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## UNION MEN TO ASK FOR MASS TRIAL

Determination to seek a trial at which they would be tried in a body and not separately, was the outcome of an opposition meeting held last night by approximately 50 Stockton warehousemen who have failed to comply with the ultimatum set down by Richard Lynden, president of Local 6, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. Lynden's order requires all members of the Stockton unit to sign pledge cards agreeing to work alongside returning Japanese evacuees.

"As long as we are suspended in a body, one spokesman said, 'why shouldn't we be tried in a body? We received registered special delivery letters asking some of us to appear at 11 a. m. tomorrow at the union hall for trial, others to appear at 12 noon, 1 p. m. and 3 p. m.'"

Joseph Lynch, vice-president of Local 6 in San Francisco and temporarily holding the reins of the Stockton unit during the suspension period, announced that the trial of members failing to sign pledge cards would be held at 11 a. m. No mention was made as to whether members would be tried in a body or separately.

### OPPOSITION STAND

The spokesman for the opposition said a definite stand had been taken by members opposing the signatures.

"Our stand is, why should we sign cards that are but a reiteration of oaths and obligations of the union. We again state that we have not refused to work with Japs. So why should we re-take an oath regarding racial discrimination when we have not violated the union's own preamble, adopted at a convention."

A second opposition member said if he were expelled tomorrow he would show up for work as usual Monday morning. Although not wishing to create "trouble," he intended to stay at work until called off. Asked if trouble were expected Monday, the warehouseman said only that he would not be the one to start it.

### INTER-RACIAL COUNCIL

Entering the picture for the first time, Dr. Noel J. Breed, chairman of the Stockton Inter-racial Council and pastor of the First Congregational Church, said:

"The council has not yet met and acted upon the local situation which has arisen in the Warehousemen's Union with regard to working with returning Japanese. It will certainly be considered at a meeting to be called early next week.

"However, I am very confident that the attitude of the union against any and all discrimination on the grounds of race, color or creed will have the unanimous support of the members of the Inter-racial Council as it has my own support."

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## SHOTS FIRED AT VISALIA NISEI

By United Press

VISALIA, May 26.—The firing of two shots into the home of Kaudy Minura, 32, an American citizen, at Oroquieta in a new outbreak of Nisei terrorism was being investigated today by Tulare County authorities.

The shots, fired into the bedroom and living rooms Thursday night, endangered Mr. Minura, his wife, infant son, and three other relatives. One, a cousin, has a brother who has served with the Army in France and Italy. Mr. Minura gave the sheriff's office the license number of a pickup truck, driving without lights, which he pursued after the shooting.

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## Terror Attacks Blame Placed

FRESNO, May 25.—Persons who make an issue of sympathizing with returning Japanese were held today by Dist. Atty. James M. Thuesen to be partially to blame for the series of attacks upon the homes of returned evacuees.

At the same time Thuesen and Sheriff George J. Overhold announced the arrest and questioning of two suspects in the attack upon the Charles Iwasaki home near Parlier Tuesday night, but conceded they do not yet have sufficient evidence upon which to base complaints and for that reason refused to identify the men.

"It has been my observation," said Thuesen, "there are two causes for this so-called terrorism. One is caused by the persons who commit these acts, the other by those persons who make an issue of publicly sympathizing with the returned Japanese."

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## Ickes reports first arrest in Nisei attacks

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(U.P.)  
—Secretary of Interior Harold L.  
Ickes today reported the first ar-  
rest for attempted shooting of  
Japanese Americans on the west  
coast.

Twenty attempted shootings  
have been reported since last  
June 2.

Ickes said he had been informed  
by war relocation authority that  
Ernest Multanen of Parlier, Calif.,  
was arrested yesterday. He said  
Multanen had admitted firing a  
shotgun at the house of Charles  
K. Ayasaki at Reedley, Calif.,  
May 20.

### NEW ANTI-NISEI ATTACK REPORTED

OROSI, Calif., May 26.—(U.P.)—  
Another act of terrorism against  
Japanese-Americans was added to  
the growing list today, as Sheriff  
S. B. Sherman of Tulare county  
revealed that an unidentified as-  
sailant had fired two rifle shots  
into the home of Kaudy Mimura,  
32, of Orosi, late Thursday.

Mimura, his wife and 6-year-old  
son were the sole occupants of the  
dwelling. No one was injured.  
However, the first shot barely  
missed the boy as he emerged  
from his bath, Sherman said.

All available officers were  
rushed to the scene of the shooting  
and an extensive investigation was  
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fusing to learn. Now, by nominating Wallace for a job requiring senate approval, Roosevelt prepared to use this fact to show how Wallace's political ambitions had fallen afoul of the facts of life.

The maneuver exposed him to only one risk: Wallace might defy the senate, renounce Washington politics and become a martyr. Canonization would have made him an uncontrollably powerful force, independent of Roosevelt and shielded by the very fact of his martyrdom from the consequences of his own ineptitude. But instead, he vacillated back and forth between martyrdom and office on senate terms. Finally, he was saved from losing both only by the management of Claude Pepper—the left's new favorite son, who maneuvered the compromise that got Wallace the lesser part of Jones' job. As that other practical idealist of the left, Attorney General Kenny of California finally snorted, "Wallace started out leading a crusade, which he has now turned into a pillow fight. I wish I had the choice of letting the senate make me a martyr or letting Roosevelt make me secretary of commerce."

This drama had a postwar aim. Roosevelt wanted Wallace, an impotent but still symbolic figure, as his anchor to the left, because for his anchor to the right he had Jimmy Byrnes, the senate's ambassador to the home front and a perfect target

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### POLITICS:

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**S. F. Postoffice Third Busies**  
San Francisco's post office, the third largest in the Nation, soon will surpass the military mail operation of the New York post office, Postmaster William H. McCarthy announced yesterday.  
The local post office has leapt from 13th place on the National roster during the war years.

*S. F. Chronicle*



manner, so voters, charmed by seeing him in action.

le screen for Harry Hopkins. Hopkins had made Roosevelt's first deal with Churchill and his first deal with Stalin. He had been the original candidate to succeed Roosevelt but before 1940 he had abandoned all hope of operating on his own. The left loathed him as a radical who had been corrupted by the caviar crowd. The right feared him as the arch-new dealer. But, politically, he was as neuter as a shadow has to be. This was why he was able to survive as Roosevelt's real secretary of state.

### ROOSEVELT:

*Portland (Ore.) Oregonian*



*S. F. Chronicle*

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*Los Angeles Times*



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# Japanese Evacuees: Where Do They Belong

## Eyes of Nation Focused on Oregon As State Seeks Solution to Problem Of Nipponese Who Want to Return Home

Editor's note: This article is presented as an effort to impartial analysis of questions raised by the return of Japanese to coastal areas. The conclusions are those of the writer.

BY MERVIN G. SHOEMAKER  
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IT IS NOT as it was in the glamorous days of the Oregon trail, and not the way the state's chambers of commerce would have it now, but the eyes of the nation again are turned toward Oregon—attracted this time by the clamor over return of the Japanese to coastal regions.

In its present status it can hardly be considered good advertising for the state. Even the philosophers are dressed to find virtue in a boil. In a larger sense, however, Oregon's turmoil may be of benefit to the nation, and to its own gain, as well. Oregon's prestige, growing in other fields, has a chance to be still further enhanced by intelligent leadership in solving a problem that is becoming increasingly acute over the nation.

It all began as a local matter. It does not remain local, however, when the citizens of Providence, R. I., twist their mouths when they say "Oregon." Neither is it any longer a local matter when the self-righteous in far corners of the nation beat Oregon farmers over the head with a club that is one-third idealism and two-thirds ignorance.

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In common with a great many controversies, the issues of the Japanese question are confused by the tendency of exponents to oversimplify, and the refusal of the great body of citizens to give it any thought at all, or accept any responsibility for its solution. The awakening of this group to its responsibility is an absolute requisite to any intelligent and lasting solution—and that goes for the nation as well as for Oregon.

### FARMERS: Opposition Held As Home Defense

The Hood River and Gresham farmers have given many the impression that their opposition to Japanese is nothing but maliciously selfish race discrimination. Actually, the farmers do not consider that to be at all the case. They maintain that they are simply defending their homes against encroachment of a tightly knit, highly organized foreign group which, in the past, has made slight effort toward Americanization. Of course, they are not talking about the many Japanese who have taken part in Portland community life in the past, and will do so again. The best that critics have had to say for the farmers was that their motives are economic—not patriotic. In this respect, of course, the farmers are no different from labor unions or the National Association of Manufacturers. People usually do not feel it necessary to apologize for looking out for themselves economically, because it would take a large boat to hold all others doing the same. However, the farmers cannot be exactly serene in this stand, be-

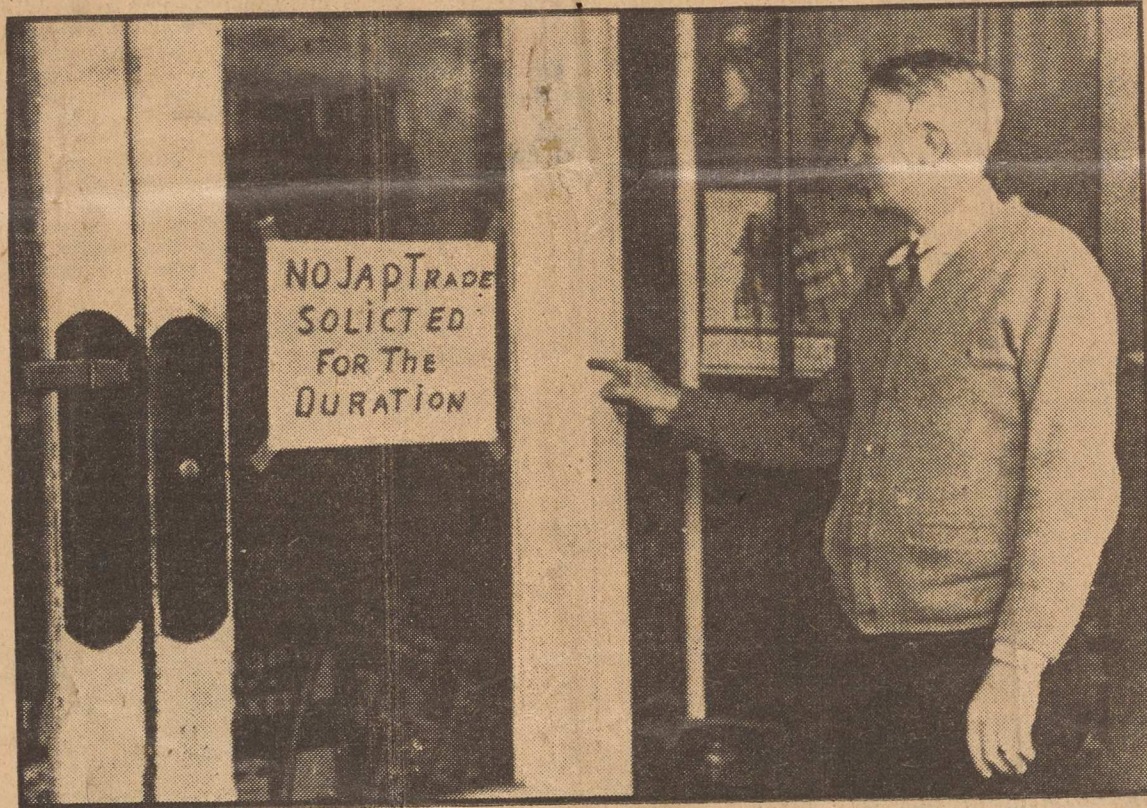
cause they, and persons with different motives have sought to support their position with other arguments, many of which have an odor. This has not only stimulated their avowed opposition, but to a considerable extent has alienated those willing to take a reasonable view of the matter.

