara, priest

Rev. C. Kurahashi, Priest

6:00--Morning service; 10:00--Sunday school.

NISHI HONGWANJI TEMPLE

119 N. Central Ave.

Rev. M. Okita, Priest

10:30--Sunday school; 7:00--Evening service.

PASADENA UNION CHURCH

305 Kensington Place

Rev. K. Tajima, Pastor

9:30--Sunday school for children and young people; joint worship for nisei and older nisei.

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL

149 S. 10th St., Montebello

Rev. J. K. Fukushima, Pastor

9:30--Sunday school; 7:00--Young people's meeting.

SANTA MONICA FREE METHODIST

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Burnett, Superintendents

Mr. Frank Omi, Acting Pastor

Miss Edna McQuiggin, Y. P. director

9:30--Sunday school; 11:00--Adult morning worship service.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL

961 S. Mariposa Ave.

Rev. J. M. Yamazaki, Pastor

Rev. J. H. M. Yamazaki, Y. P. Pastor

7:30--Holy Communion; 9:45--Primary school; 11:00--Joint morning service, English sermon, "The Star

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of Bethelhem" by Rev. J.H.M. Yamazaki; 11:30--Christmas practise.

TERMINAL ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH (JAPANESE)

306 Terminal Way

Rev. Kurao Tsuchiya, Pastor

Rev. J. Morikawa, Y. P. Pastor

Miss Virginia Swanson, Missionary

9:00--Sunday school; 10:00--Sunday school;  
11:00--Japanese service; 7:00--Baptist Young People's Union  
meeting; 8:00--Y.P. worship service.

UNION CHURCH

118 N. San Pedro Street

Rev. S. Watanabe, Pastor

9:30--Sunday school; 11:00--Delta Chi  
Singspiration; 11:00--joint Issei-nisei worship service;  
Rev. William Woodard, preacher.

WEST L.A. INDEPENDENT CHURCH

2053 Barry Avenue

Rev. ~~Fujimori~~, D. Hohri, Pastor

9:45--Bible school; 11:00--morning  
worship service

WEST L.A. COMMUNITY (JAPANESE)

1913 S. Purdue Ave.

Rev. Fujimori, Pastor

Rev. H/ V. Nicholson, nisei Pastor

6:30--Prayer meeting; 9:00--Sunday  
school; 10:15--Morning service.

ZENSHUJI SOTO MISSION

128 S. Hewitt St.

Revs. Osada, Tachibana & Suzuki, Priests

10:00--Sunday school service; 10:20--  
Sunday school classes; 11:00--Closing service.

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Small item that graces the front  
page of today's issue:

"Hawaiian-born Japanese  
shot by unknown assailant

"Ambushed and shot in the back by an un-  
known assailant, Satoru Okada, 43, Hawaiian-born Japanese,  
was in a critical condition at the Torrance Memorial Hospi-  
tal today. Physicians give him an even chance to

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recover.

"Okada, a vegetable grower, told police that as he returned home at 2229 Manhattan Beach Blvd., someone lurking in the shadows fired at him with a .12 gauge shotgun. A discharged shotgun shell was found by Police Chief Harry Peterson of Redondo and Deputy Sheriffs Larry Carmack and D. P. Hopkinson."

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Report on the detained Issei receives some prominence, double column on the front page:

"S a f e      a n d      S o u n d  
r e p o r t      f r o m   c a m p

"The japanese aliens who were transferred to the alien detention camp at Fort Missoula, Montana, arrived there yesterday afternoon 'safe and sound', according to word received by The Rafu Shimpo this morning.

"All are fully contented" and well-provided for in comfortable quarters, states a telehram received by this office pending hearings which will be conducted soon."

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This report, I understand, came to us from the City Police department:

"Gardeners must  
secure clearance

"Nisei are asked to advise their gardener parents or friends that they must first get a clearance from the F.B.I. or Immigration Office before they can apply for their new city license for gardening. They must have their alien registration card with them--in fact, the issei are advised to carry their card with them at all times."

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The editorial in today's issue is another piece by Tad Uyeno; it is entitled:

"Give Us a Chance"

"An American war correspondent who, after watching the valor of the British fliers in combat with the numerically superior enemy air force, wrote:

"These are times when only those ready to die can hope to survive."

"We Americans, even the most humble of us, can and must keep in mind the potency of those words.

"In order to live, we must be ready to die for our country.

"Americans of Japanese ancestry, it has been assumed by our Caucasian countrymen, are willing to die for the United States. Yet many Americans are not too sure whether to trust us. They still have their doubts.

"We haven't had the opportunity to prove our loyalty to the country of birth--the United States. Hence Americans doubt our patriotic motives. Some Americans of European descent think the nisei are led by conclusive reasoning and fear to stimulate loyalty rather than through actual love for this country.

"Most positively, Americans of Japanese ancestry must prove that their loyalty to America does not emanate from verbal expressions alone. Willingness to prove their love for this country by performing patriotic deeds has greater significance to the American people.

"Therefore, we were highly elated to read in the official report by Secretary of Navy Frank Knox in his investigation of the damages wrought to Pearl Harbor by Japan's initial attack on Hawaii that Americans of Japanese ancestry had distinguished themselves by their heroic efforts to defend American soil.

"Mr. Knox told of the nisei deserting their benches in the navy yard to help the marine defense battalion man machine gun nests. Two of them, with hands badly blistered from holding hot gun barrels, required emergency treatment.

"What more can be said of the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry? The story of heroism of the nisei at Pearl Harbor speaks for itself. Can the nisei be trusted? If not, why not? We have confidence in our fellow citizens that they will not let America down in this hour of grave national crisis.

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"We Americans must win this war. Only a conclusive victory will satisfy us. We are ready to die for America so others that will follow us can live in perpetual peace. We have faith in humanity and sincerely believe that right will triumph over sheer force and tyranny.

"In our willingness to sacrifice our lives, we ask fellow Americans to give us the opportunity to serve our cause at the front ranks, not in the back lines, relatively unimportant places, but where the danger is most conspicuous.

"These are times when the American people and their democratic virtues of fair-play and tolerance must be manifested to bring unity within the nation and give every American, regardless of race, color or creed, the equal opportunity to serve his country."

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Interesting advertisements in the English Section  
on the insurance situation:

NOTICE TO ALL JAPANESE

I am pleased to announce that we are still  
writing insurance of all kinds for the  
nisei and also Japanese nationals

S p e c i a l     A n n o u n c e m e n t  
TO OUR PRESENT CLIENTS

All our present policy holders are urged to  
get in contact with our office, at their ear-  
liest convenience...so that we may be able to  
transfer their insurance into another company  
Premiums not earned will also be applied to  
the new policy.

