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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Dear Editor: *268*

I would suggest that citizens of Sonoma and throughout our valley organize an Anti-Japanese Association patterned after the new organization in Vacaville mentioned by the Index-Tribune on January 5th.

Anyone interested in starting the "ball to roll" can obtain particulars by communicating with Geo. Kirbyson, president of the Anti-Japanese Association of Vacaville, or Morris Dally of Elmira, the secretary of the new organization.

Let us work toward keeping our beautiful wholesome valley, yes, all of Sonoma county unspoiled from the taint of contamination by otherwise having to rub elbows with this simian-like breed.

Sincerely,
V. K. McKINNEY.

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Settle In Middle West

Editor of The Bee—Sir: A great deal of deduction is needed to answer the question: Are there American Japanese? Those who were born in this country in the last 25 years and raised in a peace loving family are real Americans. These Japanese went to the same schools, movies and football games our children attended. Most of them palled around with our kids. Many were trained and had such perfect manners as to be welcome guests anywhere. Unless they were influenced by older people, and their minds poisoned against America such Japanese are loyal Americans.

But the Japanese from Japan never have been and never will be true loyal Americans and cannot be trusted. Regardless of what they say or how much flag waving they do they are loyal to Japan. That is why our government should not take any chance by allowing them to return to the coastal areas where they will be in a position to help the enemy. Nor should they be kept in concentration camps. They should establish their farms and homes in the central states where they can make a living with no hard feelings on either side. They will not object to this arrangement if they love America and want to prove that love.

It is so hard to keep ourselves from being consumed by race hatred when we read every day of the cruelty and tortures inflicted on our own dear ones. It is hard to keep our minds on the love thy neighbor policy. So for our own and the Japanese's sake they should either be left in the camps or sent to the inland states.

MRS. NORA M. JACKSON.

West Sacramento.

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OAKLAND, CALIF.

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Same Punishment Is Urged For Socalled Master Races

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I share the opinions of Public Thinks column writers who oppose the return of the Japanese to the west coast, or to any part of the United States for that matter, but I am afraid some are not using sufficient intelligence in discussing this question.

What are we supposed to do with American born Japanese who are fighting side by side with the American boys, proving to America they are loyal to her unto the end? Would the United States Constitution permit us to throw her loyal Japanese out?

I, too, know what the Japanese are doing to our boys and the catastrophe they almost brought upon the United States but I think we are a little too hasty and unreasonable in executing a judgment just to say, "Send them all back." It is not a solution to this problem.

Another question worthy of consideration is the matter of disloyal Germans who are living under the American Flag and whose attitudes towards this country are gravely questionable. No doubt, eventually more of these classes will be permitted to flock to the shores of America although by their very bullets the brave sons of America have fallen on the battlefields and we do not dare to say a word about these butchering Germans.

There is no need to get angry every time we hear of Japanese returning here. Are not the Germans just as cruel and savage, just as ruthless and treacherous? Are they not shocking the whole world with their atrocities, inflicting untold suffering upon millions?

The world never has seen a nation so advanced in science and culture, endowed with intellect, and yet executing such incredible atrociousness beyond human comprehension. These are the highly civilized, socalled master races guilty of mass violation of international laws and which surely deserve the same manner of treatment as the Japanese.

Fresno. HARRY G. MARCUS.

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LOS ANGELES

PORTLAND, ORE

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Defends Ration Move

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I am burned up over some of the letters criticising the OPA for its action on the ration stamps. First of all, I am not on any government payroll job but do have two boys in the service and both have been in hospitals for the past three months.

Why do these critics not stop and think a bit before they start yelling and criticising the thing that was put into effect to help win this war? If these groaners actually needed the meat or other articles their stamps were good for, they would have used them. If they did not need these articles, what are they crying about?

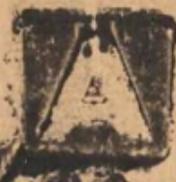
This war is not over yet, but there are many people who are not yet war minded. The least these critics could do is to pray for the fighting boys and to ask God to spare their lives.

I am not too hot about the Japanese coming back to California at this time. People who continue criticising our government for this and that can and will do much more damage to the morale of the men in service and of the people in war plants than by allowing the Japanese to return. Our disgruntled critics should be absolutely ashamed of themselves to yell about a few restrictions we are asked to put up with here.

Fresno.

E. A. NICHOLS.

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SAN DIEGO

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Correspondent Deplores Treatment Of Orientals

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Of all the races of man seeking a new home in America, a strange land to them, the Orientals have had by far the hardest lot.

Having been told here was a country where race means nothing, where men are rated by their achievement and not the color of their skin or the variety of their religion, and that all are treated alike, they set out with zest and fervor to make a living and rear their families among a people as strange to them as they appear to us.

They were industrious, honest, hard working, law abiding, but for these very qualities (generally considered virtuous) a certain class of countrymen hated them. Did they not save nearly all their money without dissipating? What was still worse, they even were guilty of sending part of their hard earned cash home to less fortunate relatives.

That was diabolical sin, in the eyes of certain Americans. Then, sin of all sins when they started investing in real estate. That was the last straw in wickedness. Were they not stealing it from us (in spite of paying good cash on the barrel head)? Were they not trying to take the country from us? That was a dilemma, to be sure.

It was unpatriotic to send their hard earned funds back home; equally unpatriotic to invest it in this country — and then we cry, "unassimilable!" Yes, to be sure, it is hard to assimilate when everything possible is done to prevent one from assimilating.

Again, I repeat, the Orientals were the only races settling in America barred from citizenship and in California even barred from land ownership! Can we assimilate and make a good citizen out of a man we do not accord the rights so proudly proclaimed in the Bill of Rights?

Let us remember friendship and peace (lasting) are not engendered among nations, as well as among individuals, by a constant feeling of superiority of one nation over the other, as has been the case in our dealings with the Orient, as well as our neighbors to the south of us.

Remember, too, that the so-called inferior races of men have just as much right in the sight of God to a higher standard of living as we superior Americans have.

Fresno.

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Report On Survey

Editor of The Bee—Sir: In a house to house canvass recently, a member of one of our committees from a patriotic order (one of the largest and oldest in the United States) found that of more than 600 persons conferred with (all American citizens) only five were in favor of any Japanese evacuees returning to the state at this time, and three of these stated they would want to know they were loyal before being returned.

Similar checkups have been going on throughout the West and the reports show about the same average. The wishes of the American people have been ignored completely, and lives of our boys and the welfare of our citizens seem to mean little or nothing compared to the comfort and welfare of the Japanese evacuees.

Of course the Japanese have great cause for rejoicing, but in the face of overwhelming facts regarding the wishes of the American people, letters from some people would indicate they might profit by getting around and talking with a few real Americans.

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M. O. M.

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Sportsmanship Is Urged In Dealing With Japanese

Editor of The Bee—Sir: President Roosevelt stated on September 14, 1943, "We shall restore to the loyal evacuees the right to return to the evacuated areas as soon as the military situation will make such restoration feasible." The army has announced it now is advisable to permit a gradual return of all Japanese Americans who have been carefully investigated and found loyal.

Is it not about time for the writers of insulting letters to come to the conclusion they cannot convince the ordinary American of any race that there is no difference between a loyal American of Japanese ancestry and an enemy alien? Is it not about time to show some sportsmanship toward a minority whose only offense during all the hell they have been through is that of having parents who did not happen to be born in Budapest or Milan?

Of course the Japanese Government and all its willing cooperatives have been cruel. We all agree to that. But why keep torturing a group of humans who include about 65 per cent to 70 per cent who never saw Japan? The 30 per cent who had, got out. Yes, there are some dangerous ones. Right after Pearl Harbor Uncle Sam did get pretty busy and carefully put away all who had any suspicion attached to them. They will be fed and housed at the expense of the government for the duration.

The military authorities appear to believe it makes sense to permit willing hands which belong to loyal evacuees to return and get busy with useful occupations. Democracy in any country will fail unless all the good citizens share it.