The Hood River case against the Japanese, which must be heard in any attempt at fair appraisal of the situation, is soberly set forth in a pamphlet issued by the Hood River American Legion post, which is better known for the ill-starred removal from its service honor roll of the names of 16 Nisei serving in the United States army. They have since been replaced.

### JAPANESE:

Branded as Clannish  
In Hood River Valley

Hood River people question the good faith of their prewar neighbors in voicing their principal grievances. They assert that the Japanese element before the war constituted a clannish, self-contained 10 per cent of the population of the valley, with reasonable evidence of outside control, an aim at domina-



Soon after controversy over the evacuees broke into the open, signs directed against Japanese-Americans who may be returning to their former homes in and near Gresham appeared in a number of business establishments there. Ralph Hannan (above) posted one in his store.

tion of the valley, and a system of indoctrination which balked the efforts of public schools to Americanize the younger generation. An equivalent situation here would mean some 35,000 Japanese living in the Portland city limits.

"About 45 years ago," reads the background material in the Hood River pamphlet, "the first Japanese came here as common laborers. Shortly thereafter they began buying land, and 'picture brides' were imported. In 1923, purchase of land by alien-born Japanese was prohibited by state law. Very shortly a detour around this law was devised. Land was bought for minor and infant Japanese. By almost annual child-bearing the picture brides furnished a broad highway to ownership of the best lands on the west coast."

"About 20 years ago," the pamphlet continues, "two types of Japanese appeared to direct and control all persons of Japanese ancestry."

One of these, says the pamphlet, was the bankers and business leaders, who "selected the quasi-land owners and financed their operations." The Hood River Japanese leader was the second Japanese in the valley to be picked up by the FBI when war began, the statement says, and is now in custody of the government at Santa Fe, N. M.

"The other type (of leader) was known as Buddhist priest, or missionary (either Buddhist or Christian)," states the pamphlet. "Their occupation was to build Buddhist temples and community houses. The operations of the Black Dragon society and general undercover work came from these temples. Many of the so-called priests were officers of the Japanese army and navy."

"The community houses were for rural communities. They were used for the occasional meetings of adults and the almost daily (afternoon) assembly of grade school children. These meetings were called language schools. They taught Shinto, the Japanese way of life, and worship of the living descendants of the sun god, the emperor. From earliest childhood, American-born Japanese were carefully screened from the American way of life. The public schools had them a few hours a day, five days a week, for nine

months a year, but paid Shinto teachers and Shinto parents had them all the other days and hours. . . . The result of careful supervision in finance and indoctrination was a shock to the people of the Pacific coast states after Pearl Harbor.

### COMMUNITY: Given High Rating By Federal Agency

"Here in Hood River, in a very few years, the Japanese colony grew to almost exactly 10 per cent of the population. They owned 2898 acres, 7.8 per cent of total farm land in Hood River county; 1596 acres in orchards, 15.7 per cent of total orchards; and 241 acres in truck and potatoes, 76 per cent of the total. However, they owned 40 per cent of the Bartlett pear production in this county, and the final check-up showed they owned 20 per cent, in dollar value, of all farm production in 1941. It is an astonishing total. The Japanese do not have the highest percentage production; their man-hours per unit of value is much higher than that of other farmers. Their good showing is the result of careful supervision in purchase of the best land only, the unfailing industry of men, women and children."

"The above should have been the story of a valuable group of citizens, but for their own practice of racial segregation. They, not the white people, enforced it. They are a pleasant, courteous people, and, if they had so desired, could have had a large part in the civil and social life of the community. . . . Here in several of our rural schools the Japanese constituted a large majority. Despite this fact, no discrimination has in the past been practiced against them. They were eligible to participate, and many of them did participate, in all the school programs. They were fairly graded in their school work, and many of them were tops or near tops in grade and high school. Their withdrawal from social life of the community began of their own volition at about high school age."

In defending their position against alleged Japanese encroachment, the Hood River people put into figures what the Irish have always meant when

they speak of the Ould Sod. Hood River valley is approximately eight miles wide and 20 miles long.

"Now just what are we fighting for?" demands the pamphlet. "Well, just for the most modernized rural community in the world. . . . The National Electric Light association has rated us highest because: 95 per cent of our rural homes have electric lights; safe water from municipal pipelines is available to all rural homes; we have more miles of hard roads per acre of cultivation than any other farm community; we have complete and adequate irrigation for all farm acreage. And finally, we have achieved co-operative control for the sale of our farm produce. Did the Japanese do this? They did not. It was done entirely without them."

The other side of the current argument is not given its full significance if it is called "the case for the Japanese." Actually it is a case for tolerance, for observance of human and constitutional rights; a case for the preservation of this country's democratic form of government. The fine Hood River valley community—and other communities where return of the Japanese is meeting opposition—could never have grown and prospered without the principles enunciated in this case.

### MEETINGS:

Held at Gresham  
To Discuss Topic

Most of its points were covered by the speakers at the Gresham meeting previously mentioned, which was held in the high school auditorium there, and attended by approximately 600 persons. Called by the citizens' committee, headed by Rev. John L. Magoon, pastor of the Bethel Baptist church at Gresham, this meeting followed shortly after two sessions at the same place by the Oregon Property Owners' league, Inc., an anti-Japanese organization, both of which drew larger crowds.

The possible ultimate effect of minority discrimination was emphasized at this meeting by Mr. MacNaughton.

"Those who look forward to postwar dislocations of our national economy are greatly concerned about the possibility that public hysteria may produce a scapegoat, as Hitler used the

In support of their arguments, persons favoring return of Japanese point to loyalty of many in the armed services, such as Sgt. Masami Yoshinari (above) of Portland, who is shown receiving battlefield promotion to second lieutenant from Gen. Mark Clark in Italy. (AP photo.)

Jews," he declared. "If this should happen, it will not be the Japanese, alone, because they are too small a minority to have any apparent significance."

"It may be the Negroes or the Filipinos, or both, if racial hatreds are stimulated. It may be the Jews or the Catholics, or both, if religious prejudices are inflamed. It may be the merchants or the farmers, or employers or labor unions, if industrial lines are drawn. It may be the 'haves' against the 'have-nots' if economic distinctions are made."

The Portland banker presented the Gresham group's proposal for a law, or constitutional amendment, to exclude Japanese as an attack on fundamental Americanism.

### MACNAUGHTON:

Voiced His Views  
On Vital Problem

"It must be apparent that if it is proposed to enact a law by which persons of Japanese ancestry may be excluded from this or any other area of this state or of the United States, such a law would plainly violate both the state and national constitutions," he stated. "But the point I make is not only that it would violate constitutional limitations; it would attack the fundamental underlying value of the very thing which its advocates would intend to protect and preserve—the American way of life."

Charles A. Sprague, Salem, former governor of Oregon and president of the Oregon Council of Churches, struck at one of the mainstays of the plans for barring return of Japanese, which is that their present dislocation makes this the best time ever for uprooting them. He did this by reducing the

question to its smallest, most elemental, component.

"The Japanese were evacuated from their homes as a measure of war necessity," he asserted. "When that necessity no longer exists, there no longer is any logical reason for keeping them away."

Dr. Norman Coleman of Lewis and Clark college, who has traveled in Japan and has had experience with Japanese students here, said that young Japanese quickly make adjustments, and tend to become good citizens. This, it may be noted, is admitted by Hood River people, who claim that this tendency was thwarted in their community by outside control. Both Dr. Coleman and Mr. MacNaughton asserted that the Japanese is just as anxious for high return for his effort as is the white man, and both discounted the validity of the "low standard of living" argument.

Another principal speaker at this Gresham meeting was Harold S. Fister, Seattle, area supervisor for the war relocation authority, which has done a good enough and bad enough job with a hard and thankless task that catches brick-bats from several directions. Fister pointed out to the group that the army and the United States supreme court have laid down the law on return of Japanese to the coast, and pledged WRA's aid in the ensuing movement of the evacuees to their former homes. This, of course, is only an extension of what has been a major part of the WRA's job from the beginning—relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry. WRA representatives, on occasion, have been less than tactful in dealing with farmers, but on the whole they have been simply doing the job laid out for them. The WRA actually is entitled

to kudos—not dead cats—from Hood River and Gresham farmers. Of the 107,000 Japanese evacuated from coastal homes, some 40,000 have been relocated outside the western defense command—a high percentage of these being scattered throughout the east and midwest. Others still in relocation centers will go to the interior, rather than return to the coast. Hood River farmers all along have been willing to settle for wider distribution of the Japanese. Most Gresham farmers felt the same until they were recently sold the idea of a constitutional amendment to expel all Japanese from the United States, which, some observers have said, probably will help the promoters more than the movement.

The WRA, from the very beginning, has shown considerably better over-all understanding of the Japanese question on the west coast than have many others expressing opinions. Segregation of racial or national minorities has long been recognized as out-of-line with melting pot principles, to say the least. When it became necessary to evacuate Japanese for security reasons, it was recognized as a golden opportunity to work for assimilation of a racial minority. From a relocation center to freedom in the midwest was a favor, not a hardship. (No Kansas jokes, please.) The WRA has made the present problem much smaller than it would have been without relocation activities of the last three years.

### POLICE:

Say Japanese  
Observe Laws

There should be no tongue in cheek at this view of Japanese relocation. Individual Japanese have proven their good citizenship qualities time and again. As the Hood River pamphlet points out, they are a pleasant and courteous people. "Peace officers say that members of this group are among those causing officers the least trouble. Distributed over the nation, they are being well received in virtually all localities. This distribution is of benefit to the Japanese themselves, as well as alleviating what has proven a local irritant in many parts of the west."