W E N D E L L     J.     O S G O O D  
2001 S. Fagueroa     L.A. Calif.     Phone RI 2132

A similar advertisement is also displayed by the  
Godo Insurance Agency, 117 North San Pedro Street, L.A.  
Telephone Michigan 6493

Hirohata Insurance Agency, 309 Jackson Street, L.A.  
Telephone Vandike 6849

Nobe Insurance Agency, 312 East First Street, L.A.  
Telephone Michigan 9854

Ito Insurance Agency, 117 N. San Pedro Street, L.A.  
Telephone Vandike 8412

Their signatures appear at the end of the following message:

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"We are pleased to announce that we are able to write All Kinds of Insurance for the Issei as well as for the Nisei.

"We wish to assure those who have special notices of cancellations from the Employers Casualty Company that we have placed their insurance with other companies. We will appreciate your contacting our office to report the coverages desired."

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*      Through Government Permission, we
*      are happy to announce the continuation
*      of business at Kakita-Yahata Electric
*      Company. We are grateful for this opp-
*      ortunity given us.
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*      Radio, Washing Machines, Refreigerators
*      Sewing Machine Repairs
*
*      K A K I T A - Y A H A T A
*      Electrical           Company
*
*      334 East First Street      MA 8344
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The proprietor of the F & K Garage has been taken into federal custody, but the firm continues to operate in the hands of his son:

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.   We are happy to announce our business will
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.       operate as usual
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.       Auto Sales and Repair Work
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.       F   &   K   G A R A G E
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.       750 So. Central Ave.      MA 3188
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Mary Oyama's "Daily Letter":

"Dear Folks:

"Americans of Japanese descent who happen to have Caucasian American friends have had the same experience;

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shortly after war was declared, the American friends all telephoned or wrote letters expressing their 'stronger than ever' personal friendships. Not only did they offer both financial and moral support, but also any service in official or unofficial capacity to help any nisei who might be in trouble because of the present crisis.

"One said, 'You folks will have to be a little indulgent with some of us. Some will be rather silly and inclined to treat you folks badly--out of ignorance, suspicion. Don't judge these hastily or harshly. There'll probably be 'slop-overs on both sides', but they won't be common.

"In view of all the pressure on the nisei, I only hope that Caucasian Americans will be half as decent about everything as the nisei. Such a half would be a victory."

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Other minor items in the day's sheet:

"Nisei writers to discuss  
material for radio script

"Nisei writers and interested persons are invited to an important meeting to discuss dramatic material to be presented on a radio program over KFVB sponsored by the Fight for Freedom Committee, at the home of Mrs. Mary Mittwer, 1056 N. De Garmo Drive, telephone AN 22272, this Monday evening, 7:30 p.m.

"Ross Wills, scenario writer at RKO will present his plans for a documentary film of the nisei and their situation since the war broke out."

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San Diego girl  
in volunteer corps

"SAN DIEGO.--Merry Tanaka, formerly Merry Imaizumi of Palm City, has the distinction of being the first Japanese girl to register for Volunteer Home Defense with the local authorities. She is also a member of the California Women's Cadet Corps and is seen with her uniform.

"As a member of this corps Mrs. Tanaka is assigned to Red Cross and Ambulance division along with various other duties. Many other girls of San Diego County are expected to follow her by signing up"

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"Opening in YWCA office

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"Applications are now being accepted by the Japanese Y.W.C.A. for the position of group work secretary who will assume duties on Feb. 1. The letter should state experiences in the line of group work, education, experiences and references. Applications should be sent to Mrs. T. Sashihara, 1217 W. Shorb Ave., Alhambra.

"Sophie Tajima, the current group work secretary, turned in her resignation effective at the end of January. A graduate of Occidental College, she started her work with the 'Y' as Girl Reserves secretary and had her duties increased to group work."

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"Nisei advised to  
work for defense

"GARDENA.--Urging the nisei to volunteer for civilian defense work, two prominent officials of Gardena Valley spoke at a special cabinet meeting of the Gardena Valley Citizens League recently. They are Patrick MacDonnell, Gardena C. of C. secretary and Civilian Defense Coordinator of the district and Jack Finn, Harbor City American Legion member and civilian defense chmn. of the Lomita, Harbor City, Torrance areas.

"President Fred Ikeguchi, presided over the meeting. During the business part of the meeting, the membership chmn. asked all members and prospective members to contact the membership-at-large in their respective district for membership in the League next year."

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"Scout leaders receive note  
to be tolerant to Japanese

"All Boy Scout officials, scoutmasters, skippers and cubmasters were recipients of a Scout-o-gram asking volunteer leaders to setting the proper example in tolerance toward the scouts of Japanese ancestry. The notes were sent by Ernest E. Voss, a scout executive. It read as follows:

"'Please do your best to maintain discipline by discouraging any mobilization, except on call of higher authority.

"'We would also appreciate it if you would impress upon all your volunteer leaders the extreme necessity for also setting the proper attitude in tolerance toward our Boy Scouts of Japanese ancestry.

"'You have a big job to do!

"Our first responsibility these days is to develop the effectiveness of our own movement and to maintain our own poise in the face of any situation which may arise. Boy

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Scout leaders should set the example in calmness, and poise and in discouraging war hysteria wherever it evidences itself.

Scoutingly yours,

ERNEST E. VOSS  
Scout Executive"

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"Army officers  
study Nihongo

"U.S. Army officers and enlisted men of the Fourth Army at the Presidio in San Francisco probably know more about The Rafu Shimpo than our nisei readers. Since Nov. 1, 30 copies a day have been ordered and delivered to the Presidio to be used as a text in their Japanese language classes."

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"Make it a habit - BUY DEFENSE SAVINGS STAMPS  
Defense Stamps sold  
at the Rafu Shimpo

"Defense Postal Savings Stamps of 10, 25, and 50 cents are now being sold at The Rafu Shimpo office for the convenience of persons unable to go up to the Post Office. Defense Stamp Albums also can be obtained.

"When filled with proper Defense Postal Savings Stamps, the different stamp albums have a cash value in exchange for Defense Savings Bonds.

"The 10 cents stamp album containing 50 stamps will have a total stamp value of \$5 and may be exchanged for a \$5 stamp and album.

"The 25 cents stamp album containing 75 stamps will have a total stamp value of \$18.75 which will buy a Defense Savings Bond worth \$25 in 10 years.

"The 50 cents stamp album containing 75 stamps with a total of \$37.50 buys a Defense Savings Bond worth \$50 in 10 years.

"The \$1 and \$5 stamp albums can be purchased at the Post Office.

"All nisei and issei are urged to support the government in buying Defense Stamps as much as they can afford."