For the benefit of the calamity howlers, I will call attention to the two would be saboteurs arrested in the New York area. They are not Nisei. They were Nazis. Do not confuse them.

Fresno.

W. C. GOODRICH.

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Housing Suggestion

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Since in your recent editorial you raised the bugaboo of defense workers being evicted from their homes to make room for the returning Japanese, I am tempted to suggest, more or less facetiously, that the closing of race tracks by the government seems to have come at an opportune time.

Why could not our patriotic and loyal defense workers be given temporary quarters at Santa Anita and other race tracks until the government housing agencies are able to locate adequate quarters for them? Our Japanese American citizens, you will remember, lived in these quarters cheerfully and uncomplainingly until the government took them to "better" ones.

When you raise this housing shortage scare, you seem to forget the War Relocation Authority has had more than two years' experience in relocating Japanese. In that time, it surely has gained the experience necessary to cope with any housing situation which may arise.

A NATIVE SON.

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JANUARY 5, 1945

Defends Loyal Japanese

Editor of The Bee — Sir: L. B. Simon's letter said some writers in the Public Thoughts column seem to create the impression they favor Japanese, and so intelligently reasons, "could Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor be justified?"

He fails to comprehend the essence of the problem of Japanese living in the United States. He must distinguish between loyal citizens of the United States and the big bad Japanese saboteurs and spys, who I think the government has taken adequate care of.

Moreover, regarding the statement, "Do not forget they can fight against us as well as for us," Simons should be reminded of the fact loyal Japanese, living in the Hawaiian Islands, are not interned, and in spite of the fact the Hawaiian Islands are nearer to the war theaters than California, their record has been admirable.

He further wrote, "Brother, we certainly are facing a very complicated mess." He really can make a mess of it by being narrow minded, bigoted, and uninformed. Need I harp on history which reads ". . . the Indians were the first real Americans in America, then came the Pilgrims . . ."?

I believe that our government has the ability to ferret out the loyal from the disloyal Japanese and still keep the good interests of the nation uppermost.

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A READER.

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Letters to Herald-Express

Poor Mail Service

I wonder why the boys overseas do not receive their mail. Time and again we are asked over the radio and in the press to write to the boys overseas for our letters help keep their spirits high.

I write to my husband every day but he says that he rarely hears from me, and he can't understand why I don't write. It seems that this condition would cause a great deal of misunderstanding.

MRS. ROBERT M. BENEDICT.

Suggests a Grin

I read with some amusement the letter from N. S. Hutton, complaining that he and his wife are unable to buy what they wanted. My father was in the Civil War and I am a veteran of the Spanish War, which might give me special privileges, but I ask for none. I have smoked cigarets for the past 60 years. Now I am struggling with a pipe, which I find

most difficult to keep lighted. I also was cautious in using my red stamps, which the government assured us would be good until used, and now I find they are no good.

Everything was plentiful six months before the election, so why not grin and take things as they are and not feel that you should be privileged, and along about 1948 you may still have the opportunity to vote again.

H. E. D.

Vicious Japs

Can anyone tell me just how they are going to divide the good Japs from the bad ones. They all look alike. Will they brand the bad ones so that we can recognize them as bad?

I'm wondering too how these Japs can serve two countries when most births are registered in Japan first? As for myself, I hope that if I ever again buy a head of lettuce from a Jap, I choke—and that goes for everyone else.

L. M. S.

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LOS ANGELES



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SACRAMENTO, CAL. FEE

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Takes Shot At Farmers

Editor of The Bee—Sir: After reading a story in The Bee concerning the protest of the cattlemen over the ceiling on livestock, I am moved to comment that the farmers as a whole are the least patriotic and cooperative group in the nation.

I have known for a long time the prime requisites to be a successful farmer are a plot of land and a few loads of fertilizer plus a good absorbent crying towel. The average farmer will moan the blues even when he is cleaning up (as they all are now). But when the going gets a little tough, as it seldom does, you can hear the anguished wails all the way to Washington.

This is not merely the idle babbling of a disgruntled urbanite, as I learned the farming game from experience. I spent 15 years sobbing with the best of them and never had a really bad year. My reasons for quitting the game were twofold. First, I made my pile and second, even my tough old hide could not stand the associations.

Most of the anti Japanese noise in Letters From The People is thinly disguised yowling by incompetent farmers who fear competition and lowering of prices to fair levels.

This could go on but "sufficient unto the day." THOMAS MARSY.

Sacramento

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Letters to Herald-Express

Delinquents

In studying the causes of the growth of juvenile delinquency, let us consider the temptations placed before youth in the form of liquor obtainable in almost any kind of store; suggestive billboard advertising and the fact that few parents take their children to Sunday school. We find that children refuse to obey the most important commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

I feel that if every child were forced to attend Sunday school and church our problem of juvenile delinquency would be solved. GRACE D. MILLER.

Entertainment?

I'd like to know why in the time of war and any other time when there is so much killing going on, all over the world, that we have to have radio and movies that are full of nothing but fight, kill, and hate?

Why can't we have programs and movies that are interesting and funny not always serious and full of war, hate, and tragedy? We hear and see enough of that during the day. We realize there's a war on and we're doing as much as we can to help. Our brothers and sweethearts wouldn't like it very much if they knew we were not getting what they are fighting for.

We, the youth of America, like good music besides all the jive and boogie woogie, so why can't we have it in place of a murder program.

WILMA STADLER.

Navy Vets

I believe you should make clear a confused point about the pin which honorably discharged veterans wear. The one which you illustrated in a cartoon on the editorial page is not the only such pin in existence, as both the Navy and the Sea Bee's have honorable discharge service pins and each person wearing the pin deserves recognition as a veteran.

THOMAS H. WORK.

Sacrifices

Gripping over the cancellation of food stamps is being done because hoarders can't hoard a little bit more. While our boys are fighting—many never to come home again, and

others wounded—we should not gripe.

My husband has been in six major campaigns, two in Europe and four in the Pacific, and is now in the hospital, and I have a cousin who is a prisoner of war in Germany, and still another cousin was killed on Saipan.

Let us be willing to sacrifice a little for our country.

NAVYMAN'S WIFE.

Loyal Japs

On this returning Jap problem—those in favor of it use the Japs fighting in Italy as an excuse. I'm a bit curious about that particularly mentioned group. Is it a group of volunteer fighters?

Look at the picture of one group of German prisoners, published some time ago. There were Poles, Italians, Czechoslovakians and other nationalities there. We don't believe them all Nazis because they were in the German Army. They were probably there because they were forced into it. The same thing holds true of Jap soldiers fighting for America. Their being in the American Army does not make Americans of them.

As for loyal Japs returning to California—who can know definitely their loyalty?

Supposing you and I were placed in similar circumstances in Japan or Germany. I don't know what you would do, but I think I'd be a very "loyal" Jap or German if it meant I could even in some small way wreak vengeance on them.

True, there are people who adopt a foreign country as their own, renouncing their native land or the land of their forefathers. We have many such people in America we have claimed as our own countrymen, by their choosing us as such.

Somehow we haven't the same feeling for the Japs, American born or naturalized. Many of those we attended school with, here in California, are out there fighting against us, their former classmates. Many American-born Japanese returned to the home of their ancestors to fight against America. They took what good America had to offer them—then turned on her when the land of their ancestors called.

No, I don't want the Japs back.

MRS. VELMA A. HOFFMAN

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Hits Objectors

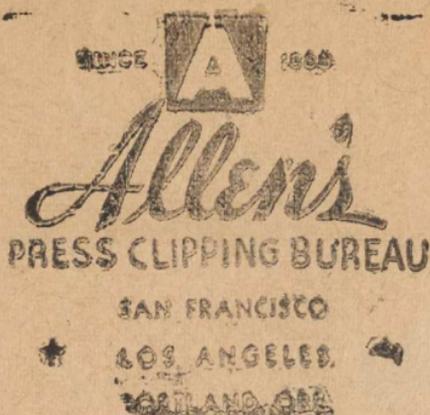
Editor of The Bee—Sir: I say to let the Japanese stay in the camps until the boys come home. Then, if they want them here, let them come.