None of this, it must be emphasized, argues in favor of coercive action against returning Japanese. It does not even argue in favor of Hood River's action in forming a corporation to buy land held by the Japanese. There is a measure of coercion in the sales talk. But, from this distance, neither does it argue against Hood River's idea of a proper solution to its local problem of long standing. Portlanders cannot be sure what their own attitude would be toward any 35,000-person group that resisted assimilation. As long as Hood River's action is within legal limits, and in reasonably good taste, the best judgment will be that which takes account of the cause, as well as the effect. He is rash, at best, who proclaims that he would be ever so much holier than a Hood River farmer if he were in the latter's place.

In order to get their blood pressure down, persons fighting the Japanese in this country must realize that the WRA's relocation program could not be 100 per cent effective, and relatively few people care that it is not. Those who return to the coast can be "written off" by the WRA; they must be entered in

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Hiroshi Sunamoto was first American-born Japanese to return to Hillsboro after lifting of ban in coastal area. He is pictured receiving rifles taken from him after Pearl Harbor from Sheriff J. W. Connell of Washington county.

the books as this section's share in the distribution of a racial group over the nation. There will always be some Japanese on the west coast, just as there will always be Negroes, Methodists, Jews, Italians—and a few republicans. It will not be as difficult to live with them as we are told by folks who thump their chests and point to lurid posters.

The Japanese question thus far has been argued principally by two groups—those who oppose return of the evacuees, and those who vigorously assert the right of the evacuees to go where they please. The measure of justification for the stand of Hood River and Gresham farmers is obscured and colored by their admitted self-interest. The judgment of the other group is biased by the fervor of its laudable defense of human rights and constitutional guarantees. Each is fighting for what it believes to be right, and neither can be blamed for the fact that

made one of the most cogent observations of his talk. It was in the nature of a plea to the great mass of comfort-seeking citizens, who will have to give the race problem serious thought before it is solved.

"No man in this modern world," he declared, "can escape participating in this adventure of making society stable and successful. It is not error, per se, but complacency in error, which has forever bedeviled the life of man, and it always will while we allow it to prevail."

We do not have to let more Japanese into the country in the postwar period. But those who are here must be considered as humans; and those who were born here, as citizens. Many of their ancestors were brought here originally for American exploitation of the low standard of living that is now deplored.

Let there be some program of regulation and education which will protect their rights and advance their Americanism



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In common with a great many controversies, the issues of the Japanese question are confused by the tendency of exponents to over-simplify, and the refusal of the great body of citizens to give it any thought at all, or accept any responsibility for its solution. The awakening of this group to its responsibility is an absolute requisite to any intelligent and lasting solution—and that goes for the nation as well as for Oregon.

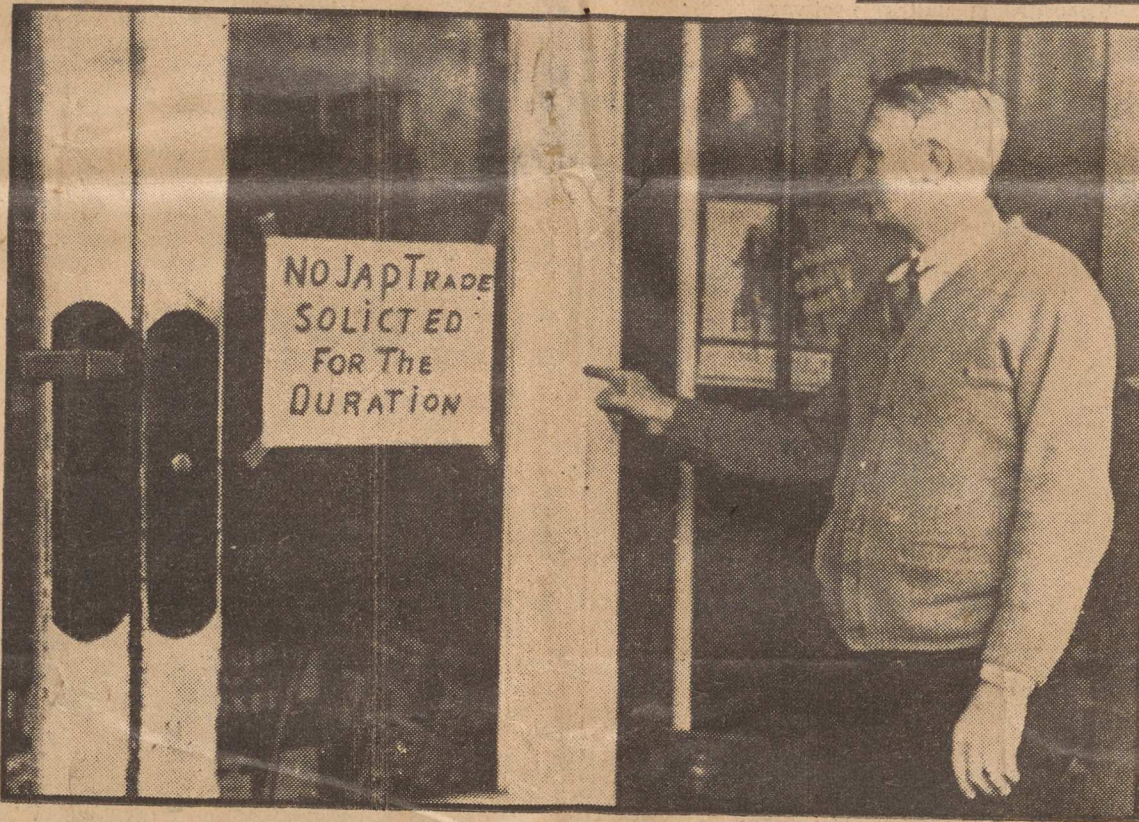
#### FARMERS:

##### Opposition Held As Home Defense

The Hood River and Gresham farmers have given many the impression that their opposition to Japanese is nothing but maliciously selfish race discrimination. Actually, the farmers do not consider that to be at all the case. They maintain that they are simply defending their homes against encroachment of a tightly knit, highly organized foreign group which, in the past, has made slight effort toward Americanization. Of course, they are not talking about the many Japanese who have taken part in Portland community life in the past, and will do so again.

The best that critics have had to say for the farmers was that their motives are economic—not patriotic. In this respect, of course, the farmers are no different from labor unions or the National Association of Manufacturers. People usually do not feel it necessary to apologize for looking out for themselves economically, because it would take a large boat to hold all others doing the same. However, the farmers cannot be exactly serene in this stand, be-

cause they are aware of the national grievances. They assert that the Japanese element before the war constituted a clanish, self-contained 10 per cent of the population of the valley, with reasonable evidence of outside control, an aim at domina-



Soon after controversy over the evacuees broke into the open, signs directed against Japanese-Americans who may be returning to their former homes in and near Gresham appeared in a number of business establishments there. Ralph Hannan (above) posted one in his store.

tion of the valley, and a system of indoctrination which balked the efforts of public schools to Americanize the younger generation. An equivalent situation here would mean some 35,000 Japanese living in the Portland city limits.

"About 45 years ago," reads the background material in the Hood River pamphlet, "the first Japanese came here as common laborers. Shortly thereafter they began buying land, and 'picture brides' were imported. In 1923, purchase of land by alien-born Japanese was prohibited by state law. Very shortly a detour around this law was devised. Land was bought for minor and infant Japanese. By almost annual child-bearing the 'picture brides' furnished a broad highway to ownership of the best lands on the west coast."

"About 20 years ago," the pamphlet continues, "two types of Japanese appeared to direct and control all persons of Japanese ancestry."

One of these, says the pamphlet, was the bankers and business leaders, who "selected the quasi-land owners and financed their operations." The Hood River Japanese leader was the second Japanese in the valley to be picked up by the FBI when war began, the statement says, and is now in custody of the government at Santa Fe, N. M.

"The other type (of leader) was known as Buddhist priest, or missionary (either Buddhist or Christian)," states the pamphlet. "Their occupation was to build Buddhist temples and community houses. The operations of the Black Dragon society and general undercover work came from these temples. Many of the so-called priests were officers of the Japanese army and navy."

"The community houses were for rural communities. They were used for the occasional meetings of adults and the almost daily (afternoon) assembly of grade school children. These meetings were called language schools. They taught Shinto, the Japanese way of life, and worship of the living descendants of the sun god, the emperor. From earliest childhood, American-born Japanese were carefully screened from the American way of life. The public schools had them a few hours a day, five days a week, for nine

months a year, but paid Shinto teachers and Shinto parents had them all the other days and hours. . . . The result of careful supervision in finance and indoctrination was a shock to the people of the Pacific coast states after Pearl Harbor.

#### COMMUNITY:

##### Given High Rating By Federal Agency

"Here in Hood River, in a very few years, the Japanese colony grew to almost exactly 10 per cent of the population. They owned 2898 acres, 7.8 per cent of total farm land in Hood River county; 1596 acres in orchards, 15.7 per cent of total orchards; and 241 acres in truck and potatoes, 76 per cent of the total. However, they owned 40 per cent of the Bartlett pear production in this county, and the final check-up showed they owned 20 per cent, in dollar value, of all farm production in 1941. It is an astonishing total. The Japanese do not have the highest percentage production; their man-hours per unit of value is much higher than that of other farmers. Their good showing is the result of careful supervision in purchase of the best land only, the unfailing industry of men, women and children."

"The above should have been the story of a valuable group of citizens, but for their own practice of racial segregation. They, not the white people, enforced it. They are a pleasant, courteous people, and, if they had so desired, could have had a large part in the civil and social life of the community. . . . Here in several of our rural schools the Japanese constituted a large majority. Despite this fact, no discrimination has in the past been practiced against them. They were eligible to participate, and many of them did participate, in all the school programs. They were fairly graded in their school work, and many of them were tops or near tops in grade and high school. Their withdrawal from social life of the community began of their own volition at about high school age."

In defending their position against alleged Japanese encroachment, the Hood River people put into figures what the Irish have always meant when

they speak of the Ould Sod. Hood River valley is approximately eight miles wide and 20 miles long.

"Now just what are we fighting for?" demands the pamphlet. "Well, just for the most modernized rural community in the world. . . . The National Electric Light association has rated us highest because: 95 per cent of our rural homes have electric lights; safe water from municipal pipelines is available to all rural homes; we have more miles of hard roads per acre of cultivation than any other farm community; we have complete and adequate irrigation for all farm acreage. And finally, we have achieved co-operative control for the sale of our farm produce. Did the Japanese do this? They did not. It was done entirely without them."

The other side of the current argument is not given its full significance if it is called "the case for the Japanese." Actually it is a case for tolerance, for observance of human and constitutional rights; a case for the preservation of this country's democratic form of government. The fine Hood River valley community—and other communities where return of the Japanese is meeting opposition—could never have grown and prospered without the principles enunciated in this case.