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December 23, 1941: First day back at the office after jail. Called this morning at William Fleet Palmer's office and had nice talk with him. He apparently knew of my detention and said he was glad to "see the spirit with which you took it." I never discussed, for the moment, any of the legal aspects of my being held in custody. After all, I was out, wasn't I? When I said to him, "I think the whole thing's been a mistake and I never should have been in jail at all," he merely said: "War is a difficult time. You aren't the first man to have been erroneously and not legally held in jail, and you won't be the last." He then said that my associations with persons who are now being held in custody, the fact of my position with the newspaper would be regarded as suspicious in times such as these and so long as I was innocent of wrongdoing, I should not object to opportunities to clear myself. He's such a good old guy and a straightshooter, I can't help but like and admire him deeply. At one point in our conversation, he said: "Suppose you were the District Attorney for Southern California and suppose I were the English Editor of the Los Angeles Japanese Daily News. Now suppose I had been eating beans in jail like you have been and came up here, under war circumstances; and suppose I asked you, 'how come you order me into jail?' And then suppose you tell me, now you go into that corner and write down all the possible reasons why, in wartime it would be necessary to hold certain people for thorough investigation. Now I'll bet I could put down a lot of reasons."

I tell him that our acting publisher and editor (A. Komai and J. Inouye) think it would be a good idea to reinstate me in our readers' minds as being reasonably whitewashed before going back to the English editorial desk. Palmer says: "Run an article saying the reports of your demise are ~~exaggerated~~ ~~exagger~~ exaggerated!" I ask him: "Is it all right to write about some of the things I saw in jail?" He suggests I sit down and write a column, and he'll offer suggestions. A lot of things have been in my mind anyway, so I got out to the outer office and Mrs. Martin lets me use the table in the corner to write the column. Forty-five minutes later, I go back into Mr. Palmer's office and he reads the stuff. He goes through it rapidly, pauses at one point. He asks: "doe you really think there were cases where the men suffered personal ~~ingi-~~ indignities?" I say: "Well, when they lined us up for our first bath in days, I mean shower, one big fat sadistic guard kept batting us around; he slapped me without provocation, I thought; and some of the poor old men who didn't understand English very well, really got shoved." Mr. Palmer thinks the sentence might be easily misinterpreted or distorted. He doesn't say anything more. I tell him: "I think I'll delete that part." He smiles. He's a

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wise old man as well as a wonderful person. So, under a big two-column picture, which utter lack of modesty on my part permits us to publish, we print the following column in today's English Section:

"B y T O G O T A N A K A

"BACK at our desk after two weeks' absence, we're slightly confounded, no less, by rumors, rumors, rumors.... Among them,

"THAT I've been on a 'vacation' while scores of calls for help or sympathy went a'begging. It ain't so. I've been in jail, three of them, 11 days and nights.

"THAT the carte de menu of Lincoln Heights jail is elegant. LIKE HECK. It positively hit the low deck in all my gastronomic adventures. (Beans, beans, beans.)

"THAT there are no bed bugs in the Central Jail. OH HO! My left fist turned as big as a red cabbage that first night.

"THAT I am thumbs down on all jails. No sir. The County bastille serves good substantial food, takes really good care of cell mates.

"THAT I enjoyed my enforced sojourn in confinement. JAIL'S NO JOKE, but we actually got enough sleep (lights out at 9 o'clock), there were no jangling telephone calls, no appointments to rush to, and no lunches on the run. I ate.

"THAT everybody in jail around me was drooping chin on floor, neck in sling, ready to commit suicide. Of over 200 men with whom I came into contact, practically all ate heartily, showed no bad spirit, could still forget their plight long enough to laugh at a joke. Two men went crazy in the next tank one night. They're Italians said the jailer.

"THAT all the Issel fathers now in custody are Fifth Columnists, their property subject to confiscation, their children the offspring of Fifth Columnists, therefore, shhh! We've heard this hysterical baloney since coming on the outside. The F.B.I. isn't saying a word, but the real check-up hasn't even started. Things equalize in the wash. Those in custody are to be given hearings, and until then, judge not lest ye be judged. And hardly then.

"THAT the Anti-Axis Committee has missed the bus in winning even majority confidence hereabouts... so many complaints, complaints. We hope not. People get unreasonable, somewhat hysterical at such times as the last

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fortnight. We're settling down now the real work lies ahead.

"THAT the Anti-Axis Committee, following the sorrowful pattern of pre-war local groups, is already being torn by petty bickering, squabbles, clashes. Again we hope not. For the record: The Committee was organized the night of Sunday, Dec. 7 in The Rafu Shimpo kitchen. This newspaper called and opened the meeting. Our publisher, who preceded and outlasted me in confinement, baptised the Committee with its first treat--osushi. That night we undertook its first public relations assignment--a plea for fair play to the nisei over KMTR in a 15-minute broadcast. Next morning we introduced representatives of the Committee in the office of U.S. Attorney Palmer, made arrangements to have the Committee entrusted with vernacular press compliance with the Military Espionage Act of 1917. Then we called on Mayor Fletcher Bowron's office, posed for newspaper pictures. Thirty minutes later, I was in jail.

"THAT all the contacts I made for my newspaper in Washington, D.C. have been utterly useless. Time will tell, and we shall see.

"THAT the editor and publisher of a sheet generally but unfairly called a Communist never went to jail. BUT HE DID. We were in the same tank for two days.

"THAT only those of German, Italian, Japanese background were rounded up in the first few days. MY CELLMATE for two nights was a big Russian. Why, I asked, are you here? He scratched his head, could only figure out: "I've been getting a Jewish restaurant woman mad for three years by going to her place and saying 'Heil Hitler'". Perhaps.

"THAT the Nisei's biggest group problem is that of economic survival. We wonder. It will depend on how you look at it. We're at war now. We've seen it coming. In May, 1941, they invited us to Berkeley to address a U.C. Intercollegiate Advance. War is coming, we said, so be morally prepared, take your stand as Americans. Pessimistic damfool, our fellow S.F. editors said in print. But not Dr. Monroe Deutsch, vice-president & provost of the University of California, friend, counsellor and guide. 'Sink your buckets where you are.' This is the test.

"THAT the issei oldsters in detention were mistreated. Remove the anguish and uncertainty over their loved ones at home, and they were a pretty happy lot at that. While subjected to booking, to which hardly any of them were accustomed, they were openly thankful for the generally kind and considerate treatment all around. Considering that the F.B.I., Immigration, County Sheriff and

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City Police personnel was completely overworked, this is almost a miraculous.

"THAT everybody who went to jail the first week is considered more 'dangerous' than those still to go through the mill. Hardly.

"THAT the first generation Japanese cannot make good Americans and therefore must all be suspected. We challenge that statement more than ever now. ✓

"THAT life isn't strange and interesting. WELL, anyway, the road from a filet mignon on the dining room table of the Waldorf Astoria in New York to scooping out beans from a battered old tin plate esconced on the cement floor near the chamber pot of a cell in tank 11F2 County jail--all within less than a month--is a horse of some stripe.

"We came out of jail with enough notes to write two memoirs. What less than a war could produce such a situation where men opened a lifetime of living to a stranger willing to listen?"

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Palmer thought that would do, and we are to call on him nearly every day. He says he will appreciate having us keep in touch with him. The whole staff feels a little more secure and safer if we do that.