We have need of many chaplains, nurses, stretcher bearers and helpers of all kinds in this war. If some feel the way they say they do, why do they not enlist to do this work? God always can use many more than he has.

We have them in Orange Cove. They are orange crews from Reedley who will not help, but only try to talk for Germany. Reedley people are too fine and too patriotic to have a nest of objectors. If they are afraid to serve our country and prefer to let others protect their women and children from the lust crazed Japanese and Germans, they at least could wear a badge telling us what they are. I am an American and glad of it, and that is why I serve her.

RENALDO RAMERIZ.

Orange Cove.



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268 LETTERS

Seed of Future Wars

Editor, People's World:

What is to be the fate of the American Japanese? This subject is being discussed widely and from opposing viewpoints but because it is an issue staring us straight in the face, we cannot sidestep it nor can we permit hatred and vengeance to distort our reasoning.

I hold no brief for Japanese militarism and aggression. Perhaps there are readers who may remember that from the beginning of the war in China, there were Tacoma citizens who boycotted Japanese-made goods, and silk stockings and protested the shipment of scrap iron and all munitions of war to Japan. But never did we condemn all the Japanese people, either in their home land or here in America.

REALLY HONEST

Certain inescapable facts must be considered if we are really honest and unbiased.

Recently President Roosevelt announced that the ablest jurists of the land assert that the 75,000 Japanese still in relocation centers cannot be kept there indefinitely. He further stated that, "We shall restore to the loyal evacuees the right to return to the evacuated areas as soon as it is militarily feasible."

It should be remembered that the American-Japanese soldiers earned a splendid record in the war, especially in Italy and on the western front, where General Eisenhower reports their having rescued the so-called "Lost American Battalion" near Aachen.

One specific angle needs clarification. It is freely admitted that Japanese Fascists and German Nazis have been equally barbarous and inhuman. Yet while German-Americans have lived their normal lives, unmolested (and rightly so), Japanese-Americans were not only evicted from their homes to relocation centers but now are being threatened, especially by those who insist that they must not be returned to the coast.

RACE ISSUE

Why the inconsistency? One answer is not hard to find. I asked this question of a gentleman recently and he replied "well after all the German is a white man. The yellow Japanese will always be a yellow Japanese."

This sounds like a "race" is-

sue with "white supremacy" its spearhead. Let us remember that this is not what men are fighting and dying for all over the world. This is the fertile seed of future wars.

—Maude N. Richard
Tacoma, Wash.

Nisei Speaks For P. W.

Editor, People's World:

I am taking this opportunity to express my deepest admiration of your outstanding edition, The People's World.

I am a Nisei, a Japanese-American. It surely makes one feel wonderful deep down inside to know that there exists such a courageous publication fighting for the rights of all people regardless of race, color or creed.

I am very thankful to a Caucasian friend of mine who sent a subscription to me as a gift. He is truly an American, through and through.

How thankful we minority groups are that there are people like this friend and those of The People's World in existence.

—Ken Iyoki, Topaz, Utah.

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Letters to Herald-Express

Foolish Order

What's the use of our boys fighting out in the Pacific, trying to protect America, if some foolish order permits the Japanese to come back to California and the Pacific Coast.

My brother was killed when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, and I haven't heard a word from or about my husband since 1943. I think the question of permitting the return of Japs should be put up to a vote of the people. MRS. L. W.

True Pioneer

Orchids to Myrtle L. George, who was inspired to make winter pajamas for her children out of a double blanket.

She has the true pioneering spirit of the early Americans. If all in our land could be imbued with the same spirit it would be a good thing, because then the bureaucrats who have complicated the simple necessities of life beyond all reason might wake up to the fact that there are still people among us who can use their heads for something else besides a hat rack.

Faith and ingenuity are not rationed, thank God!

Bouquets to you for publicizing the success of church schools. I found it intensely interesting and trust you will continue to let your readers know of its future progress.

Also congratulations are due for your stand on the returning Jap question. We need the fearless view of these questions that your publication provides.

MISS H. H. V.

Still at War

We find it difficult to reconcile the government's action in releasing the Japs from the camps where they were sent following Pearl Harbor, to California and the Pacific Coast, while they constantly emphasize the fact that the war is not over.

Through the press and through the radio, we are told time after time, day after day, that the war is not over, that we should keep on giving blood, and that we should keep on buying bonds to the limit. We are told that we should do everything we possibly can to aid the war effort and then—in the same breath we are told that the army is releasing Japanese-Americans to come back to this

area. I do not believe it is any safer to have these Japs in Los Angeles today, than it was at the time they were sent to relocation camps.

The war is not over.

MR. and MRS. VAN DYKE.

Good Americans

I am a sailor and a veteran of several engagements. I have just returned from the Central Pacific and I am tired of reading of all the objections to the return of the loyal Japanese-American people to their homes in California.

If I knew my parents were in a Jap camp do you think I would make a good sailor? No! After all, these people are the parents of Jap American boys in our own armed forces. If they are willing to fight and die for America, why shouldn't their parents be allowed freedom?

America is a free nation. Lets keep it that way. Lets have confidence in the F. B. I. that they will not permit the release of Japs who are untrustworthy.

RALPH SELLOWAY,
Radarman 1/C U. S. N. R.

Early Days in Los Angeles

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Some Questions

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I wonder if these people who are going to cram the Japanese down the necks of the people on the west coast ever heard of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor or the death march of Bataan. Did they ever hear of the Japanese women who assisted German prisoners to escape? Can they not see service stars in almost every home?

Have they any realization of what our slain boys look like or what the loss means to their loved ones? Do they know 90 per cent the our young men of military age were taken out of schools, while the Japanese were sent to colleges? Do they know the Japanese loaded millions of gallons of gas from California at 5½ cents a gallon while we paid 20 cents for what the Japanese did not want?

It is all right for the loyal Japanese American veterans who have been fighting in the European area to return, but the rest should not come back. Nobody wants them. There was one truly loyal Japanese here. He killed himself the day war was declared.

Fresno. EUGENE B. BOUST.

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Hearts And Stars

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Rather than look at the Purple Hearts and bronze stars which a few Japanese in our armed forces are receiving, let us look at the broken hearts and the gold stars which the families of our own boys are receiving.

My husband and I have 19 nephews, two nieces and my brother wearing the uniform of our country, and my husband wore one in World War I. I am very proud of every one of them. I also am very proud of one nephew who gave his life that we might sit here with our "smug greed and prejudice." Proud, not because I approve of war, but because they have the intestinal fortitude to go in there and shoot off guns instead of staying home and shooting off their mouths.

I wonder if Marjorie Drath, whose letter appeared recently, would feel so democratic toward the Japanese if her husband, son, or brother were out there in a Japanese prison camp or in a hospital, shot to pieces because of the good Christian spirit of the people in question. There are no weekend skiing parties or farms to work there while waiting in safety for the war to be over.

I agree with Mayor Z. S. Leymel of Fresno that the return of the Japanese would be a headache. I can find no shame in the people of California remembering Pearl Harbor. All too many seem to have forgotten already.

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OAKLAND, CAL.

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Says End Of War Is Time For Return Of Japanese

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Japanese Can Return To West January 2nd—headlines for our boys on the fighting fronts to read! But the wonderful part of it all is that our young men can take it. Why? Because since December 7, 1941, our boys have learned to take everything.

But why on earth return the Japanese to this west coast at a time like this? Truly, somewhere along the line there is a lack of consideration and a sign of pure ignorance.

I do not wonder why Mrs. A. Brown feels toward the Japanese as she does. Two of her sons, 18 and 22, never will return. Would you expect the new little mother next door to be in favor of the Japanese returning? For days she struggled between life and death when little Ted was born. Her baby's daddy is fighting in Italy.

Then there is Janie and Tom who would have been married, but Pearl Harbor was bombed and Tom said, "I will help get this over in a hurry and we will have all our life together." Tom never will return. Will Janie welcome the Japanese?