#### MEETINGS:

##### Held at Gresham To Discuss Topic

Most of its points were covered by the speakers at the Gresham meeting previously mentioned, which was held in the high school auditorium there, and attended by approximately 600 persons. Called by the citizens' committee, headed by Rev. John L. Magoon, pastor of the Bethel Baptist church at Gresham, this meeting followed shortly after two sessions at the same place by the Oregon Property Owners' league, Inc., an anti-Japanese organization, both of which drew larger crowds.

The possible ultimate effect of minority discrimination was emphasized at this meeting by Mr. MacNaughton.

"Those who look forward to postwar dislocations of our national economy are greatly concerned about the possibility that public hysteria may produce a scapegoat, as Hitler used the

In support of their arguments, persons favoring return of Japanese point to loyalty of many in the armed services, such as Sgt. Masami Yoshinari (above) of Portland, who is shown receiving battlefield promotion to second lieutenant from Gen. Mark Clark in Italy. (AP photo.)

Jews," he declared. "If this should happen, it will not be the Japanese alone, because they are too small a minority to have any apparent significance."

"It may be the Negroes or the Filipinos, or both, if racial hatreds are stimulated. It may be the Jews or the Catholics, or both, if religious prejudices are inflamed. It may be the merchants or the farmers, or employers or labor unions, if industrial lines are drawn. It may be the 'haves' against the 'have-nots' if economic distinctions are made."

The Portland banker presented the Gresham group's proposal for a law, or constitutional amendment, to exclude Japanese as an attack on fundamental Americanism.

#### MacNAUGHTON:

##### Voiced His Views On Vital Problem

"It must be apparent that if it is proposed to enact a law by which persons of Japanese ancestry may be excluded from this or any other area of this state or of the United States, such a law would plainly violate both the state and national constitutions," he stated. "But the point I make is not only that it would violate constitutional limitations; it would attack the fundamental underlying value of the very thing which its advocates would intend to protect and preserve—the American way of life."

Charles A. Sprague, Salem, former governor of Oregon and president of the Oregon Council of Churches, struck at one of the mainstays of the plans for barring return of Japanese, which is that their present dislocation makes this the best time ever for uprooting them. He did this by reducing the

question to its smallest, most elemental, component.

"The Japanese were evacuated from their homes as a measure of war necessity," he asserted. "When that necessity no longer exists, there is no longer any logical reason for keeping them away."

Dr. Norman Coleman of Lewis and Clark college, who has traveled in Japan and has had experience with Japanese students here, said that young Japanese quickly make adjustments, and tend to become good citizens. This, it may be noted, is admitted by Hood River people, who claim that this tendency was thwarted in their community by outside control. Both Dr. Coleman and Mr. MacNaughton asserted that the Japanese is just as anxious for high return for his effort as is the white man, and both discounted the validity of the "low standard of living" argument.

Another principal speaker at this Gresham meeting was Harold S. Fister, Seattle, area supervisor for the war relocation authority, which has done a good enough and bad enough job with a hard and thankless task that catches brick-bats from several directions.

Fister pointed out to the group that the army and the United States supreme court have laid down the law on return of Japanese to the coast, and pledged WRA's aid in the ensuing movement of the evacuees to their former homes. This, of course, is only an extension of what has been a major part of the WRA's job from the beginning—relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry. WRA representatives, on occasion, have been less than tactful in dealing with farmers, but on the whole they have been simply doing the job laid out for them. The WRA actually is entitled

to kudos—not dead cats—from Hood River and Gresham farmers. Of the 107,000 Japanese evacuated from coastal homes, some 40,000 have been relocated outside the western defense command—a high percentage of these being scattered throughout the east and midwest. Others still in relocation centers will go to the interior, rather than return to the coast. Hood River farmers all along have been willing to settle for wider distribution of the Japanese. Most Gresham farmers felt the same until they were recently sold the idea of a constitutional amendment to expel all Japanese from the United States, which, some observers have said, probably will help the promoters more than the movement.

The WRA, from the very beginning, has shown considerably better over-all understanding of the Japanese question on the west coast than have many others expressing opinions. Segregation of racial or national minorities has long been recognized as out-of-line with melting pot principles, to say the least. When it became necessary to evacuate Japanese for security reasons, it was recognized as a golden opportunity to work for assimilation of a racial minority. From a relocation center to freedom in the midwest was a favor, not a hardship. (No Kansas jokes, please.) The WRA has made the present problem much smaller than it would have been without relocation activities of the last three years.

#### POLICE:

##### Say Japanese Observe Laws

There should be no tongue in cheek at this view of Japanese relocation. Individual Japanese have proven their good citizenship qualities time and again. As the Hood River pamphlet points out, they are a "pleasant and courteous people." Peace officers say that members of this group are among those causing officers the least trouble. Distributed over the nation, they are being well received in virtually all localities. This distribution is of benefit to the Japanese themselves, as well as alleviating what has proven a local irritant in many parts of the west.

None of this, it must be emphasized, argues in favor of coercive action against returning Japanese. It does not even argue in favor of Hood River's action in forming a corporation to buy land held by the Japanese. There is a measure of coercion in the sales talk. But, from this distance, neither does it argue against Hood River's idea of a proper solution to its local problem of long standing. Portlanders cannot be sure what their own attitude would be toward any 35,000-person group that resisted assimilation. As long as Hood River's action is within legal limits, and in reasonably good taste, the best judgment will be that which takes account of the cause, as well as the effect. He is rash, at best, who proclaims that he would be ever so much holier than a Hood River farmer if he were in the latter's place.

In order to get their blood pressure down, persons fighting the Japanese in this country must realize that the WRA's relocation program could not be 100 per cent effective, and relatively few people care that it is not. Those who return to the coast can be "written off" by the WRA; they must be entered in

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Hiroshi Sunamoto was first American-born Japanese to return to Hillsboro after lifting of ban in coastal area. He is pictured receiving rifles taken from him after Pearl Harbor from Sheriff J. W. Connell of Washington county.

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made one of the most cogent observations of his talk. It was in the nature of a plea to the great mass of comfort-seeking citizens who will have to give the race problem serious thought before it is solved.

"No man in this modern world," he declared, "can escape participating in this adventure of making society stable and successful. It is not error, per se, but complacency in error, which has forever bedeviled the life of man, and it always will while we allow it to prevail."

We do not have to let more Japanese into the country in the postwar period. But those who are here must be considered as humans; and those who were born here, as citizens. Many of their ancestors were brought here originally for American exploitation of the low standard of living that is now deplored.

Let there be some program of regulation and education which will protect their rights and advance their Americanism and at the same time protect the American rights of those with whom they compete. Broaden this program to include all minorities who might attract the attention of the short-sighted. Let it be accomplished and furthered by a growing awakening that tolerance is a prime requisite of Americanism; that emotional fury is no sign of either patriotism or common sense.

All this may be a large order. But ours is a country founded on great principle. Part of the principle is that we must share the responsibility for preserving both our liberties and our standard of living. Those who deny or shirk their share of this responsibility are inviting disaster at home as we strive for peace over the world.



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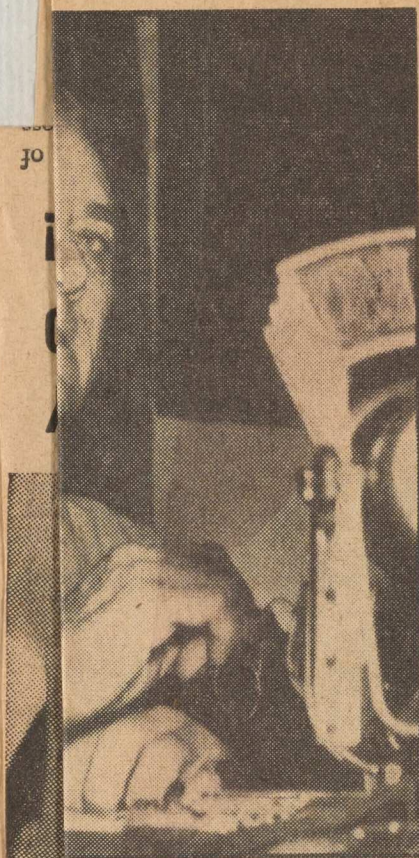
Special trial of members of the  
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The trial will be held at the  
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guilty face expulsion from member-  
ship in the International Long-  
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Dick Lynden, president of Local  
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## Fresno Terrorism

Two Questioned in Nisei Shootings;  
Another Incident in Tulare County

Special to The Chronicle

FRESNO, May 26—Two suspects  
were questioned here today by county  
officials in an effort to link them  
with recent acts of terrorism against  
returning Japanese-Americans.

Although the two were tracked  
from near the Charles Iwasaki home  
near Parlier, target of a fusillade of  
shots on Tuesday night, there was  
insufficient evidence yet for charges  
against the men, officials said.

The investigating officers report-  
ed they uncovered evidence that the  
shots were fired directly at the Iwa-  
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## TRACED TO HOMES

They said they traced the two  
men to their homes and obtained an  
admission they were nearby with  
guns.

As District Attorney James M.  
Thuesen prepared John Doe war-  
rants for the persons who fired upon  
two other Japanese-American homes  
here last Sunday, another act of  
vandalism was reported in Orosi,  
Tulare county.

There, Sheriff S. B. Sherman re-  
vealed that two rifle shots were fired  
into the home of Kaudy Mimura, 32,  
late Thursday evening. Mimura, his  
wife, and 6-year-old son were in the  
house at the time. The first shot  
barely missed the boy as he emerged  
from his bath, Sherman said.

Sherman said the assault was  
similar to others against San Joaquin

valley Nisei in that the shots were  
apparently fired from a moving au-  
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Meanwhile, Fresno county and  
city police repeated their "no news"  
formula on other "incidents" in the  
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The latter included assaults on  
the homes of Miyoka Masada and  
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## First Arrest Made for Firing at Japs

WASHINGTON, May 26. (U.P.)  
Secretary of Interior Ickes today  
reported the first arrest for at-  
tempted shooting of Japanese  
Americans on the West Coast.  
Twenty attempted shootings  
have been reported since last  
June 2.

Ickes said he had been in-  
formed by the War Relocation  
Authority that Ernest Multanen  
of Parlier, Cal., was arrested  
yesterday. He said Multanen  
had admitted firing a shotgun  
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—The "world golf championship"  
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# NISEI SHOOTING CHARGE LODGED

By United Press

FRESNO, May 28.—Police today arrested Levi Multanen, 33, of Parlier, on a misdemeanor charge growing from the terrorist shooting into the Parlier home of Charles Iwasaki a relocated Nisei, last Tuesday night.

Dist. Atty. James M. Thuesen said Multanen would be charged with "using a gun in a rude and threatening manner." Conviction carries a sentence of six months in jail; \$300 fine—or both.

Four shots crashed into the home occupied by Iwasaki, his wife, three children and a grandfather. None was injured.