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The Anti-Axis Committee released a statement for publication today:

"In a special statement released through the Anti-Axis Committee, President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California urged all American citizens to counteract any unreasonable prejudice towards American citizens of races other than white. His statement follows in full:

"We Americans, in spite of our democratic ideals, too often allow unreasonable prejudice to deprive people of ~~ether~~ races other than white, of the full privileges that should be theirs as native-born citizens of the United States. This continuing problem threatens to become more acute as Japanese-American relations become more critical. The American citizen of Japanese ancestry is likely to be discriminated against because of superficial physical characteristics that have no influence whatsoever on the quality of his mind, on the strength of his character, or the depth of his loyalty to the United States. Every good citizen should recognize this danger and do all in his power to counteract it, whatever may happen on the other side of the Pacific."

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The Editorial Comment for today was written  
by Tad Uyeno:

"Prove our loyalty"

"In time of peace, one's loyalty to his country is rarely questioned. Especially in democratic America, one has the privilege of criticizing the policy of his country's government, whereas in totalitarian countries one has no choice other than to keep still.

"Whether one's country is at war or at peace, loyalty, of course, is essential.

"Now that America is at war, the time is fully ripe for Americans of Japanese ancestry to show by evidence that their talk of loyalty to America is not merely noise.

"More than ever, Americans are anxious to know how truly loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry are to the United States.

"The occasion, until now, never presented itself for the nisei to proclaim their loyalty to this country. During time of peace, of course, the nisei had made frequent verbal expressions of loyalty and no one contradicted their assertions.

"The treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor, however, makes people think. They are prone to ask: Are Americans of Japanese ancestry loyal to America?

"Our answer is, YES.

"We can prove that we are loyal.

"We pledge allegiance to America. We are ready to die for America.

"The suspicion and surveillance Americans may have toward the nisei are rather discomfoting. Yet the nisei must realize the necessity for such an attitude being taken by the American people, for we have not as yet proven our loyalty by deeds.

"Loyalty is not a commodity. It cannot be bought nor sold. Those who feign loyalty are readily perceived without difficulty. They cannot stand the crucial test.

"We have an objective obligation to the American people. Denouncing Japan is not enough. The nisei must convince fellow Americans that they are sincere in their

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all-out efforts to bring victory to the United States.

"To convince the American people the nisei are sincere, they must utilize their efforts to present a clearer picture and understanding of their own problem to the American people. In other words, they must draw on the sympathy of all Americans.

"American tolerance is not accidental. We must never forget that in our greatest hour of need the American people had not forgotten us or our immediate problems. The Japanese attack was dastardly but their feelings toward us were indeed sympathetic. We had friends among them even when our own race inflicted such great sorrow.

"In taking stock of our own plight and our relations to fellow mankind, we must not shirk our responsibility to remain loyal citizens of this great democracy!"

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Other stories on the English Section front page for today's issue:

"Buddhist Mission in  
advice to followers

"Advice to all Buddhist churches in the United States was issued this week by Rev. Kenryo M. Kumata, nisei priest in the North America headquarters:

"COOPERATION IN THE DEFENSE OF  
OUR UNITED STATES:

"1. Register for Civilian Defense for it offers opportunity to benefit our country and prepare for any emergency.

"2. Enroll in the American Red Cross for its humanitarian work is heartily endorsed by religious believers in the Buddha.

"3. Young Buddhist Associations shall work hand in hand with the Citizens League for young Buddhists are citizens.

"4. Take care of people in your own community who due to the present war, lack adequate housing, clothing, and food. Reassure them spiritually and morally that they need not fear the

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morrow for civilian morale is one of the strongest weapons for successful defense.

"5. Dollars are bullets. Buy Defense Savings Stamps and Bonds. Forego extravagance. Your dollars will help Uncle Sam build the mightiest nation safe for democracy. Take active part in the Defense Savings Stamps and Bonds campaign.

"6. Have faith in the United States of America that right will prevail to make her victorious. Have faith spiritually in the Buddha for comfort of heart."

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"Four girls to instruct  
class under Red Cross

"Four girls in the advanced class of the First Aid course under the ABC Kouncil of the Y.W.C.A. were asked to take a stream-lined instructor's course in order to help teach other groups in First Aid. Praising the girls for their exceptional work and adaptability, the four, Dorothy Wada, May Takasu, Emiko Miyamoto, and Sumiko Sakai were asked by Jack Wilson, instructor, to take this special course.

"The girls will take a course five nights per week to complete the course in as short a time as possible."

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"Tulare mayor praises stand  
taken by two nisei girls

"TULARE.--A letter expressing the sentiments of the majority of understanding American citizens and a commendation from the mayor of Tulare, Gail Bash, for their loyalty and pledge submitted to them last week, was received by Miyo Izumi and Ellen Ayako Noguchi, both of whom are active in the Civilian Defense and other emergency work in the community.

"The loyalty pledge submitted clarified the stand of the local resident Japanese and their American born children and their unquestioned fidelity to the United States. The pledge was published in the Tulare Times and Advance Register and drew many compliments from the readers.

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"The letter from the Mayor read as follows:

"'Dear friends:

"'Thank you for your expression of fidelity to our country and may I say that I sympathize wholeheartedly with you in the difficult position in which you have been placed.

"'There are thousands of Japanese in America and thousands of Americans in Japan who are made to suffer as you are because of the catastrophe that has caused enmity between two great nations. I think you know too that the only help that any of us can offer until many adjustments are made is that just a few futile words of encouragement, offered in kindness and deep sympathy.

"'From the beginning of time the innocent have always suffered for the guilty and I suppose it will always be so until the time when injustices are no more. Still to those who are given these extra burdens to bear, I think there comes a greater mellowing of the spirit and a greater appreciation of life, if they are big enough to stand the strain and emerge unembittered by their ordeal.

"'I can say little more, my American friends, than 'keep your chin up' and live your Americanism as you have in the past, so that all will know that regardless of color of skin or of lineage, that you are real Americans. Then I am sure that in the end all will come out all right.'"

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"Permanent camps planned  
for aliens in southwest

"Germans, Japanese and Italians above the age of 14 deemed 'dangerous to the public peace or safety of the United States' by the Attorney General or the Secretary of War after the hearings which began this week, will be sent to permanent camps to be constructed in the southwestern states, the War Dept. announced today.

"The first of three permanent internment camps is expected to be ready for occupancy early this spring. Until spring, aliens are temporarily interned at various Army camps throughout the nation. Aliens ordered interned permanently will be housed in barracks similar to those provided for soldiers. Southwestern U.S. was chosen because of the favorable climate and location.

"Interned alien enemies are fed the Army's regular garrison ration, and provided clothing of similar material to that given soldiers but dyed a different color and stripped of all Army insignia.