How will all of these people whose loved ones have been killed, maimed or been put in prison camps feel about the return of the Japanese? What about the family of eight living on a Japanese ranch? Where will they go? There are no vacant houses or ranches available.

If it is the power of the president to say whether or not the Japanese return to our coast, I honestly must say he has made the most drastic, selfish and unpardonable mistake in his 12 years in office.

When it comes to a showdown, what are our boys fighting for? The simple, honest answer is this, to make the world a better place in which to live. For whom? The English, Germans, Swedes, Italians, Americans, Danes, Japanese and all the colors and races of the world.

When the war is over, we all know the Japanese will be back on the Pacific Coast in business, going to school, ranching, and everything will be as it was before Pearl Harbor. That is to be expected, and when the war is ended, the Pacific Coast will be ready to accept them.

But, since there is a time and place for everything, I firmly say January 2nd is not the time, and the Pacific Coast is not the place, for the Japanese to return.

Madera.

MRS. S. S.

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Too Much Hatred

Editor of The Bee—Sir: In looking over the Letters From The People on the Japanese question I am saddened to note so much hatred expressed. As for the talk about it being unsafe to allow the return of the Japanese, that is just hooey. People who make such statements do not really believe them. Why then is nothing mentioned about the danger to our nation because of those of German ancestry at large? There is no difference except in the color of the skin. The one thing to fear most is our own unAmericanism.

The reason for so much hatred is plainly based upon race prejudice. I have a beloved boy in the service whom I haven't seen for over two years and another son subject to call. This war has not caused either of them to hate anyone, I hope.

Many prayers are offered for peace, but how can a God of love bring peace to a nation steeped in prejudice? It is only the prayers coming from hearts filled with compassion for all people that moves God and there are too few of them, I fear.

Christ's prayer from the cross was forgiveness. He is our example. There never can be peace until there is that common brotherhood for all mankind. Help America. E. SPURGEON.
Sacramento.

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Constitutional Rights Of Japanese Are Cited

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Over and over the fact has been reiterated and emphasized that nothing short of a constitutional amendment legally can restrain citizens of Japanese origin from returning to their homes. Yet equally as often the question has been repeated: Why?

The following quotation from Judge Philip Sullivan once more answers the question. Yet it is a safe bet that after reading it someone will come right back with the question, "Why must these Japanese be allowed to return?" Said the judge:

"The constitutional guarantees which protect the sacred rights, liberties and properties of American citizens, from the humblest to the most exalted, still remain inviolate. These rights may not be transgressed with impunity nor be disregarded because of expediency; neither may they be abridged or suspended, even for a single moment, except in the manner and under the circumstances specifically provided by law."

What will the boys think when they return from fighting the Japanese only to find them as neighbors? I repeated that worn out question to one marine who has fought the Japanese since Pearl Harbor and I give you his answer verbatim:

"Well, sir, I can think of one thing worse. That would be to return, after fighting to preserve American freedom, only to find American citizens in cages for no better reason than that they had German or Japanese names. Of course, I cannot speak for the army or navy any more than you can speak for California, but I think most of the fighting men know whom they are fighting, where they are fighting and why."

Can we honestly say as much?
Woodland. A. L. STONE.

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Farming Is Gamble

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I would like to write a little essay on what Thomas Marsy says constitutes a farmer. From his letter I draw the conclusion that Mr. Marsy does not know anything about farming except maybe on the shady side.

Farming as it should be done is one of the biggest gambles there is. That is if one is an honest farmer—one who plants his crops, buys his stock and then takes a chance on Nature being in his favor. There are many hostile elements of Nature which can cause the farmer to lose both his initial investment and his crop. This leaves him broke and probably with a mortgage on his farm; so if he wishes to keep on farming he must produce enough to pay off the mortgage and still live. And that is no easy matter.

Mr. Marsy also speaks about the Letters From The People condemning the Japanese as coming from yowling, incompetent farmers. Maybe he did not know that the Japanese eventually would have got him if he had stayed in the farming business. The Japanese gradually were getting control of the farms, the markets and the buying public and all because they had an association which was highly effective. We have many of these secret organizations all over the world, and they get their power by buying influential people to do things for them.

Again I would say that you are wrong, Mr. Marsy. But if I did not have a little concrete evidence, I would keep still.

Sacramento. RALPH MILLER.

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Says Constitution Draws No Color Distinctions

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Liking all viewpoints is just part of my nature. It allows me to weigh values and deduct or add to the sum total. My answers may not be right, may not even be close, but after all they are my ideas.

I have no gripe. The world is OK. It is the people who live upon it who cause and make the effects of civilization and it has been going on for a very long time.

The Japanese question seems to have the floor at the present time. Do not let them come back? To this I can only say that way back in 1910 there was no one more opposed to letting them into this country than myself. It was not just because they were Japanese. Big as the United States is, they do not and could not mix. I happened to be white. Anything off color was to be shunned.

I and many others forget that in the founding of the USA nothing was said about white, black, brown or the so-called yellow races. A man could be sky blue or pink and still be a good citizen and a good American. The point I am trying to make is that if we believe in Democracy, it amounts to you plus me equals the United States with liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all, not any special race or clan.

Well, I've gotten off the track. What really lies close to my heart and in the forefront of my mind is the old folks. Practically all of them have reared families. Some knew the value of money. The big majority did not. Some have much money. Some have nothing. Some live in palaces, some are stepped on in the gutter or close to it.

And still all were born in pain, conceived in heaven and committed to the hell of civilization for better or worse. Quite an order, is it not?

Can we learn from past history? The Chinese have had the answer for a thousand years. Truth in many guises has been put before humanity. True or false has been the watchword of humanity. A new civilization founded in knowledge and understanding will assure a true and bona fide love to every human being.

ART SEILS.

Sacramento.



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Be True to Democracy

Editor of The Bee—Sir: There has been much talk about the return of the loyal Japanese to the west coast. There seems to be too much hate in this world today. It seems many of us have forgotten what our boys are fighting for.

Is it not true the foundations of this great country of ours are built on the principle of liberty and justice for all—no matter what color, race or religion?

Is it not true America is the melting pot of the world—a place where the oppressed have found freedom of speech, the right to choose his own religion, his own government?

If we forced all Japanese to leave this country—as some people would like to have done—we would be destroying the very thing this country has been built on.

Let us not ever forget our loved ones are fighting abroad to preserve Democracy. Let us at home not destroy what they are fighting for by hate and oppression.

The Japanese have come to this country—the same as your ancestors and mine—to find liberty and justice. Let us not forget there is good and bad in all people. We are all human and so cannot condemn one race because of what its leaders in the home country are doing.

Roseville. FLORENCE DEER.

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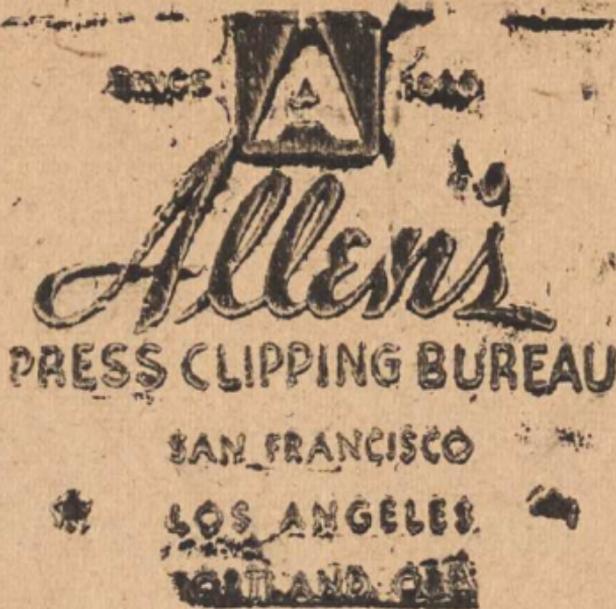
Be Impartial

Editor of The Bee—Sir: I thought the OPA was supposed to treat all violators of OPA ceiling prices alike. In Wednesday night's Bee I read where the charges against the Hotel Senator were dropped. Almost every day I read where some small individual place pays from \$25 to \$500 fine. Why is it that a large corporation is not fined? If it were fined, in the settlement, why was it not published so the public could see that it doesn't make any difference if a person or corporation is a poor devil or has a big name and lots of money to back it up?