Multanen, apprehended Friday, admitted he was in the vicinity of the Iwasaki home at time of the shooting, police said, but maintained that he had been hunting rabbits. Later, officers said, he "partially" confessed to having deliberately fired his shotgun into the dwelling.

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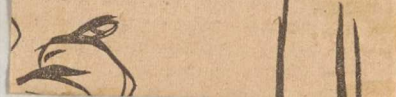
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## FASCISM IS SEEN IN UNION ROW BY PASTOR

Fascism is creeping into the life of this community as shown by the altercation within the Stockton unit of Local 6, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, it was stated in yesterday's sermon by Dr. Noel J. Breed, pastor of the First Congregational Church and chairman of the Stockton Inter-Racial Council.

"Whether we like the fact or realize it, Stockton has broken into the pages of every important newspaper in the country during the past week. The story of the refusal of certain members of the local Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union to work with an American citizen of Japanese ancestry was carried by all the great news services, and was featured in nearly every country. If what this community wants is to be talked about, it has had its ambitions gratified! But if its citizens are concerned about the impression others gain we have grave cause for concern.

### UNION COMMENDED

Letters and telegrams from all over the world have poured into the headquarters of the ILWU commending the union for the prompt steps it has taken against its recalcitrant members; condemning those who drew the color line in employment of American citizens; and only a few extreme racists and cranks approved the discrimination.

"The situation is something that good Americans and good Christians cannot disregard. We must pay attention to it. We must see that our influence is promptly ranged upon the side of American principles and justice, to say nothing of Christian brotherhood. For, make no mistake about this, steps towards fascism were taken in Stockton this past week. We must do all within our power to see that no further steps towards it are taken.

### GROUP DOMINATION

"Fascism is the domination of a social group by one of its elements, the subordination of the whole to the will of the few. It begins in lawlessness, seeking its will by means of pressure, economic boycotts and violence. As it silences its opposition, it forces legislative and governmental changes to accomplish its purpose, so that what was once secured by violence is ultimately the law of the land.

"The classic method of fascism is to start with an attack upon a minority. In Italy it was the Socialists. In Germany it was the Jews. In Japan it was the Koreans and the liberals, those suspected of dangerous thoughts. These people were convenient scapegoats for national difficulties.

"Fascism never stops with its first scapegoat. If it did, it would lose its momentum and cease to be. Instead, gaining strength and audacity, it strikes at stronger, more respectable minority groups, until, piece-meal, it has brought the entire people under its sway. After the Jews had been liquidated in Germany, the Nazis attacked the Communists, then the Social

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## 50 Union Men Storm Out of Hearing

### Warehouse Crews Working Despite Dispute

Stockton warehouses were reported working today with full crews despite the fact some 50 members of the Stockton unit, International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, suspended because of refusal to sign pledge cards agreeing to work with Japanese, yesterday questioned the legality of official union proceedings against them, refused to testify and walked out of the union hall.

Following the mass exodus of the men who had been ordered to face trial for alleged violation of the union's no racial discrimination policy, officials of San Francisco Local 6, who have taken over administration of the suspended Stockton unit, declared that yesterday's session was merely a "preliminary hearing."

### MEETING TONIGHT

A mass meeting of all members who failed to sign the pledge cards has been called for tonight at 8 o'clock in the Weber School Auditorium with O. A. Schmidt, a past chairman of the Stockton unit and former general executive board member, to act as chairman of the meeting.

Attorney Harold Wyatt, who has been retained to represent the protestants, said today, "This meeting will be open to the public because we want everyone to know our sentiments in this matter and how many of our members are in accord with our views. The ILWU is attempting to place the opposition members in the public light as a small minority group who are stubborn and dogmatic," he continued.

The fireworks in yesterday's meeting were set off when Schmidt attempted to read a written protest signed by several opposition members and was refused the opportunity. The protest cites the constitution of the union, which states that no trial can be held until 10 days after charges are preferred. Opposition members contend that notification of charges filed and the trial date were mailed only three days ago.

### 50 WALK OUT

When union officials refused to let him read the protest and indicated that other protesting members would be refused the privilege of reading their protests, Schmidt and approximately 50 men stormed from the union hall at Channel and Hunter.

"Take it or leave it, that's what they told us," several members shouted. "They didn't even give us a chance to speak our piece."

### UNION STATEMENT

Richard Lynden, president of Local 6, San Francisco, made the only official union statement in which he called protestants to the ruling "an organized disruptive group attempting to intimidate members into defiance of the union."

"Many members are still coming into the union office to sign the pledge cards. The union will insist that its constitution be lived up to. We will bring ring leaders of the intimidating group to trial and

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## LOYAL SIFTED

Giving a brief history of the government's actions regarding persons of Japanese ancestry since Pearl Harbor, Dr. Breed explained that all Japanese, whether aliens or citizens, suspected of disloyalty were interned in camps in the northwestern United States immediately after December 7, 1941. In March, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast were ordered into assembly centers such as the one at the county fairgrounds. They were later removed to relocation centers in the inland states. Attempts to separate loyal and disloyal Japanese were made, those failing to disavow dual citizenship sent to the Tule Lake camp, from which they will be returned to Japan following the war, Dr. Breed explained.

The ban against Japanese on the coast was lifted last December. All relocation centers except those holding disloyal Japanese will be closed January 1, 1946. Those interned in the closing camps are attempting to locate themselves either in their former places of residence or elsewhere in the country where they can find work.

## ALLEGIANCE PROVEN

Dr. Breed then continued, "No Japanese national and no Nisei or American of Japanese ancestry against whose loyalty to the United States there is the slightest breath of suspicion will ever come back to the Coast. Those who come have proved themselves steadfast in their allegiance. If they are aliens, it is because our naturalization laws have not allowed them to become citizens. If they are citizens, it is because they have the same claim to their birthright that you and I have—we were all born in this free country. They are entitled to all the rights, protection and privileges assured to us or to any citizen.

"Yet the plain fact is that they are not receiving these rights, protections, and privileges. There have been a score of night attacks in different parts of the state. Many communities have signs in their stores, 'No Jap trade wanted,' and pledges not to buy or sell to 'Japs' have been signed. Isn't it strange? We do not call Americans of German ancestry Germans, but we call Americans of Japanese ancestry 'Japs'! People who have sought to secure their rights as American citizens for these unfortunate people are called 'Jap-lovers.'

"When the WRA, the governmental authority entrusted with their relocation, attempts to bring the facts about the heroic military service of the sons of these people before the country in a pamphlet, 'Nisei in Uniform,' three California congressmen, our own Leroy Johnson in their number, protest against this attempt to 'glorify the Japanese!'

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In San Francisco today Morris Watson, ILWU information director, charged "apparently a strong anti-Japanese element is behind organized rebellion of Stockton members." Commenting on the charges against the trial committee, Watson said:

"There could be some technical defects in the union's presentation of the case, but they would not alter the fundamental charge against the defendants, namely, that they have violated the no-discrimination pledge."

#### LEGAL REDRESS

The statement of refusal to testify, which Schmidt indicated has been signed by approximately 75 suspended members, concluded with "If . . . the committee should proceed and in any way discipline or seek to discipline me I will seek redress in the courts. Should I be successful in this, I will then prefer charges against each member of this committee for wilful disobedience of the articles and sections of the constitution heretofore cited."

Gathering on a near-by parking lot after they left the union hall, indignant opposition members quickly collected \$71 for finances.

A committee hastily formed to fight the expulsion proceedings is headed by Alva Bone, assisted by Nick Smith, James McNair and C. V. Sheehy. Schmidt, nominated to head the committee, refused.

One opposer, who refused to give his name, said, "My son just got off Iwo Jima. He's been in the Marines 33 months. Do you think I'd sign to work with Japs? Do you think he'd want me to sign?"

Another sidelight on the sidewalk conversations was the statement of a returned Marine veteran now employed in a local warehouse.

"I didn't sign a pledge card. Neither did these other fellows. They were cited to appear today. I wasn't. Why not?"

Joseph Lynch, vice-president of Local 6 and temporarily administering the affairs of the suspended Stockton unit, refused to enlarge on Lynden's statement regarding expulsions, saying only, "Once it is determined who the ringleaders are they'll be expelled."

#### PLANTS QUIET

No trouble was reported this morning at plants hiring warehousemen. At one warehouse a full crew reported for work, in itself rather unusual for Monday morning, according to the personnel manager. Several returned veterans are employed there who have refused to sign pledge cards. Other employees, no definite number given, have also refused to sign, the foreman said.

According to one warehouseman, the veterans have stated, "We were taught to kill them and now they want us to work alongside them."



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## Stockton Bias Case Anti-Nisei Group Refuses To Testify at ILWU Hearing

By LOUIS BURGESS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

STOCKTON, May 27—Scores of warehouse workers  
accused of threatening to strike rather than work with Japa  
nese-Americans refused today to testify at preliminary hear  
ing before a union trial committee set up by the executive  
board of CIO Warehousemen's  
Local 6.

The accused members, charged  
with violating the union's constitu  
tion by practicing racial discrimina  
tion, announced they would take the  
case to the courts.

A "large number" of Stockton  
ILWU members, however, signed  
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### REBELS TO MEET

Leaders of the rebellion later in  
the day said a mass meeting would  
be held tomorrow night to explain  
their stand to the public, press and  
ILWU members.

They will take the position of up  
holding an oath required of all  
members, they said. This oath says:  
"I will not deal in any manner with  
any person who is an enemy of  
labor. To this I pledge my honor."  
Japanese-Americans, they claim, al  
ways have been enemies of labor in  
this area.

The leaders formed an executive  
committee composed of O. A.  
Schmidt chairman; C. B. Sheehy,  
J. M. McNair, Alva Bone and N. G.  
Smith. All are charter members of  
the Stockton unit of Local 6.

Harold Wyatt, Stockton attorney  
retained to take the case to the  
courts, will address the mass meet  
ing. Schmidt, last year's chairman  
of the Stockton unit and spokes  
man for the accused members, will  
preside.

### ACCUSED APPEAR

Accused members of the Stockton  
unit of the local appeared at the  
hours set for successive groups of  
defendants, beginning at 11 a. m.  
and running on through the day.  
Many of them laid on the table of  
the trial committee typed state  
ments they had signed announcing:

"I object and refuse to submit to  
the jurisdiction of this trial com  
mittee. I do not intend to testify,  
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"Our trial notices are dated May  
24 yet the hearing is set for May  
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## Weather

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When asked how many member  
were accused, Schmidt said:

"We don't know. But we do know  
this—our attorney prepared 65  
these typed statements of refusal  
to testify or to accept jurisdiction  
of the committee, and we ran out  
them with the very first batch  
of defendants at 11 a. m., even though  
some were signed by more than one  
member. Our attorney had to get  
busy and have more typed state  
ments prepared."