"Guarded areas of certain Army areas are being used as temporary detention camps for several hundred aliens in the United States rounded up by the F.B.I. where adequate civilian facilities are not available. Jails and prisons are not used for this purpose.

"Aliens held for investigation are permitted to testify if they so desire and are permitted counsel and witnesses. The board then makes a recommendation on each case to the commanding general of the department who forwards his recommendation to the War Department for final action on release or internment of the alien."

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"Cooperation  
of clubs asked

"Receiving a letter of confirmation for a production unit under the Anti-Axis committee, the Red Cross headquarters in Los Angeles, through Gurney E. Newlin, commended the action of the nisei and gave them a permit to organize the American-Japanese unit of the Red Cross.

"All clubs and churches desiring to participate are asked to contact the Anti-Axis committee headquarters at 104 S. San Pedro Street or call MU 8634. Efforts will be made to organize sub-stations in different sections of the city where sewing and knitting will be asked to send the number of sub-stations in each district and what part of the city they are located."

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"Family welfare work hours  
revealed by Miss Tsukao

"Families in the San Pedro area desiring financial assistance or consultation of any kind will be given an opportunity to consult Miss Tsuya Tsukao of the International Institute who will be at the San Pedro Family Welfare Office on Wednesday, Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The office is located at 266 W. 5th st. in San Pedro. All matters will be kept in strict confidence."

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"Boy Scouts do their share  
in national defense work

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"Boy Scouts of Troop 379 will do their part in the national defense scheme by issuing instructions in the downtown area to the public during raids, Kei Tanahashi, troop executive, revealed today.

"Pending further instructions from Washington, the troop is acting upon suggestions issued by Boy Scout Headquarters in Los Angeles, Tanahashi said."

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"DO YOU BLAME  
THIS ISSEI?"

"After hearing so much about the 'ham and eggs' drive, old age pensions, and Townsend plans, how can you blame this issei, who upon hearing that aliens were allowed to draw \$100 a month from the bank for living expenses, sent his little boy to the bank to collect. The little boy returned with a, 'Pop, the bank says that you only have \$10 in your deposit. What does he mean?'"

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"U. S. - Britain form war council

"WASHINGTON.--Creation of a joint Anglo-American War Council, headed by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill was announced today, following Churchill's arrival in Washington last night for conferences with the President on the conduct of the war. Main purpose of the council, it was disclosed, is to plan 'world-wide strategy, world-wide supply, and world-wide victory' against the forces of the Axis powers.

"T a n k e r    raided off San Luis Obispo

"SAN LUIS OBISPO.-- Another attack on an American tanker off the Southern California coast was made today by a Japanese submarine which shelled the Richfield tanker Larry Doheny for two and a half hours this morning. The attack occurred about six miles off Estero Bay, 100 miles north of Santa Barbara and approximately 190 miles north of Los Angeles. The blastings failed to sink the ship which was able to dock at Estero Bay.

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The article written by Nobu Kawai, president of the Pasadena Chapter of the Citizens League, and published in the Pasadena Star-News of Dec. 10, was re-published in full in our English Section today. An accompanying letter to the Star-News by William Carr of Pasadena, was also re-published on our 2nd page:

"Editor of The Star-News:

"As one American to another, I congratulate you on the spirit shown in your publication yesterday of the article by Nobu Kawai.

"Mr. Kawai puts it well when he states that they 'won the confidence of federal, state and local authorities. Their problem now is to demonstrate their loyalty during this major emergency to the man on the street, their fellow Americans.'. The first part of this quotation is substantiated by a very recent article in The Pasadena Star-News by Rear Admiral Clark A. Blakely and others by FBI officials.

"The need for fair play by the 'man in the street' is also evident. Local gardeners have been discharged and Japanese boys in the local markets are being shunned by many and first insulted and then shunned by others. This is unfair and undemocratic, if Navy and FBI reports are reliable.

"However, fair play and democratic principles are not all that is involved. National unity is important too--very important. The older Japanese among us are barred by us from citizenship but have the rights of permanent residents. Their children are full citizens. That's why so many of them are in the Army. Most SouthernCalifornia Japanese have made a united, sustained, and intelligent effort to prove their loyalty. They have gone so far as to help 'federal agencies in apprehending members of their community who are disloyal to America.' That is going all the way.

"In spite of this proof of loyalty, we snub and boycott this American group because of our hate of the Tokyo military group. Who, then, are the disloyal, the local Japanese, or we? Any people discriminated against draws

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within itself and feels bitter; and that's hurting our common cause.

"In spite of this proof of loyalty, we keep on doing this.

"You have done well in welcoming Nobu Kawai to your columns. I know that you will continue to work with him for friendliness and understanding. So may we all. Buying a bunch of carrots with a smile is such a simple way of using the Golden Rule.

"I have used 'Japanese' in referring to Americans of Japanese ancestry, but that phrase is too cumbersome and Nisei too foreign. I use 'Japanese' also for local non-citizen parents and again in speaking of both groups. And Japanese is also the name of our enemies abroad. I'd welcome a civil, usable word or phrase to embrace all the local 'japanese'. How would you say it?"

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Two quotations from the Los Angeles Times are reprinted in today's English Section also:

"Cal-Lani club brings cheer  
to patients in sanitarium

"Cal-Lanis rate top place in godmother Alma Whitaker's Timescolumn again. She writes:

"'SWEETEST EXPERIENCE is to have those 20 little Japanese girls who have done so many kind things for the column ask to be allowed to 'help make Christmas merry for some youngsters, in spite of the heartaches and burdens of our race.'

"'I had a list of tuberculosis patients in a sanitarium facing a forlorn Yuletide and know I can depend upon these dear girls giving them a little gift. I also gave them the name and address of a boy in service in Hawaii, who is the son of a very poor widow, supporting other children--who was not going to get anything from home. I told them it would be delightfully ironic if they cared to send him a token of their loyalty to Uncle Sam'".

Columnist urges Japanese  
to show some action

"Lee Shippey, popular Times Columnist

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of Lee Side O'L.A. ran an item about the Anti-Axis Committee of Japanese-Americans, in yesterday's paper. 'It would be a smart thing for that committee to campaign among loyal Japanese, for funds to buy a bomber or finance a Red Cross unit.'

"WQuoting a reader, he continues, 'Disloyal Americans can walk the streets unnoticed but anyone looking like a Japanese is under suspicion. I believe the Nisei are loyal. Let's give them a chance.'"

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An article sent in to both the English and Japanese sections:

"School staff tells accord  
with sentiments of issei

"During normal times, most of us jog along taking each other for granted but in times of crisis, we find out the true worth of people. Take, for example, the attitude of Japanese parents and teachers in the East Hollywood district as reflected in the following exchange of letters during this war against Japan:

"To Mr. H. A. Grindley  
Principal of Ivanhoe  
Grammar School

"We, the Japanese Mothers and Fathers of this District wish to convey a message of our determination to serve the United States in any call, great or small, and to honor 'Old Glory' and forever keep this beautiful adopted homeland the 'land of the free and the home of the brave'.