I do not believe in racial hatred, but I do believe in self protection at home. The Japanese have proven that the greater portion of them are not Americans. While we are still trying to win a war against them, all Japanese should be kept in a safe place until final victory is won. Then send those who are not loyal to the United States back to Japan. I wonder how many of our boys in prison camps of Japan are let out to work on farms at good wages and have plenty of good whole food to eat with comfortable clothes to wear.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Mather Field.



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Enter Protest

Editor of The Bee—Sir: We have been reading The Bee for many years and never have written anything, but now we have come to the point where we feel it is necessary to put in our 2 cents worth.

What will become of this land of ours if we let the Japanese go to our schools? What will our boys overseas think when they hear the Japanese are getting the education they had to give up?

Why shouldn't these so-called loyal Japanese be drafted into the service like our boys were? Why should they stay here and attend our schools and be educated?

FIVE DISGUSTED AMERICANS.
Newcastle.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
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Letters to Herald-Express

Idle Blood Bank

Why are blood banks idle?

The attitude of the general public seems to be that the American Red Cross Blood Donors Association has all the plasma it needs. Millions have read of the need for plasma, but they ignore it. I am a girl 18 years old and I weigh 114 pounds and I have given three pints of blood and will soon give another pint.

Many people seem to be afraid of giving blood, but there is nothing to fear. What if you do get a little headache and feel faint? Why not think of the boys who are going through so much in the field of battle?

Let's keep our blood bank busy.

V. T.

Tango

You hear a lot of talk about manpower. If you will take time to go down to Venice and visit one of those tango joints, you will see a lot of husky young men going up and down the counter taking the old ladies' money at every step.

What's the matter with the Police Commission allowing such a racket at this time? Just who is to blame for this condition?

M. M.

Never Casual

I have received a letter from my Navy son aboard a hospital ship. A post script from his letter reads:

"Mom, our Navy casualties are heavy, especially with burns. My job is to go aboard the barges and put the wounded on stretchers and

then hoist them to our ship. Regardless of the condition, most of them muster up a smile and say 'Am I glad to get out of there,' and 'if I could only go home.'

"My gang each gave another pint of blood today—a good way to celebrate Christmas—it is the best Christmas present we could give our ship mates. It's a necessity, mom, and the home folks should do something about that, or is it asking too much?

"We had three more burials this week at sea. To those of us who have to commit the bodies of our shipmates to the sea, it will never be a casual experience. We feel, that by the grace of God, it could be anyone of us.

"I am enclosing money for another \$100 war bond."

A NAVY MOTHER.

Jap Return

Your editorial note, "we will not"—in regard to supporting the return of Japs to California was short and to the point. Three cheers for you."

I belong to a club of 203 members, and some months ago we discussed the possibility of Japs being returned to the coast before war was over. We took a vote on the subject, and by a margin of 196 to 7 thought it better they should not be returned to California.

Now the army has turned them loose. They turned them loose regardless of the thousands of protests against it. I am afraid tragic results will follow this ill considered action.

MRS. J. G. H.

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SANTA ROSA, CAL., PRESS DEMOCRAT
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VET SPEAKS

Editor: I would like to say a few words in regard to the return of the Japanese to California. In the first place, the American-born Japanese have as much right in California or any other state in America as any other citizen. But some people are against their return to California. Why shove them off to another state? Maybe they don't like the Japanese either.

I am not a Japanese sympathizer, but I believe all Americans, regardless of race or color, should have equal rights according to the constitution. As for those people who are advocating locking up all persons of Japanese descent in concentration camps, what a situation we would have if we took the same attitude toward all citizens of German descent!

Incidentally, those of you who may be wondering, I am not a Japanese or German, but a red-haired Irishman and a soldier convalescing in a military hospital.

A. R.

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overlook someone—they might be Christians, too.

Yours truly,

SABIN C. KRATZ,

27 Benham.

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Opinions of the People:

In the return of Japanese citizens to the west coast it is not a matter of whether we wish their return or not but it is the fundamental issue of us living by the Constitution of the United States or throwing this document into the waste basket and since it is the foundation of our freedom we have no desire to do that and we all know that our government has repeatedly stated that we are fighting this war for the freedom of all people the world over so what else is there for us to do but to allow all people, regardless of race, color or creed, who are citizens of this country, to reside in the state of their choice even to the extent of protection of their person and property by the United States military forces, but if any of these citizens commit an act against the nation they may then be arrested and dealt with accordingly.

We do not oppose the return of Japanese because of their race, but because of the persistent effort they used to undermine our government previous to Pearl Harbor and because of their methods of producing quantities of cheap food or raw materials principally due to their use of child and cheap labor far below the standards of American living and it is my contention that if any race of people wish to make any part of the United States their home they should conform to our standards of living or they should go back to the country that lives according to their standard of life. If any race of people uses their women and children of the family to produce saleable commodities so cheap that the American standard of wages and union labor cannot compete with them, it is high time that the perpetrators of such acts be brought into court under the child labor and fair trades acts of law and those people should be made to conform to our standards or not be allowed to sell their products.

It is sometimes hard for us to live up to bargains we make, but since the Constitution of the United States is bigger than we are and since it is the heart of our very lives, we, too, must be big enough to live by it ever watching that no one in our midst betray it.

LEO V. MINNEHAN, JR.

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SEATTLE, WASH.

This Clipping from:

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January 6, 1945

Racial Prejudice X268

To The Post-Intelligencer:

I read an article in your paper concerning the humiliation of a Chinese girl at being taken for Japanese. While I was reading this article there was a white sailor who continued to say, "I am a Negro hater. Why are Negroes permitted to ride with decent whites?" etc.

I too am a student of Washington University. The insults I hear from whites are many. Sometimes I think I'd rather be in a relocation center and let the Japanese return, because the insults I have to endure could never be any worse if I really were a Jap.

LILLIAN MONTGOMERY,
Seattle

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PORTLAND, ORE. OREGONIAN

City 143,767; Sunday 217,760

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Correction

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To the Editor: Kindly correct the impression given by your editorial that I am in any manner connected with either group claiming the name "Oregon Anti-Japanese, Inc."

Some months ago I was solicited by several reputable citizens of the Gresham area seeking my leadership in a movement to oppose the return of the Japanese to Oregon. While expressing sympathy with their cause, I explained pressure of my law practice prevented my contributing further time to matters of public interest.

Subsequent to the election, this group again contacted me and I agreed to aid in an advisory capacity, which I did to the extent of placing them in touch with a capable organizer and furnishing another attorney, who prepared the articles of incorporation.

When it appeared rival groups were seeking use of the corporate name, I was invited to serve as counsel for one of the groups at a meeting called for the purpose of determining the matter. This I refused to do. At no time did I receive, seek or expect compensation as an attorney, nor have I attempted to make political capital of my stand on the subject.

Search my political campaign for re-election to the senate, and beyond a brief mention of my sponsorship of the anti-Japanese memorial, you will find no instance wherein this subject was mentioned by me during the campaign.

I have been solicited by a large number of citizens requesting that I introduce anti-Japanese legislation in this session. I have refused these requests for the reason that although political advantage might accrue therefrom, I have always placed patriotism above politics and I do not believe the interests of the nation will be furthered by any such legislation at this time.

The Japs are coming back whether we like it or not, and it is my suggestion that both sides of this controversy cease agitation until the end of the war.

It is my observation that this question would subside if the professional civil liberty groups and the Jap lovers would cease agitating the subject.

THOMAS R. MAHONEY,
State Senator.