Schmidt and his protesting group  
refused to discuss the issue of work  
ing alongside Japanese-Americans.

"That's a separate question and  
we'll come to it later," said Schmidt.  
"Meanwhile, we are protecting our  
own rights as American citizens who  
are members of Local 6."

### CONSTITUTION CITED

Another member of the accused  
group said:

"When we became members we  
agreed not to practice race dis  
crimination. Now they are asking  
us to sign special pledges to the  
same affect, and we refused to do  
this."

President Lynden of San Fran  
cisco, president of Local 6, which  
has some 20,000 members in Central  
California, said as he entered the  
trial room:

"There is no need for the officers  
an executive board of Local 6 to  
make statements other than those  
previously made. That is, we are  
opposed to any discrimination  
against any persons for reasons of  
race, creed or color. That's plainly  
in our Constitution and we're going  
to see to it that no handful of per  
sons violates the intention of our  
members to do everything possible  
to stop discrimination."

"Outside influences" may be be  
hind the Stockton situation, an  
ILWL official says in a story on  
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## NISEI HATERS AT STOCKTON QUIT HEARING

ILWU Chief Says  
All Recalcitrants  
Will Be Tried

By United Press

STOCKTON, May 28.—More than 50 members of the Stockton local of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union yesterday refused to testify before a union trial committee which had accused them of threatening to strike rather than work with Japanese-Americans.

Facing preliminary trial on charges of violating the union constitution's racial discrimination clause, the union members walked out of the hearing, protesting they were refused the right to read a statement.

They claimed Richard Lynden, president of Local 6, San Francisco, turned down reading of a statement in which they questioned the legality of the trial and threatened to go to court if any disciplinary action was taken.

### Typed Statements

Typed statements were laid on the trial table by many of the defendants. The statements read in part: "I object and refuse to submit to the jurisdiction of this trial committee. I do not intend to testify, answer any questions, or in any way submit to the authority of this committee. If in the face of these objections the committee proceeds and in any way disciplines or seeks to discipline me I will seek redress in the courts. Should I be successful in this I will then prefer charges against each member of the trial committee."

A. O. Schmidt, one of the suspended warehousemen and former chairman of the Stockton unit, said more than 75 of the warehousemen suspended by the union had signed the statement.

### 'Fight Fund' Raised

Following the exodus from the meeting, the dissenting members collected \$71 for a "fight fund" and named a steering committee of Alva Bone, Nick Smith, Gene McNair and C. V. Sheehy.

In an official union statement, Mr. Lynden said:

"Our preliminary hearings at Stockton are to continue as scheduled. Members still are coming in and signing pledge cards reaffirming their allegiance to the union non-discrimination policy and indicating they understand the issue. The organized disruptive group has attempted to intimidate members in defiance to the union.

"The union will insist that its constitution be lived up to. We will bring the ring leaders of the intimidating group to trial and see that they are expelled from the union."

## 50 CONTI CDADKS

ORANGE, N. J., May 28 (INS)—The "world golf championship" match between Byron Nelson and Sammy Snead was an undecided tie today after two days of play between the giants of the links in which each scored a victory. Snead chalked up a win in the

### Play Tie Match

### Nelson-Snead

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G. F. Tenniss of Grass Valley, V.  
terson, Don McKay of Clarksburg,  
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### Two Approaches



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The hiring hall sent him on May 10 to the Taylor Milling Company warehouse. The men refused to accept him, and the Japanese returned to the hiring hall. He was sent out a second time with the same result. Eventually the American-born Japanese had to take a farm job, Watson concluded.



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# Oregon Jury Gives Farm Back to Nisei

By United Press  
OREGON CITY, Ore., May 29.—Masayuki Fujimoto, 28-year-old Japanese-American berry farmer, won in court last night permission to reoccupy the farm he leased when interned after Pearl Harbor. The jury was out only 15 minutes. Fujimoto had leased his 60-acre berry farm in Clackamas County to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bergh, who agreed in the terms of the lease to surrender the premises to Mr. Fujimoto after 30 days notice upon termination of the national emergency and his return to the county.

After release from the Hunt, Ida, Relocation Center, Mr. Fujimoto served notice to regain his land on March 24. The Berghs took the case to court and won a decision when the judge withdrew his first verdict which favored Mr. Fujimoto.

The judge's reversal was based on the fact that the Japanese-American had not given OPA a copy of the eviction papers. Bergh had been a leader in the Gresham anti-Japanese group.

Mr. Fujimoto was born in Portland and attended grammar, high school and Reed College there. He is married and the father of two children.

## CHARGED AT STOCKTON CIO 'DICTATORSHIP'

STOCKTON, May 29. — "Dictatorial tactics" was the charge flung today at a trial committee of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, CIO, by a group of Stockton longshoremen scheduled to stand trial by the union for purported discrimination against a Japanese-American warehouseman.

The longshoremen met here last night and signed a statement declaring they had signed anti-racial discrimination pledges at the request of Richard Lynden, local president, "reluctantly and under duress."

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**Anti-Nisei Group  
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The ILWU Charges**

By LOUIS BURGESS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

STOCKTON, May 28—Fif-  
teen members of the Stockton  
unit of CIO Warehouseman's  
Local 6 who had previously  
signed anti-racial discrimina-  
tion pledges at the request of  
Richard Lynden, president of the  
local, tonight at a mass meeting in  
Weber School auditorium signed a  
statement declaring:

"We signed the pledges reluc-  
tantly and under duress. We are  
wholeheartedly in support of the  
members who had the courage to  
defy this autocratic and dictatorial  
action."

The action to which they referred  
was that of Lynden and other of-  
ficers of the local in asking that  
the cards, pledging that the signer  
would not practice racial discrim-  
ination on the job, be signed before  
6 p. m. last Tuesday if the men  
wished to avoid trial and expul-  
sion from the union. The pledges  
were sought after several members  
had threatened to strike rather  
than work with Japanese-Amer-  
icans, according to Lynden.

Some of those who signed the  
statement tonight pledging support  
to those defying the officers' action  
you took copies of the statement with  
spe them and said they would get addi-  
tional signatures at the warehouses  
where they work.

Harold Wyatt, attorney for the  
union protesting group, told the 150  
shop persons at the mass meeting  
that the officers of Local 6 would  
try to "to isolate and make scapegoats  
allof the five men who have had the  
fair courage and intelligence to act as  
leaders of your fight to retain your  
rights as American citizens and as  
members of your union."

Wyatt was referring to the five  
men who acted as an executive com-  
mittee and called the meeting to-  
night: O. A. Schmidt, C. B. Sheehy,  
J. M. McNair, Alva Bone and N. G.  
Smith.

Wyatt and others at the meeting  
said that men had been cited to  
the hearing Sunday for failure to  
sign pledge cards who had not been  
working warehouses for two years  
and who could not have known  
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"This shows how high handed and  
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the meeting.  
Schmidt and others contended  
that the unit had never voted on  
the question of whether the men  
would work with Japanese-Ameri-  
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"The issue we voted on" said  
Bone, "was whether or not we  
favored having the Japanese  
brought back into California at this  
time."

The meeting was enlivened by a  
debate between two Negroes. The  
first one to speak, Luke Duncan, a  
member of the Stockton unit, said  
that despite all that had been said  
at the meeting he still felt that  
racial discrimination is involved.

"Looking at it as a Negro," said  
Duncan, "I feel it is dangerous to  
have any union pick on any race."  
The second Negro rose and intro-  
duced himself as "Willie B. Wil-  
liams," and as a member of AFI  
Boilermakers' Union.

"We have been talking this over  
in our union," said Williams, "and  
over there we feel great admira-  
tion for you folks who are stick-  
ing up for your rights against the  
dictatorial action of your officers.  
We feel that you should stick to  
your fight. You have a right to free  
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cedure of your union constitution."

(The State Supreme Court re-  
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## Warehousemen hailed on fight for justice

The American Council on Race Relations and the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play today had commended the CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Local 6 for its "forthright handling" of the Stockton situation, where some members of the union refused to work with an American citizen of Japanese ancestry.

The local last week suspended the Stockton unit of the union for its refusal to abide by the union's constitution which forbids racial discrimination.

In a letter to Harry Bridges, ILWU president, the Council of Race Relations said, "the uncompromising stand you have taken with those who have violated your constitution sets an example to the public authorities of this state who have so far found no way to halt the terroristic attacks of night rides and vigilantes on peaceful, law-abiding and loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry."

"You have also set a high example for other labor unions. We know of no other instance where a union has acted as promptly and vigorously to uphold its

policy of equal treatment for all loyal Americans. Your action has given heart to the many people in California who want to see the State's constitution upheld as courageously as you have enforced the constitution of your union."

The letter was signed by Laurence J. Hewes Jr., regional director of the council.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, executive secretary of the Committee on Fair Play, wrote in behalf of her organization:

"It is encouraging to see organizations operating on the basis of an equal right to employment regardless of race, creed or color. It must be heartening to our men in the armed forces to feel that they are being backed up at home in their fight for human rights and justice."

"It is to be hoped that an increasing number of our West Coast citizens, particularly those public servants responsible for law and order, will gain courage from the determined stand of the ILWU and will evince a growing concern for the civil rights of all our citizenry, including members of racial and religious minorities."

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**Supreme Court's Day  
Ruling in Bridges Case Expected  
June 4 or 11—Recess Is Delayed**

The Supreme Court's ruling on the Harry Bridges deportation order may be expected on June 4 or 11. Belief that the ruling will come on either of these dates was expressed in Washington yesterday, according to Associated Press, as the Court postponed its adjournment for summer recess.

Forty-two other cases remain on the Court's calendar and are to be disposed of before recess is taken, United Press said. They include:

The Marshall Field anti-trust suit against Associated Press; appeals against Alabama and Florida laws regulating unions, and an appeal against convictions of 24 former leaders of the German-American Bund for allegedly advising members on ways of evading draft laws.

**Nisei Denied Hearing**  
The court yesterday refused to review the case of Minola Tamesa, a Nisei sentenced to serve a term of three years in Federal prison because he failed to report for an induction physical examination while he was an inmate of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center. Tamesa had appealed that his conviction was un-

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**Rancher Pleads Guilty  
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FRESNO, May 28.—A six-  
month probationary term was  
imposed today upon Levi Multa-  
nen, 33, Parlier district rancher,  
who pleaded guilty in Parlier  
Justice Court to firing four shot-  
gun blasts into the home of  
Charles Iwasaki, Parlier area  
Japanese, Tuesday night.  
The specific charge to which  
Multanen pleaded guilty before  
Justice of the Peace L. B. Cros-

by was firing a gun in a rude  
and threatening manner.  
Multanen was arrested early  
today by deputy sheriffs and  
was taken before Crosby imme-  
diately. He was questioned last  
week along with a companion,  
but at that time denied having  
fired the shots, although admit-  
ting having been near the Iwa-  
saki home about the time the  
shots were fired.