"We are standing by our children, the American citizens, and faithfully will abide by the laws of good Americans.

Very sincerely,  
Japanese Mothers  
and Fathers.

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"Dear Japanese friends  
in this district:

"The communication received from the Japanese residents and neighbors of this district has been read with sympathetic understanding by the entire staff of this school. We are

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heartily in accord with the purposes and sentiments set forth by all the signers of the letter.

"We are all going to feel the stress and strain of war conditions, especially the war with Japan that has so treacherously been forced upon us. We, who a kind fate has allowed natural citizenship, have a grave responsibility, namely that of preserving a discriminating attitude towards all those who consider America to be their adopted country.

"During the heat of conflict it is so easy for vicious and thoughtless citizens to cause harm and slander to harmless and innocent foreign born nationals.

"We feel that you all deserve our sympathy and during the times when you are caused embarrassment and are misunderstood, be encouraged by the fact that we know you and your children. Your acts of kindness and cooperation with community enterprises are remembered. Though some of you are denied citizenship we feel and know that you are one with your fine children, in your love of our American nation and the Democratic ideals for which we are striving.

Yours sincerely,  
H.A. Grindley, Principal  
of the Ivanhoe School in  
the L.A. City School District."

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"Bay District reaches  
quota in fund drive

"Bay District J.A.C.L. became the first chapter of the Southern District Council to turn in its quota for the Anti-Axis committee work, it was announced by the headquarters this morning. Other chapters of the Council are expected to be heard from shortly.

"Ever since Dec. 8 the Anti-Axis Committee has been doing commendable work in behalf of the loyal Americans of Japanese descent and the alien Japanese who are permanent residents of the United States and who are loyal American citizens in every respect although they cannot become citizens by law."

December 24, 1941: Not a very outstandingly joyous Christmas eve. The newspaper seems a little ill at ease, what with H. T. Komai, Hiroshi Suzuki and Take-mura gone and others on the staff jittery about when the F.B.I. will come knocking at their doors some night. Clarence Uno of San Gabriel came into the office today. He showed me a card identifying him and permitting him to travel without molestation; it is signed by Captain Burns of the Temple City Sheriff's sub-station. Uno said that the Japanese out in San Gabriel Valley were all quite uneasy about the situation. The Fuji vegetable stand had been hard hit, he said; he did not elaborate. Jiro Oishi, the University of Southern California student, had been taken into custody, as well as several other kibeis, Uno said. He said that Mrs. Hyakutaro Mori, mother of two children and expecting a third, had been left in considerable difficulties after her husband was arrested and taken into custody by the F.B.I. I recalled being in the same cell with Mori several days in the County jail. He is one of these pseudo-intellectuals of the Japanese nationalistic variety, a youngish Issei and in jail he was quite openly elated over the reading of the news of Japan's victories in the opening battles of the war. Mrs. Mori and the children are being looked after now, Uno said.

Herbert Wada called from the Seventh Market. Things are slow to pick up at the market for the Japanese-owned houses after the initial set-back, but there is order coming out of it all, he said. It's a pretty jittery Christmas, though, and bonuses are certainly not what they were last year.

Roy McMillan of the Chamber of Commerce called by telephone to ask how everything went. He used to be a great friend of George H. Nakamoto before the latter went off to Japan and began, McMillan says, failing to acknowledge his letters. McMillan thinks the newspaper ought to undertake "a big public relations campaign" to sell your Nisei American citizenship to the public.

December 26, 1941: The International Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce is interested in "furthering" better understanding" of the local Nisei, we are told. They want the English Editor to speak to them January 5 at one of their meetings. Attorney Max Kolliner, 94930 Bartlett Building, 215 West 7th Street, called today to extend the invitation. We accepted.

Called on William A. Carmichael, director of the Immigration and Naturalization office in Los Angeles. He is the man to see regarding procedure on how families of interned men may reach relatives detained in custody. His office: 1307 Federal building.

George Inagaki, of the Bay District J.A.C.L., came into the office this noon; we went out to lunch together. He says he's feeling all right, even though the place he has been managing, the Kitagawa Nurseries, is still closed. He hopes the government will open it up soon.

Joe Shinoda called. He is anxious to know "what's cooking?" He thinks "they're already pressuring the Japs; I can smell the wolves beginning to breathe on our necks. Is our business safe?" He says San Lorenzo had a fair Christmas, but it was lousier than last year. San Lorenzo Nurseries is reputed to be the third largest greenhouse in California.

George Kubo dropped in. He was one of the part time staff workers on our Graduation Editions. He is in his late teens, a recent graduate of Roosevelt high school. He said that a drunken man came into the fruit stand where he was working and grabbed him by the collar and asked him, "Can you tell the difference between a Chinese and a Jap?" He said that his father was dismissed from his job as janitor at Bullock's on the first day after war broke out. However, he added that his father had returned to work since.

Barker Brothers department store, before war, did \$6000 a month business through its Japanese department headed by a Mr. Kurahashi and two other people. This department is 15 years old; it is now closed down.

Frank Kito, the attorney, called by telephone to ask what things were like in Little Tokio. He is located in the Terminal building at the Seventh Street Market. He wanted to know when the street signs in little Tokio forbidding any automobile parking would be removed. This same question was raised by Shigemi Aratani of the Pacific Printing Company, located on east First street. Aratani is representing the Anti-Axis Committee on this matter, he said: "There isn't any more

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need for the 'No Parking' signs in Little Tokio; it hurts our business; the necessity for the restriction has died down."

Fred Tayama called in person at the office to report on the last meeting of the Anti-Axis Committee. He said that Eiji Tanabe had put in an appearance at the meeting, and he was at once challenged by Tokio Slocum, who wanted to know what a suspected person like Tanabe was doing at the meeting. Tayama said that Eiji felt pretty bad and made no answer but just looked rather sad about it. The Committee decided to let him stay, over Slocum's rather violent attack. Eiji was jailed as a suspected subversive, Slocum said, like Tanaka.

Frank Sakamoto, who used to work for Shigemi Aratani at the Pacific Printing Company, and who is one of the more vocal kibeis of Southern California, called us all the way from Guadalupe where he evidently has been working the past months. He wanted to know what the regulations were regarding possession of short wave radios and cameras. We read him the latest regulations which we have received from the office of the United States District Attorney.

We're getting a number of inquiries from readers all over about what to do about short wave radions in automobiles. Should they be removed from the cars completely? The answer, as best we are able to get it from Mr. Palmer's office is, yes. What about the radios in the hotels and rooming houses? The owners or operators of such places should clear the machines from their buildings too if there are any aliens in them at any time. Technically, it is okay for citizens to retain them, but the F.B.I. is given a certain amount of discretion to take into custody any suspicious cases, so we are told, and so we publish. If there is an enemy alien in the structure or house, then there must be compliance with regulations as if the radio were owned by the enemy alien. The idea is to prevent any enemy alien from access to such machines, Palmer's office explains. Some readers want to know what to do with their ancient Japanese swords which they are collecting? Are they considered as weapons of the banned kind? Palmer seems a little perplexed by this one, but the answer is also forthcoming. Turn 'em in and be safe.