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Three Young Nisei Reach Hood River

HOOD RIVER, Jan. 13.—Three young Nisei Japanese were back in Hood River valley once again despite expressions against their return by the Grange, American Legion and other organizations of Hood River county. The three men arrived Friday from the East by train. Ray Sato, and Sat Noji took residence once again on their ranches in the Parkdale area. Min Asai returned to his ranch in the Oak Grove district. None of these men has been in the service or is in any way involved in the recent service men's roll controversy.

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Legion Post Praised 268

To the Editor: I am in hearty accord with the stand taken by the Hood River American Legion post, the grange and various communities throughout the state who have protested the relocation of Japanese in their districts. The Hood River area especially and other sections in the state that formerly experienced having the Japanese in their midst have had firsthand knowledge of the disastrous economic blight and lowered marketability status of all real property values occasioned by the influx of this race of people.

American homeowners having property adjacent to Japanese have seen their property values decline to such an extent that salability and rentability became frozen and extreme difficulty was experienced in financing their efforts to establish and maintain their homes, as reputable loaning agencies were reluctant to grant loans in territories where infiltration of Japanese or other inharmonious races was manifest.

The barrier existing between the white and yellow races is so pronounced, and I mean racial, religious as well, that amalgamation of the two races is impossible. Therefore I make bold to state that segregation and intelligent zoning of the Japanese must be the ultimate solution.

Cities exercise the right to restrict and zone certain residential and business areas, in order that property values and desirability of the same may be preserved, and that physical-functional and economic depreciation shall not be brought about by inward movement of persons or races of a lower social and economic strata.

WALTER R. ALVIN,
140 S. 15th St., Salem, Or.

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This Clipping from:

Tacoma (Wn) News Tribune
January 17, 1945

WAR WORKER'S VIEW

By W. H. Hamilton

In 1942 I quit my job in the midwest, gave up my home and all my belongings and brought my family out here to the West Coast so that I could work in a war plant.

I have been on the same job two and one-half years. I am 20 miles from the job. Now I rent a former Jap farm. I have planned that after the war I might buy a home out here.

What are we people going to do? I for one and I know others will have to move out. If the Japs are needed more than we are, then keep your jobs. I am not keeping my family out here where I know there will be trouble. I read where some people will not sell or rent to the Japs. Then I read where these people have been denounced, that others will pledge all their assistance and protection to the Japs.

Then I picked up a service man and asked him what the service boys think about the return of the Japs. This boy had 18 months across. He said "We don't like it." Now what? Tell us what we are to do? Do you need the Japs to work in the war plants? I am tired of the cry "shortage of labor." Why not treat us right? We have loved ones in the service. We want to help finish the war.

Rt. 4, Box 170, Kent.

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Seattle (Wn) Post-Intelligencer
January 20, 1945

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Marine On Nisei Return

To The Post-Intelligencer:

I can't resist any longer writing about the complaint about the Japs coming back to the West Coast.

I was wounded by the Japs on Saipan and still can't see how you can feel this way. It isn't American.

Perhaps you would like to get rid of the American Germans and Italians, also. Probably you would get rid of me, sooner or later, because my ancestors fought Americans in the Revolutionary War. At that rate about half of you that are set against the Japs returning might as well go "home" yourselves.

By the way, what do you expect to do with the Japs if you kick them out? How about those that are fighting and dying for "you"?

A MARINE, Seattle.



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JAN 25 1945

GRESHAM, ORE., OUTLOOK

No. 5,842

People's Forum

"To The Outlook—Jerome, Idaho, December 12, 1944: Allow me to make a few remarks in reference to your editorial of December 7, "Careful Consideration Planned."

"You state They (Oregon Anti-Japanese, Inc.) believe, further, that members of America's forces who wish to settle in this area should have the first opportunity—that preference should be given to our fighting men rather than to permit the return before war's end of those who have been evacuated from the community." I heartily agree that the returning veterans should be given, and deserve, preference in becoming re-established.

"May I call your attention to the fact that all American citizens of Japanese ancestry are subject to the draft, that by recent action of the War department alien Japanese have become eligible to volunteer for service in the armed forces; and that almost every former Gresham Japanese family now has at least a member or a very close relative in the army, or will have one in the very near future.

"To date the casualties from the Minidoka Relocation Center only (Hunt, Idaho) includes 29 killed and 71 seriously wounded. Japanese mothers and fathers at the center have received these messages with the same courage shown by parents elsewhere--just as in Gresham or any other community in the nation. I am sure that the war department can assure you that the residents of the relocation centers have sent their share of sons, brothers, sweethearts, and husbands into the army, to fight for the common American cause.

"President Robert G. Sproul of the University of California continuously proclaims that 'whenever and wherever the constitutional guarantees are violated in the treatment of a minority, no matter how unpopular or helpless, the entire fabric of American government is weakened.'

"Under the cloak of public service these leaders of Gresham are proposing to discriminate against a returning veteran and his family on the basis of his race or color alone.

"There is only one sane and logical conclusion to this 'highly controversial' subject: as soon as the military authorities determine that the national security permits let these restrictions upon persons of Japanese ancestry be removed. Many highly influential leaders on the Pacific coast, including Governor Warren of California, as well as the attorney generals of the three coastal states, have agreed to such a viewpoint.

In its practical aspects there is this to consider—all those who were evacuated can not, and do not plan to, return, for many have been relocated throughout the 48 states.

But the right to return must be, and will be, established. Many like myself who have faith in American democracy and ideals believe, and know, that this right will be established by the proper authorities.

Let me close by extending the season's greetings to you and the staff of your excellent paper. Very truly your, M. Fujimoto.

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SEATTLE, WASH.

This Clipping from

Tacoma (Wn) News Tribune
January 8, 1945

DON'T WANT JAPS BACK

By Elvina Harvey

As a mother I appeal to you, "Don't sell our boys out to the Japs." My boy was just a youngster when he volunteered for the service of our country. Like thousands of other youngsters, off they went with all the courage in the world, to sacrifice their lives if need be for you and me. Thousands of these boys have already paid the supreme sacrifice, cleaning up this Jap menace, and it is not nearly finished yet. Thousands of our boys are in hospitals and never will be the same. To think some people want the Japs back on our coast and expect us parents and these boys to tolerate this.

No, the Jap coming back to our coast is a very serious situation. How do you expect these boys to forget what they have been through, if they are to live home here among Japs. How do you think the poor mother can feel that has her boy all crippled up. And then the mother whose boy

will never be back. How many of you have read Pfc. Donald W. Dunham's story? How do you expect this boy to forget what he has been through and the thousands of others like him, if he is to live home here among Japs. When I say we don't want the Japs back I am saying that for a lot of people that feel just the same as I do about this.

—Sumner.

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Tacoma (Wn) Times

January 5, 1945

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OPPOSES RETURN OF JAPANESE

Editor The Times: I would like to congratulate Mrs. E. E. D., Spanaway, for the appropriate answer to pro-Japanese Mrs. Ella Shellabarger. There is some information available for Mrs. E. E. D. if she will send me her name. I also wish to thank your paper for publishing some of the

dangers of the Yellow Menace. More power to you.

As one of the leading nations, we cannot afford to soften, and again forget our obligations to our country as we did from Nov., 1918, to Dec. 7, 1941. The latter date will go down in history as another Japanese disgrace, because of the unprovoked and dastardly attack, and wholesale slaughter of our trusting people by Japan. For days prior to their cowardly attack, it is safe to say, that a large majority of American Japanese knew through their underground, that their fighting forces were steaming towards our shores, and their vaunted World Conquest, and during this time the American Japs and their government had deliberately sought to deceive the United States, and more especially on the Pacific Coast, because they cannot be trusted, and in the future there will not be room enough on this Pacific Coast for our returned boys from the Japanese fighting front, and the self styled Sons of Heaven.

LEWIS W. LINGLEY.
1216 3rd SE, Auburn, Wn.