The accused man told Crosby  
he was induced to fire the shots  
by grief over the supposed  
death of a nephew in the South  
Pacific. He added that the day  
following the shooting he re-  
ceived a letter from the nephew.

**None Injured**

Tracks found on the ground  
near the Iwasaki home were  
followed by investigators to the  
Multanen home, where shotgun  
shells similar to those discov-  
ered near the evacuee's home  
were found.

No one was injured by the  
shots, although Iwasaki, his wife,  
three small children and his  
grandfather, all of whom re-  
cently returned from a reloca-  
tion center, were in the home.

Dist. Atty. James M. Thuesen  
said the lesser charge was filed  
because he did not believe an  
assault with a deadly weapon  
conviction could be obtained.  
The prosecutor added he ex-  
pects an early arrest in two  
shootings a week ago in which  
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the homes of two recently re-  
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## Fujimoto Wins Again in Suit To Evict Berghs

Jury Deliberates  
Less than 15 Minutes  
To Find for Jap

After being locked up just 15 minutes, a Clackamas county circuit court jury late Monday returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the eviction suit of Masayuki Fujimoto against Dale and Lorene Bergh, Damascus.

The case was started before Judge E. M. Page, Monday morning, after Page had overruled a motion by Fujimoto's attorneys to strike portions of the answer, filed by Glenn Jack, Bergh's counsel, which permitted the matter to be decided on the jury's interpretation of the lease agreement between the contending parties.

At 5:15 PM, Monday, the jury filed out of the court room and quickly named A. S. Trelawny chairman. At 5:29 Bailiff W. O. Vaughn announced to Judge Page that the jury had reached a verdict, attorneys were called back to the court room and the verdict was read by County Clerk Guy Pace. Fujimoto took his victory calmly, much more so than did his attorneys Barney Skulason and C. W. Powers.

This is the second action in the Clackamas circuit court in which the lease agreement was found to be in favor of the Jap regaining possession and control of his property. The first was tried without a jury before Judge Earl C. Latourette who found the agreement meant that Fujimoto's re-possession should occur when he gave notice that he wished to return, if the war department permitted evacuated Japanese to return to their former homes.

### "WAR EMERGENCY" IS CRUX

The defense in both cases was that the war emergency is not over, but the plaintiff's argument that the emergency as it affected his return to his property near Damascus was ended when the army permitted him to return to the coast from an Idaho internment camp.

Judge Page ruled that this question of interpreting the meaning and intent of a lease was a question of fact and, hence, submissible for jury decision. The jury decision results in the same finding of Judge Latourette in considering the lease provisions as a question of law.

Jurors sitting on the case were Vera Caufield, Ida Buche, Francis G. Drake, Edna M. Thiessen, E. F. Slade, Blanche Eccles, William Green, Ethel S. Baker, Augusta Baker, A. S. Trelawny, Meta Hofstetter and Mildred Easterday. Five other jurors were challenged by attorneys. A recess was necessary about 11 AM to permit deputy sheriffs to round up additional jurors, the panel of 14 having been exhausted when lawyers challenged three of the original venire.



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**Anti-Nisei Terrorist Gets Probation** 268

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Multanen, the first man arrested for shooting at Japanese-Americans in Fresno county, where there have been half a dozen similar incidents in recent weeks, told Judge L. B. Crosby that he hadn't heard from his nephew, who is fighting the Japs in the South Pacific, for a long time, and that he was worried and "very mad at the Japs."

The Judge warned him against further illegal acts and placed him on probation for six months.

District Attorney James M. Thuesen said a trail of footprints led Deputy Sheriffs from the home of Charles Iwasaki, a Nisei with wife and three children, to Multanen's home.

"We questioned him Friday, several days after the shooting," he said, "but we weren't sure we had a case against him. We returned to his home today, Monday, and arrested him on the misdemeanor charge of using a gun in a threatening manner."

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**No 'Outside Influence' in ILWU Case**

Special to The Chronicle  
STOCKTON, May 28—Denial that  
"outside influence" caused Stockton  
members of ILWU to decide upon  
their asserted refusal to work with  
Japanese-Americans was made to-  
day by Harold Wyatt.  
Wyatt has been employed as at-  
torney by a group of members of  
the Stockton unit who are protest-  
ing the action of ILWU Local 6 in  
suspending their unit and in threat-  
ening members who refuse to sign  
pledges that they will work with  
Japanese-Americans with trial and  
possible expulsion from the union.  
Wyatt was asked about statements  
by ILWU officials in San Francisco  
that "outside influences" were mis-  
leading the members of the union  
whom he represents.  
"I do believe that some groups  
very hostile to the Japanese-Amer-  
icans would like to make capital out  
of this situation," he replied. "But  
I am strongly advising that no  
alliance with such groups be formed,  
and I have found no tendency among  
these protesting union members to  
form any such alliance. I am a  
member of the American Legion,  
and know that the American Legion  
is taking no stand in the matter."  
Joseph Lynch, second vice presi-  
dent of Local 6, who was put in  
charge of the unit's affairs here  
when its regular operations were  
suspended by Richard Lynden, presi-  
dent of the local, as the result of the  
dispute, said today that men of many  
races work together in the Stockton  
warehouses.  
"The men will see the light and  
work alongside Japanese-Americans  
when they realize the danger there  
is to all unionism in discrimination  
of any sort," said Lynch.  
Dr. Noel J. Breed, pastor of the  
First Congregational church here  
and chairman of the Stockton In-  
ter-Racial Council, issued a state-  
ment today saying "we must make  
no mistake about this—steps toward  
fascism were taken in Stockton this  
past week. We must do all in our  
power to see to it that no further  
steps toward it are taken."  
"The classic method of Fascism,"  
Dr. Breed added, "is to start with  
an attack upon a minority. Fascism  
never stops with its first scapegoat.  
Instead, gaining strength and au-  
dacity, it strikes at stronger, more  
respectable minority groups, until,  
piecemeal, it has brought the en-  
tire people under its sway."  
Dr. Breed said that a meeting  
of the Inter-Racial Council will be  
held this week to consider the is-  
sue raised in the union.  
"In the meantime," he said, "I  
am sure that all our members com-  
mend the effort of the union to  
check this dangerous step toward  
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**CHARGES FLY IN**  
 Tuesday night's concert is pre-  
 in concert for many months.  
 music circles to hear Miss Harbert  
 her many admirers in Stockton  
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The case was started before Judge E. M. Page Monday after Page had overruled motion to strike portions of the answer, filed by Glenn Jack, Bergh's counsel, which permitted the matter to be decided on the jury's interpretation of the lease agreement between the contending parties.

At 5:15 p. m. Monday the jury filed out of the courtroom and quickly named A. S. Trelawny chairman. At 5:29 Bailiff W. O. Vaughn announced to Judge Page that the jury had reached a verdict. attorneys were called back to the courtroom and the verdict was read by County Clerk Guy Pace.

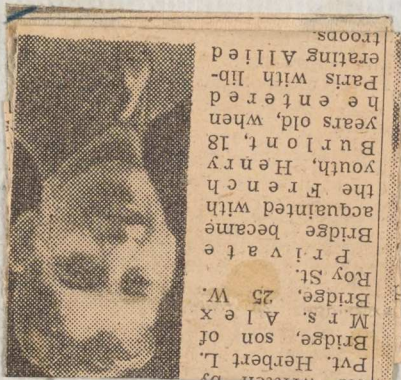
This is the second action in the Clackamas circuit court in which the lease agreement was found to be in favor of the Japanese regaining possession and control of his property. The first was tried without a jury before Judge Earl C. Latourette, who found the agreement meant that Fujimoto's repossession should occur when he gave notice that he wished to return, if the war department permitted evacuated Japanese to return to their former homes.

The defense in both cases was that the war emergency is not over, but the plaintiff's argument that the emergency as it affected his return to his property near Damascus was ended when the army permitted him to return to the coast from an Idaho internment camp.

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## Efforts to Assist Jap Farmers Called 'Exceeding Powers'

By Stub Nelson

Irked by what they claim are War Relocation Authority officials' efforts to assist Japanese farmers in regaining a foothold in the vegetable, fruit and berry market, wholesalers along Seattle Produce Row yesterday charged the agencies were "exceeding their powers."

Wholesalers along "the row"—which has its center at Western ave. and Spring St.—charged that Japanese operators from Kirkland, Bellevue, Hunt's Point and Kent have been backed by the WRA in their attempts to channel their hot-house tomatoes and cucumbers into the local market.

With the arrival of lettuce, radishes and onions heralding the beginning of the big summer flood of produce, the situation has daily grown more tense, it was conceded.

## FEELING THEIR WAY'

Placement of Japanese-grown vegetables has amounted to very little to date, a Post-Intelligencer survey revealed. In most cases the Japanese who are trying to get their crops into circulation have merely "tried to feel their way." Included in this group are evacuees who have returned to farms they operated prior to the war. Mostly, they are home from an Idaho relocation center.

A canvass of the wholesalers in the district brought forth strong sentiment against the restoration of Japanese to the heavy share of business they once cornered.

C. A. Adwen, Northwest Produce Association secretary, said that up

to the present time only one of the 16 perwar Japanese wholesalers had made an attempt to return to "the row."

"After one visit here, he went elsewhere and we haven't heard from him lately," said Adwen.

'NOT UNDERSTANDABLE'

Most of the wholesalers have sons or relatives in the South Pacific and they are frank in saying they can't understand why any federal agency should "carry the ball for the Japanese."

"There is no agency plugging for Germans, Italians or any other group," he said, irately. "Why should I?"

"Also, the WRA was set up to handle the Japs during an emergency that is now over. What right have its employees to carry on for the Japs?"

Adwen said that 33 wholesalers now operating on "the row" represent white and Filipino growers who have "turned in a swell war-time job—better than the Japanese ever did."

LABOR MAY BALK

"If we are ordered by the War Foods Administration, or any federal agency except the WRA, to handle Japanese-grown produce we will do so," Adwen continued. Meanwhile, ...

Meanwhile, business agents of the powerful A. F. of L. Teamster Union kept close watch of the Japanese produce situation.

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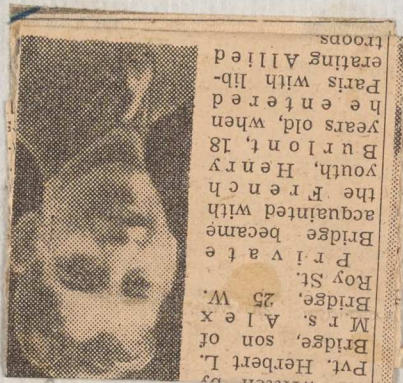
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Special to The Chronicle

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discrimination were being asked to  
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petition. This one declared that  
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(Lynden's complete announcement  
will be found on Page 7.)