Our newspaper pressman, Mr. Obana, said he had been told by the Bell Telephone Company that his phone had been disconnected. He said they didn't explain why they were doing it so he could understand. He wondered if this was happening to all Japanese homes. He said further that he had been told it would cost him four dollars to have it re-connected.

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Tad Uyeno reported to us today that there were rumors current in San Gabriel Valley to the effect that Nisei sergeants in the Army were being demoted to privates, and for no reason at all. Another report, he said, has it that Nisei soldiers have been assigned to flushing toilet bowls and other such duties since outbreak of war; in many cases their pay has been cut. The rumor is to the effect that the Nisei in the Army are getting a raw deal.

The office is gathering as many affidavits for H.T. Komai's appeal for release as possible. We finally narrowed down to four most likely character references the following: Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News whom H. T. Komai knew in the days when Boddy was a young, idealistic, whiskey-drinking fertilizer salesman; Judge Frank Collier of Pasadena; Father Hugh Lavery of the Catholic Maryknoll Mission; and Marcus Roberts, the attorney for the newspaper. H. T. used to talk about the days when Manchester Boddy wrote one of the first English language editorials for The Rafu Shimpo back in the early twenties.

#### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S PUBLISHED NEWS (English Section)

"Story of the Day"-- The post-holiday slack at the wholesale union terminals today failed to blur the fact that nearly complete normalcy has returned to the produce industry since the confusion of the war's first week. (1) Over 90 per cent of working personnel has maintained jobs without appreciable losses. (2) All but three of the Japanese-owned market houses are continuing business under normal conditions. (3) The three still closed down may be re-opened pending hearings for their heads. (4) Christmas bonuses were smaller generally for most workers but reports were current that New Year bonuses, inspired by the swift return to regular operations, would be forthcoming. (5) Supplies of produce are normal, exceeding demand; business was slow today. (6) Reports of frost over many areas foreshadows smaller crops and higher prices in the next months. (7) There has been no major racial flare-up or incident at the Markets; cited, on the contrary, is the employment of nisei Japanese drivers by Chinese houses when the former lost their jobs during the first week. (8) Prices have returned to stable levels following skyrocket leaps in the first week.

"Issei eat Christmas  
turkey, go to Montana

\* The Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Tujunga was empty of Japanese today.

Following a Christmas dinner of

turkey and all the trimmings, the resident issei Japanese detained in the first alien round-up a fortnight ago, were placed aboard trains yesterday evening bound for the federal government internment camp at Fort Missoula, Montana. There they will join several hundred other issei, and a few nisei, awaiting hearings before final decision as to their status for the duration of the war. Several Japanese were released from Tujunga yesterday before the entire group was sent on. While the exact number permitted to return was not divulged, it was believed to be less than five. ....Concern for the health and well-being of parents and relatives in custody was allayed by reports, from those detained. 'We are receiving good food, fine care, please do not worry about us,' was the consensus of those boarding the train last night from the Union Terminal for their detention in Montana."

Another story, captioned:

"Hearing procedure  
announced for aliens"

reprinted a release received from the Department of Justice explaining how those detained by the F.B.I. would be given hearings; it was also published in the Japanese section.

W A R   B U L L E T I N S are brief  
and don't say much:

"SINGAPORE defense lines are holding firmly in the face of mounting Japanese attacks. Smashing counter-offensives by Allied air forces were taking a heavy toll in the southern theatre of the war."

"Luzon battle pitch at  
crisis, invasion bogs

"Outcome of the crucial Battle of Luzon should be known in the next 72 hours, consensus of reports indicated today. The War Department's latest communiques brought heartening reports that U.S. reserve forces were being rushed into the fierce fighting, had stemmed invading Japanese. Furious tank battles raged in southeastern Luzon."

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Letter from a reader, printed under the "Readers' Open Forum" today says:

"In a recent issue of your daily news, I encountered an article concerning the wearing of buttons by the Chinese to distinguish them from the Japanese.

"In my opinion, such practises of the American-born Chinese is a rank discharged of their citizenship during this crisis, due to their fear of being mistaken for a Japanese.

"Personally, I believe these Chinese people as American citizens should seek tolerance for the Japanese people living in this country, instead of isolating themselves and seeing violence done upon some of the unfortunate ones.

"As loyal American citizens living in these, our United States, in times of emergency, we should all forget petty grievances and be united in our defense of our country.

--T.K."

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Other stories on the front page: The Perry Post American Legion is presenting service flags to families of men in the Army; post Adjutant Masao Igasaki made the announcement, adding, "a nominal sum is being charged to handle..." Governor Olson, whose picture is printed, proclaims January 1 as 'Good Neighbor Day' .... Young Shunkichi Ego of Troop No. 33 is reported Fresno's Boy Scout No. 1 by that city's newspapers....

SECOND PAGE:

"Filipinos here friendly  
to resident Japanese

"'We want to be friendly.'

"In brief, that is the feeling of the Filipino population in Los Angeles to resident Japanese.

"To answer the continuous flow of alarming rumors current among issei and nisei following 'stabblings' of Japanese by Filipinos reported in the metropolitan press, The Rafu Shimpō sent staff reporter Edith Kodama to get an accurate picture of Filipino sentiment here.

"Following is her first report filed with the editors:

"\* The Filipino Community Organization of Los Angeles recognized as the representative and semi-official body here promoting the general welfare of some 10,000 local Filipinos welcomed the opportunity of expressing its attitude towards the Japanese community through The Rafu Shimpo.

"Melecio Dellota, president of the group and first vice-president of the Pacific Coast Filipino Inter-Community Organization which embraces some 30,000 members, warmly stated:

"'I can truthfully say that the Filipino residents here have an attitude of friendship towards you. Even if our nation (most of the Filipinos here arrived recently from the islands, and very few are American-born) is at war, still, we people must observe law and order in the United States.

"'We are very sorry of what has happened but we hold no rancor towards you. I, as president of the community have repeatedly warned the Filipinos to refrain from taking the law into their own hands because that is not the way of civilized people.

"In strong terms they have been told not to expect any sympathy from us if they do; they know that we will turn them over to the police. We stand for the relief of suffering and always for law and order.

"'We will be of service to you in relationships with you, will work towards amicable understandings.

"'You will understand that in times like these, especially when our families are being bombed, our people who are less equipped with fortitude and understanding may express their attitude in direct action. But all of us, who understand things, can s readily see your situation.'

"Like the local Citizens League office, Dellota's office receives a constant stream of Filipinos from morning till night receiving donations for war relief work, Red Cross service and issuing certificates and badges of identification.