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Tacoma (Wn) Times
January 16, 1945

DEFENDS PEARL HARBOR LEAGUE ATTITUDE

Editor, The Times: A letter to answer A. E. Applegate, on the question of the Pearl Harbor League, Inc. I would like to say you are badly misunderstanding. The Pearl Harbor League is def-

initely not a racial, color or creed problem. It is a protest against the dual citizenship the Nisei have. Japan has first claim on them, their loyalty being to Japan. This applies to them in peace time and in war. The hundreds of these Nisei fighting and killing our boys in this war today will want and expect to return to this country as citizens because they happened to be born here, after this war is over. What are we going to do about this situation I would like to know?

The Pearl Harbor League, Inc., is quite right in asking that they should be kept away from our shores for the duration of the war for the safety of all concerned. There is no such thing as a loyal Jap. And why the Jap has all these privileges above all others, is beyond me. I have in my possession a cutting from one of our papers, that Japanese business men in the United States knew almost to the very day when the United States would be attacked by Japan. The books

of the Yokohama Specie bank, through which they did business normally, closed on Dec. 30. But in 1941, they closed on Dec. 3, four days before Pearl Harbor. And none of your so-called loyal Japs notified our government as to what was going on, and mostly nisei working in these banks. So how do you see they are loyal, may I ask.

I do not think we would lose this war if those few Japs in the service had not been there. I say few because that is what it amounts to compared to the number of our American boys out there going through a lot of hell. Our own American boys would do just as good a job if not better, in the same situation. So if you have any bouquets to hand out, hand them to our boys, not the Jap. All I can figure out is you want the Jap back here for your own self interest like a lot of others.

I was there, too, in Puyallup, Jan. 4.

ELVINA HARVEY,
Sumner.

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HITS DILLON MYER

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—No doubt this letter will start a long-winded pro and con argument in this section of your paper, but here goes.

If Mr. Myer, of WRA likes the Japs so well and thinks they are so fine, why doesn't he go to Japan, where, I am sure he would receive a royal welcome.

I, for one can't see why the Japanese are being returned to the Pacific area from which they were excluded. Is that to be taken that the officials would have us think that our Pacific enemy is nearly whipped?

What will the boys in the Pacific theater of war think about returning the Japanese to the heretofore restricted area? After all, they are fighting and dying to win this war from people just like are being returned to our midst.

I am a marine's mother.

GEORGIA L. BOKVIST,
1605 Oregon Avenue.

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MARY FRANCES LANDRAVE

RELEASED JAPANESE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—Cannot figure this one out. Listening to a California broadcasting station last night quoting these phrases: Don't talk about war doings and where your son is—what he is doing and where he is going—the Japs are listening with open ear for this information, and then we release more Japs from camps—more ears added for listening.

As long as our government spent all this money to build camps for Japs, and transported them here, why release them when our battle with the Japs has been started in earnest? I wonder how the boys over there feel about it now and when they return and see them.

Once a Jap, always a Jap.

A. C. REAMS,
RFD 2, City.

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JAP RETURN

By Ora R. Afdem

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I would like to ask a few questions of the writers of articles appearing the last few days who favor the return of American-Japanese to the West Coast and can see no wrong in it because they are American citizens.

Do you people have sons or brothers that are prisoners of war in Japan, or fighting in the Pacific? You people couldn't have had the death sting hit you in the Pearl Harbor disaster. Are you being fair to the mothers that have sacrificed sons to protect you and me from the Japanese.

Really, I think we Americans have been more than fair. But were they fair with us? I say give these Japanese-American citizens a place, but don't return them to the West Coast when we are just in the middle of this terrible war.

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From One Whose Name Was Re- moved.

To the Editor: I'm glad to have received the Hood River News as regularly as it has been possible. The last one I read was one that had been passed on to me by Glenn Sutherland, whom I met on this island a few months ago. We appreciate the consideration that must go into providing our confused ego with the news we cherish the most from day to day.

It was to my greatest surprise, the past week, to read an article, which to me was the most cruel gesture that an American Legion post or any democratic organization could display. I have been fortunate enough to have joined the services in 1941 and, naturally, mine must have been one of the sixteen names unbelievably obliterated from the Legion honor roll in Hood River. Having had the privilege of being reared and educated there, it is with unlimited heights of pride that I call Hood River my home town, as do hundreds of others who have been called away to serve our country.

In a September issue of the News, I read with satisfaction that I had been given a place on that honor roll. Now I would like to have a clearer explanation of why these names were removed from the honor roll by the Legion. To me, it meant more than just an inscription on a board—I regarded it as only one of the ideals that this democracy stands for, and for which we are

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JAP RECORD

By George Walker

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As a real estate broker, Mr. Van Scoyoc has evidently had all Japanese obligations paid, but I wonder if he knows that all the Japs in business in this country before Pearl Harbor were subsidized by the Japanese government. If he will consult the records of nationally known credit organizations he will find this to be true.

Concerning Jap honesty, he should talk with farmers who took over Jap lands in the valley. These men would tell him how they bought farm machinery from Japs before the evacuation and upon trying to take possession found they had resold it, and in order to get possession they had to pay double because they could not farm without adequate tools. Also, he might ask some of these same farmers and the Farm Security Administration how the Japs, knowing they were to be evacuated, planted rotating crops all at once, thus making it impossible to market but a small portion of the harvest.

Certainly they went to the evacuation centers willingly because it has always been the Jap policy to give no cause for complaint. I wonder what Mr. Van Scoyoc knows about dual citizenship and Shintoism (emperor worship). Does he know that in this state alone there were Jap language schools in every community, and that in January, 1941, all teachers in those schools were, by imperial edict, made officers of the Japanese government?

Ask the boys who suffocated in the tin buildings on the March of Death who pulled the ropes across the doors crushing them into the building to die in the filthy dysentery polluted room. He will find that these fiends were none other than graduates from a Northwest university. Those same Japs while here undoubtedly orated on the beauties of America and praised its institutions. Deceit was part of the training given them in the Jap schools which we Americans allowed them to foster.

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Puyallup.

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WANTS JAPS HELD

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 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor) — Why don't they turn German prisoners loose too, if the so-called true American Japs are turned loose? Oh no, they won't hurt anything.

Send all those Jap-loving people to Japan with them.

What have these marines been fighting for? Just think of how they feel when they see one. If any injury is received at their hands, I suppose they'll be court-martialed for it, after having once been ordered to shoot them. It simply doesn't make sense to me.

I have many relatives in the Pacific theater, and I sure do hate to think of them out there, when our free-minded people here at home do such simply crazy stunts.

Why, as citizens, can't we demand they stay in concentration camps, at least until this war is over? Do I hear someone say, what war? When things like turning Japs loose is done, I too wonder at times "what war?"

I also know that we are a Christian nation, but that is going too far.

Please, some of you people, pick up any magazine and see the horrors our boys are meeting at the hands of the Jap barbarians.

MRS. R. DAUGHERITY,
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To the Editor: It has been interesting to read the views expressed in the editorial columns of The Oregonian as well as the opinions of of the American Legion post at Hood River, the leaders of the granges and the several Pacific coast states and other individuals on the subject of the dispersal of the Japanese people in the relocation camps.

It has been my opinion for a long time that any investigation conducted by the director of the war relocation authority or the FBI, would not even be scratching the surface in really determining the loyalty of these people to the United States.

As a race of people they have clearly proven that they are treacherous and the truth isn't in them. I believe that the majority opinion in the Pacific coast states is that all Japs, both young and old, American-born and alien, are given their orders direct from Tokyo. Even those American-born Japs who would attempt to do their own independent thinking and be loyal to the United States would have such pressure of an economic nature or threats of bodily harm brought against them that they could not be loyal to this country under such conditions as exist in the world today.

What a determined group of enemy aliens could do to such installations as Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams would be a national catastrophe. What we need is an amendment to the constitution eliminating any further Japanese people from citizenship. There is no hope of ever assimilating them into the ways of American life.

ROY WOODRUFF,
Eugene, Or.

