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San Francisco, Calif.

To HONORABLE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
President of the United States.

HONORABLE HENRY L. STIMPSON,
Secretary of War.

HONORABLE CLARENCE F. LEA,
Chairman of the California Delegation in Congress.

House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

*This is the action today of
the committee*

Washington dispatches published here today that Army has already permitted the movement of Japanese back to West Coast and some Japanese reported already here, and that the Western Defense Command has adopted a policy of permitting Japanese evacuees to return to this Area in opposition to the often-expressed convictions of the overwhelming majority of the People of California that no Japanese should be allowed on the Pacific Coast during the continuance of the War.

The California State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Japanese Resettlement in session in San Francisco unanimously and vigorously protests such action and policies. After several months of investigation throughout California, and the holding of numerous hearings, this Committee fears and knows that the relocation in this State of the Japanese during the War will inevitably lead to violence and bloodshed, thus creating an excuse for the mistreatment of American civilian and military prisoners in Japan, many of whom are citizens of this State. Furthermore, because of the extreme difficulty, if not impossibility of determining the loyalty of any Japanese, foreign or native born, we believe that such action would further the dangers of sabotage and espionage, endangering the security of a vital and important military area on the Pacific Coast. Peace officers of California in every hearing have strongly urged that Japanese be not permitted in California during the War period. We urge you to do all in your power to prevent any such unfortunate and disastrous action or policy as that indicated by the Washington dispatch.

California State Senate Fact-Finding
Committee on Japanese Resettlement
Senator HUGH P. DONNELLY, Chairman
Senator HERBERT W. SLATER
Senator IRWIN T. QUINN
Senator GEORGE J. HATFIELD
Senator JESS R. DORSEY

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