"Rev. Casiano Coloma, who like Dellota and other level-headed Filipino leaders up and

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down the coast with sound university training, had this to say:

"Your Japanese community is certainly not responsible for the present situation. We must create friendships between the two peoples."

"Rev. Coloma's Filipino Christian church which is housed with the Filipino Community organization is the sole church of the Filipino community. Many Japanese members who have inter-married with the Filipinos, and many children of Japanese descent attend services. Rev. Coloma's church and that of Rev. Kojiro Unoura are under the same Christian denominational sponsorship."

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The editorial comment, written by Tad Uyeno, for today:

"Human kindness

"This war has brought a true test of American tolerance and generosity.

"A survey conducted by The Rafu Shimpo in various Southern California communities reveals the fact that the resident Japanese, ever since the war began, have been very cordially treated by Americans everywhere.

"Although Americans are indignant at Japan's perfidy in attacking Pearl Harbor, they realize that the Japanese in America had nothing to do with instigating the attack.

"Americans are expressing their sympathies to the resident Japanese for the unfortunate plight the war has suddenly created.

"What more crystal clear evidence is needed to show the American people's tender and compassionate treatment of the resident Japanese!

"Generally speaking, the genuine, sincere demonstration of good-will accorded the resident Japanese, both citizens and non-citizens, in all American communities is heartening.

"The Rafu Shimpo, speaking on behalf of the resident Japanese, takes this opportunity in thanking the American people for their kindness and generosity in encouraging the resident Japanese to become better Americans by

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their sincere appreciation of democracy.

"In all respects, U.S. Attorney General Biddle(s request to the American public to be tolerant of enemy ~~principle~~ aliens was well heeded by the people.

"Said Mr. Biddle: 'The great majority of our alien population will continue to be loyal to our democratic principles if we, the citizens of the United States, permit them to be.

"As a matter of justice and out of duty to our country, we must, therefore, foster their loyalty and give it our encouragement. We must remember especially, that most of those who came here from other lands did so because they revere and respect the freedom which America is able to offer them."

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J.A.C.L. news for today:

"Residents urged to purchase  
Defense Savings bond now

● SANTA BARBARA.--An active campaign in national defense activities, with emphasis upon the purchase of defense savings bonds, was launched by the Santa Barbara Citizens League chapter.

● Members are contacting all residents in the area bounded by Rincon on the south and Goleta on the north, to purchase bonds. Donations for the Red Cross drive are also being collected at this time, president Tom Hirashima announced.

Publications of all new rules and regulations to the resident Japanese is being planned by the League as a clearing house for the government and these nationals. These defense activities were given prominence in a write-up in the Dec. 22 issue of the Santa Barbara News-press."

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"Business firms get 'thank-you' notes

"Copies of the following letter were sent to the Downtown Business Men's

Association, the J.W. Robinson Co., Von's Grocery Co., The Chili Bowls, and the Roberts Public Markets in Venice by Mrs. Curtis S. Albro, president of the Los Angeles Y.W.C.A. with the cooperation of the Anti-Axis Committee:

"The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Young Women's Christian Ass'n wishes to commend those firms who have not allowed themselves to be influenced by prejudice and fear in their relationship to their Japanese employees and their Japanese patrons.

"Only by a continuation of such a calm, thoughtful and democratic attitude can we hope to avoid confusion and hysteria."

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Today's news of "Organization Activities" is topped by :

"Y.W.C.A. clubs distribute  
cheer to needy people"

"The Y.W.C.A. Thanksgiving Christmas Fund Drive sponsored by the Inter 'Y' Council of the Y.W.C.A. under the leadership of Lillian Bannai collected approximately \$100. Proceeds were given to the Japanese Children's Home, Old People's Home, and Miss Tsuya Tsukao of International Institute for her Christmas work among needy families.

"Donors include 27 Y.W.C.A. Clubs, and the Chuo Y.W.B.A., Belmont Fuji Kai and Tartan Juniors, Y.W. clubs include the following: Gazelles, Cardinelles, Cub-Bettes, Wee Duchesses, Kilaueans, Loha Tohelans, Sub-Debs, Tri-u's, Estrellitas, Tri-U-Jrs., Embas, Blue Circles, Chatelaines, Mademoiselles, Bellamians, Kayans, Toquiwas, Pimpernels, Cordelians, Trisians, Archerettes, Queen Esthers, Aletheas, Phydellis, and First Nighters.

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"Hollywood Y.W.B.A. elect  
new officers at meeting"

"New officers were chosen at a recent election of the Hollywood Y.W.B.A.: Kay Hara, former secretary, is the new president; Yuri Tanaka, vice-pres.; Seiko Kamimura, sec'y; Harue Kodama, treas.; and Meiko Fujihiro, Board of Directors representative.

"The new cabinet will be installed soonnwith

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Chizuko Ichigo as general chairman. Officers will meet at a special meeting soon to discuss plans for civilian defense work.

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"BUSSEI ATHLETIC MANAGERS  
TO MEET ON SUNDAY

"An important meeting of the L.A. Betsuin Y.B.A. Athletic managers has been set for Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Nishi Hingwanji temple. All representatives are urged to attend.

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"W.L.A. welfare committee  
to care for needy families

"EST LOS ANGELES.--Emergency adjustments for families in need of help were discussed at a meeting of the West L.A. Welfare Committee last Sunday at the West L.A. Community church under the chairmanship of Rev. Fujimori. Members decided that a basket of sympathy be given to the various families in need of moral encouragement.

"To keep in contact with old and probable new cases, the committee will meet regularly every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the church. Members of the group are daily investigating and visiting all families in need of help.

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MARY OYAMA'S "Daily Letter":

"DEAR FOLKS:

"After more than 15 years of identical conclusion as that of active participation in the Japanese and nisei community activities, we have also arrived at the identical conclusion arrived at by Warren Tsuneishi and Charles Kikuchi in 'Our Greatest Single Fault' (Rafu Shimpō English Section, Dec. 21). We do not believe in 'Japanese' clubs, organizations, Y.M.C.A.'s, churches, and even the J.A.C.L.

"Many outstanding Caucasian Americans and leaders of Japanese ancestry have also voiced the same opinion. Many have said to us: 'We Americans think that you nisei Americans can get much further politically by joining the Young Republicans, the Democratic Youth Federation, the American churches, and so forth than by remaining apart in separate J.A.C.L.'s, churches and organizations--'

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"NOW IS THE TIME

"For this reason the Nisei Democrats affiliated with the Caucasian American group and are now the Twentieth Century club. The Writers group dropped the word 'Nisei' and have admitted Caucasian Americans into membership. We hope to see them soon affiliated with the larger body of the American Writers Group, the Student Nisei and the Salon Group, also have fifty-fifty memberships. We are entering the Era of the Great Change in our nisei and Japanese community."