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This Clipping from:

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Through The Mail

DEFENDS LEAGUE *x268*

I feel that I must answer Mrs. Brannan's letter appearing in last week's paper. She calls the members of the Remember Pearl Harbor League "Nazis" (among the least of the names) because we are fighting to keep the Japanese from this coast. I wonder what the wives and mothers of service men who were left at Wake, Guam, Bataan and Corrigedor are thinking at this time? One of the reasons these men are in the hands of the Japs now is because women of this caliber were advocating no army and no navy for preparedness—their protestations against preparedness were one of the reasons this country was so totally unprepared when the attack, which we knew to be inevitable, occurred.

Now these same women are crying "race prejudice"—calling us Nazis and ungodly because we believe that the return of the Japanese will seriously hamper the war effort and prolong the war, causing more and more loss of life. Return of the Japanese at this time will allow the landing of saboteurs (from balloons as have been found) letting them mingle with the Japanese here, without any chance of detection. They will be able to contact Japanese submarines for attacks on the Coast as has been done before, previous to evacuation.

It seems mighty peculiar to me that so many of the people oppos-

ing the League now, were Pro-German before we entered the war against Germany—were intent on trying to prevent any kind of armed preparedness but now they are so concerned about what people will think of our efforts to keep out the Japanese. We were very surprised to find that some of the people, whom we felt should be heart and soul behind our efforts, were so involved representing the Japanese that they put their financial interests ahead of their patriotic duty. These people should be held criminally liable for any bloodshed resulting from the return of the Japanese and so absolutely ostracized that they could do no more harm to this community. Surely, our Women's Clubs are not content to sit back and have these attacks continued by people who profess to be on their committees?

.. THOS. G. SUTHERLAND, M. D.

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Salute to Hood River Legion

To the Editor: Prior to Pearl Harbor the Hood River Japs made no secret of their dual citizenship. Neither did they make a secret of their extensive financial aid to the Japanese war machine in Tokyo. It would have been an easy matter for the government to check up on these and other un-American acts of the Japs prior to Pearl Harbor.

The Hood River folks know these things and protested against them. But the powers that be were too busy being fooled by those two little Jap ambassadors in Washington. Hence the Pearl Harbor disaster.

In order to be eligible for membership in the American Legion one must first be an American citizen. The members of Hood River post are American citizen-soldiers—every one of them. They know well the trenches and mud of France and Belgium. There are purple hearts and silver stars among them. Their sons are fighting

and dying on every battle-front in the world. They know the cause and effect of war and are willing to stand on their collective two feet to stamp it out.

No one wants for a neighbor a man who keeps his wife working in the field until she gives birth to her child there in the dirt. That is the same kind of brutality that enforced the march of death on our boys of Bataan.

I salute the legion post of Hood River.

G. I. WEAVER,
White Salmon, Wash.

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This Clipping from:

Kent (Wn) News Journal
January 25, 1945

League Head States
Basis of Opposition
To Nisei Return

Mr. Fournier, Editor
Kent News-Journal
Kent, Washington

I feel that I must answer the letter written by Mrs. Brannan, which you printed in the January 11 issue of your paper. First, let me emphasize—we of the Remember Pearl Harbor League are not organized to foment race hatred and intolerance, as charged by Mrs. Brannan—but to try to waken the people of this valley to the danger they are in, with the return of the Japanese to our community. If their presence was a danger to us and to themselves at the time of their evacuation—what has happened in the meantime to change this condition? I wonder what the wives and mothers of service men who were left at Wake, Guam, Batan and Corrigedor, are thinking at this time? One of the reasons these men are in the hands of the Japs now, is because women of the caliber were advocating no army and no navy for preparedness—their protestations against preparedness was one of the reasons this country was so totally unprepared when the attack, which we knew to be inevitable, occurred.

In Mrs. Brannan's article she states "only 4/10 of one per cent of Japanese are adherents of Shintoism and that it would be well to study up on the meaning of this term before condemning them." Here are some facts: Every true Japanese believes that the first Emperor, Jimmu Tenna (660 B.C.) was a direct descendant of the Goddess of the Sun; also that the entire Japanese race is likewise descended from divine ancestors and is, therefore superior to any other race on the face on the earth. The Shinto Doctrine, in brief, is Emperor worship and teaches obedience to him and the military leadership. It is so inbred in the Japanese wherever they may live that it transcends all other feelings and has commanded the implicit obedience of the vast majority of the Japanese wherever resident. Shinto teaches that Japan under the leadership of the Mikado, the Emperor of Japan, shall some day rule the world, and that every Shintoist wherever he may reside, must give up his life, if necessary, to assist Japan to achieve that destiny. Shinto temples were located throughout the west coast area. Each was a hot-bed of Japanese intrigue. In 1941 the Japanese Imperial Government issued an edict, declaring that all Shinto priests in the United States and Hawaii and all Japanese language school teachers were, from January of that year, to be considered as officials of the Japanese government.

Mrs. Brannan insists that it is "contrary to our American standard of good sportsmanship and fair play to judge a whole group of people by the evil deeds of a few." More facts: Investigations by the United States government and by a Joint Fact Finding Committee of the California Legislature has proved that admittedly a large percentage of interned Japanese were and are openly disloyal to this country. We cannot read a Japanese mind. How many are secretly disloyal we cannot say. However, the Dies Committee reported that not less than 25%

of the interned Japanese openly avowed loyalty to the Mikado. Senator Chandler reported that 50% of the internees at Manzanar and 40% at Poston had similarly declared themselves, Calling again on our American fairness does this seem "a few"?

Further: Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, in his Final Report on Japanese Evacuation, said: "Intelligence services records reflected the existence of hundreds of Japanese organizations in California, Oregon and Washington which prior to December 7, 1941, were actively engaged in advancing Japanese war aims." Almost every Japanese on the Pacific Coast, Issei, Nisei and Kibei, was a member of some type of Japanese organization all of which were affiliated with the Central Japanese Association, controlled by the Japanese Consul. Its purpose was to "federate the Japanese with the spirit of Japan."

Again: Pro-Japanese forces point out that no act of sabotage has, as yet, been proven to have been committed by the Japanese. General DeWitt says: "... for a period of several weeks following December 7 substantially every ship leaving a West Coast port was attacked by an enemy submarine. This seemed conclusively to point to the existence of hostile shore-to-ship (submarine) communication, as it stopped as soon as evacuation was completed." Research conducted by the Native Sons of the Golden West shows that in 1937 the Japanese Foreign Office urged the return to California and other Pacific Coast States of 50,000 Kibei (American born, Japanese educated) then in Japan. It was said, in Japan, that their American citizenship could be of most service to Japan—if they were in America.

An analysis plainly shows why the Japanese are willing to join our army and fight. They figure it will allow them to stay in this country and is not a symbol of their loyalty at all. Following is a statement made by a Nisei to Mr. Van Vleet of Lomita, California: "We Japanese get all our orders from Tokyo. The American-born Japanese have taken an oath to support the American Constitution. The Japanese-American school children salute the American flag. But all that is only lip service loyalty for peace time. The American-born Japanese have also taken a blood oath to support the Japanese government and Japanese religion and fight and die, if necessary, for the Japanese Emperor. That is permanent loyalty for war time. For all time! We are now at war. Japan always comes first! One a Japanese, always a Japanese. To hell with the United States." Is this the type of loyalty we are to get from the returning Japanese?

I feel that it is time to stop the so-called social reforms and put all our efforts into winning the war. What benefits can possibly be derived from bringing back questionable alien and American-born Japanese to the overcrowded West Coast, at this time? Their presence will cause unrest and undoubtedly add to a return of the conditions regarding espionage, which existed before their evacuation. Will we be called upon to witness losses of men and supplies because of the Japanese submarines being able to operate again? Who will be able to distinguish the saboteurs being landed by balloons from the so called "loyal" Japanese being returned? How can our government ask us to get wholeheartedly behind the war effort, when one branch of the government (the War Relocation Authority) is putting social reforms and their own prestige ahead of the war?

I feel that it is high time we demanded that control of the Japanese (loyal or disloyal) be given over to the Army instead of having the War Relocation Authority spending our time and money glorifying the Japanese. Let's give the Army a free hand and bring this war to a close at the earliest possible moment.

Thos. G. Sutherland, M.D.