The pledge cards had been signed  
at Lynden's request after several  
members of the Stockton unit had  
threatened to strike rather than  
work with Japanese-Americans, ac-  
cording to ILWU officers.

The statement repudiating the  
pledge was circulated by workers  
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statement at a mass meeting called  
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### INTER-RACIAL COUNCIL

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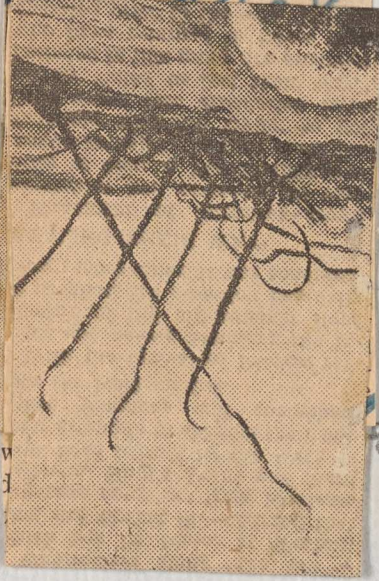
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the council would have nothing to  
do with any internal union dispute  
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that time would consider the situ-  
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"My hope is that the thing will get  
straightened out in the meantime,"  
he said. "My understanding is that  
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been cited as leaders of this anti-  
Japanese-American movement have  
worked alongside Negroes and other  
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them into full union membership  
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**"COMPROMISE" REPORT**

There were reports today that ef-  
forts are being made to compro-  
mise the dispute on the assumption  
that during the controversy both  
sides had been compelled to shift  
ground a little.

However, an International Long-  
shoremen's and Warehousemen's  
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people would like to see is that we  
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## Pete and His Pipe

In the "pipes" I have written against returning Japanese to this part of California I've had an objective. It wasn't based on the legal rights of citizens, or on justice for individuals, or prejudice against individuals. The objective was to prevent "incidents."

To that end I suggested that the Japanese do not come back to this coast at this time. Perhaps, when the war is over, whites and Chinese and Filipinos and Negroes here, may be able to judge a Japanese as an individual rather than the representative of a race that committed unspeakable savageries on men and women and children who, through no fault of their own, became prisoners of the Japanese forces of aggression.

### HAVE REASON TO HATE

But in the mean time we—perhaps as many as 90 per cent of us—have a hatred of Japan as a nation and it will not permit us to be tolerant of the individuals of Japanese blood. I am not trying to argue the right or the wrong of that, but to simply state that it is the fact. To deny it is to court trouble.

### COLOR NOT THE ISSUE

Color has nothing to do with our anti-Japanese sentiment. If it had, we whites wouldn't be friendly with the Koreans among us, The Chinese, we honor more than ever before. For as many years as you or I can remember Caucasians have worked side by side here with Negroes in loading and unloading freight, in building construction and in other lines of work, without any racial prejudice. No, it isn't the color of the Japanese, or the acts of a minority of them, but the character—the national character—of millions of them, that has driven us to abhor all Japanese.

A few thousand Japanese and Japanese-Americans have returned to California. There have been "incidents," but very few. They were regrettable. They were caused, not by mob action, but by irresponsible individuals. On the whole, and considering the state of public opinion, California behaved with more restraint than many had thought possible.

### ULTERIOR MOTIVES

After all, Japan and Japan alone brought on this war in the Pacific, and without provocation on our part. Japanese here are perhaps unfortunate, but not so unfortunate as American civilians caught in Japan and in China and the Philippines.

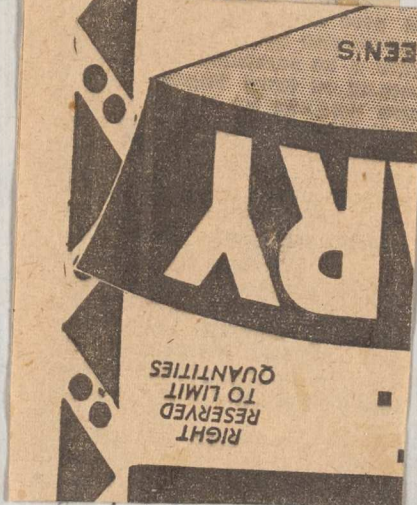
To my notion the thing we need to look out for here is the possibilities in the situation for using our anti-Japanese sentiment for ulterior motives.

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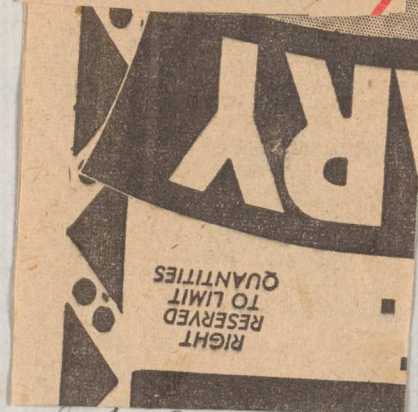
WASHINGTON, May 31.—The Federal Government believes it has little right to intervene in cases of terrorism against Japanese-Americans on the West Coast, it was learned today.

Justice Department attorneys have been studying the 19 cases reported to them and have concluded that there is possibility for Federal action in only one.

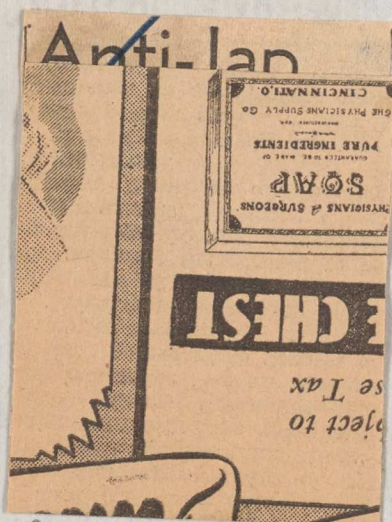
Eleanor Bontecu, department attorney, said investigation of that case was not complete.

In most cases, she indicated, action was up to local authorities.

(A judge in Parlier, Cal., placed a rancher on probation Monday after convicting him of firing a buckshot-charged shotgun into the home of Charles Iwasaki. No one was hurt and Judge L. B. Crosby said it was "more important that this not occur again than it is to punish this man for the act that did occur.")



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## Ickes blasts Calif. justice for conduct of Nisei case

By ROSEMARIE MULLANY

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(UP)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes today said Justice of the Peace L. B. Crosby of Parlier, Calif., was a "disgrace to the bench" because of his conduct of a case involving a terror attack against a Japanese-American family.

"If California has any law under which it can reach out and demote that justice of the peace, they oughtn't to lose any time," Ickes said.

Crosby gave a six months suspended sentence to Levi Multanen, 33, who was charged with using a gun "in a rude and threatening manner" after four shots were

fired into the home of Charles Iwasaki at Parlier.

"I'll say it was damned rude," Ickes said.

Ickes said Crosby had implied that the war relocation authority was at fault for returning Japanese Americans to their homes. But WRA, Ickes said, was only attempting to get the evacuees back to a normal life.

"Certain parts of California, instead of having law and order as their ideal, have law and disorder," Ickes said. "It's terrible!"

His statement followed disclosure that the justice department has examined records of 19 shooting attacks on Japanese Americans in California in an effort to determine whether the federal government has jurisdiction.

Most of the terror attacks so far have taken the form of hit and run shootings and attempts to set fire to homes of Japanese Americans who were permitted to return to the west coast in January.

One justice department official has termed the attacks "outrageous."

California congressmen have been less concerned. Several were surprised to learn the toll stood at 19. One of them indicated the Nisei had the privilege of keeping out of the west coast states.

"The situation rests with the good judgment of the Japanese," Rep. Bertrand Gearhart, R., Calif., said. "As long as they are there, their presence will provoke incidents."

Another congressman, Rep. John Phillips, R., Calif., suggested tightening the laws under which Japanese become citizens.

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## STOCKTON CASE COMPROMISE IS DOUBTFUL

But Anti-Nisei I. L. W. U.  
 Says S. F. Officials  
 Could End Deadlock

By United Press

STOCKTON, May 31.—All chances  
 for a "compromise agreement"  
 among warring factions of the Stock-  
 ton branch of the I. L. W. U. Local  
 No. 6, San Francisco, appeared to  
 have vanished today as Harold  
 Wyatt, attorney for the "dissenting"  
 group announced that a "compro-  
 mise was an impossibility in this  
 case."

The Stockton unit has split over  
 a union demand that all members  
 sign cards stating that they will  
 work with returning Japanese  
 labor. On Sunday more than 50  
 members walked out of a scheduled  
 hearing at the union hall.

"The issue permits no compro-  
 mise," said Wyatt, "but San Fran-  
 cisco headquarters has an excellent  
 opportunity to close the incident  
 which otherwise might be fanned  
 into a cause-celebre. All they need  
 to do is restore the Stockton unit  
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## Anti-Jap Measure

### Bill to Restrict Nisei Debated

By United Press

SACRAMENTO, May 31.—The  
Senate Judiciary Committee to-  
day was urged to vote for a bill  
preventing Japanese-Americans  
from owning land or boats unless  
such citizens can prove their  
loyalty to the United States.

Another hearing on the bill was  
scheduled for June 6.

J. M. Inman, former state sen-  
ator and representative of the  
California Preservation Associ-  
ation—formerly the Anti-Japa-  
nese Citizens Committee—told  
the committee "we are inclined  
to be too tender" to persons of  
Japanese ancestry.

"Aren't you encroaching on the  
privileges of American citizens  
by assuming the accused to be  
guilty until he can prove him-  
self innocent?" Senator Oliver  
Carter, Democrat of Redding,  
asked Inman.

"I realize that under the pres-  
ent American system a man is  
presumed to be innocent until  
proved guilty," Inman said. "We  
are trying to change that some-  
what."

Senator T. H. Delap, Republi-  
can of Richmond, suggested the  
bill be amended to apply solely  
to persons of Japanese ancestry  
who have declared their disloyalty  
to the United States.

He said he was not concerned  
with protecting disloyal Japanese  
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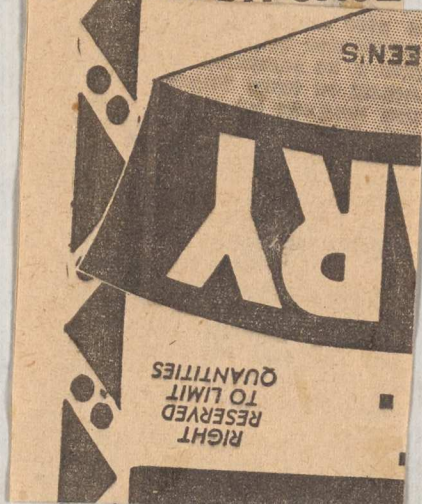
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