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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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By United Press

VISALIA, May 26.—The firing of two shots into the home of Kaudy Minura, 32, an American citizen, at Orosi 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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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 give an impartial analysis of questions raised by the return of Japanese to coastal areas. The conclusions are those of the writer.

BY MERVIN G. SHOEMAKER
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

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 pressed 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.

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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 availing 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-



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.)



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 all-morning (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 unflinching 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 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

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 the employers or the 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 state 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 discredited the validity of the "low standard of living" argument.

Another principal speaker at this Gresham meeting was Harold S. Fistere, 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.

Fistere 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

Conclusion on Page 7, Column 1



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 against 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."

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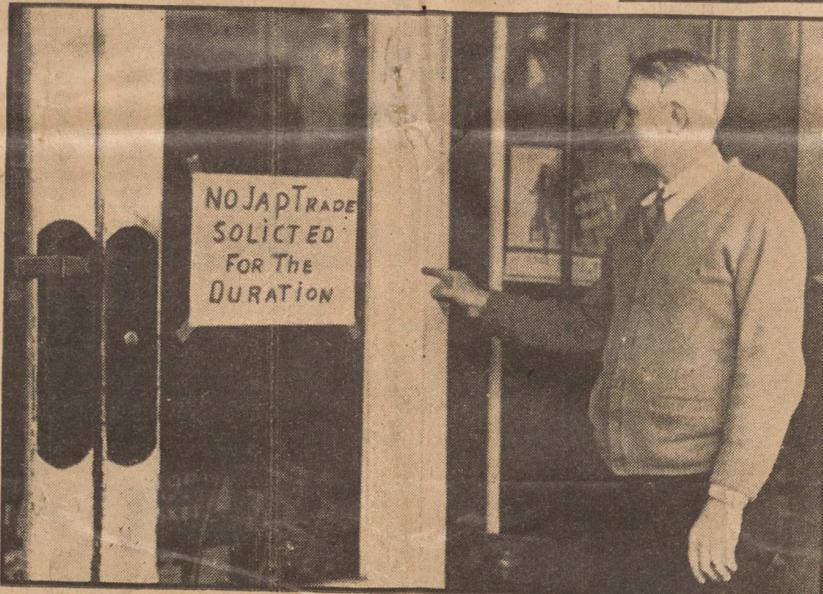
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The Hood River and Gresham farmers have given many the impression that their opposition to Japanese is nothing but maliciously selfish race discrimination. Actually, the farmers do not consider that to be at all the case. They maintain that they are 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 of 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 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. Fistere, 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.

Fistere 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.

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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ILWU Will Try Stockton Members in Bias Case Today

Special trial of members of the Stockton unit of CIO Warehousemen's Local 6 who are accused of having refused to work with Japanese-Americans is scheduled to begin at 11 a. m. today before a committee set up by the executive board of the local.

ter street, Stockton. Those found guilty face expulsion from membership in the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, of which Harry Bridges is president.

The trial will be held at the unit's headquarters, 140 North Hun-

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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 reported they uncovered evidence that the shots were fired directly at the Iwasaki house, instead of into the air.

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 warrants 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 revealed 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 automobile.

Meanwhile, Fresno county and city police repeated their "no news" formula on other "incidents" in the area.

The latter included assaults on the homes of Miyoka Masada and Masaru Miuamoto at Selma within the past week.

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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 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 the War Relocation Authority that Ernest Multanen of Parlier, Cal., was arrested yesterday. He said Multanen had admitted firing a shotgun at the house of Charles K. Aysaki at Reedley, Cal., May 20.



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NISEI SHOOTING CHARGE LODGED

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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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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."

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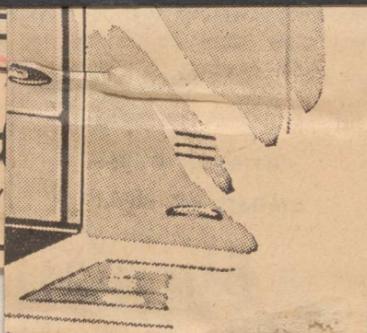


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"A similar pattern can be traced wherever fascism has gained a foothold. For there is this plain fact in modern social life: every group is a minority of the whole society; and when the rights of one minority are disregarded, the rights of every minority are threatened. There is only one safeguard for a people—law. That law must be equal for all who are under its jurisdiction or it is unjust. That law must be enforced equally for all, or the same process by which its protections were denied to one group may be used to deny its protection to another group.

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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see that they are expelled from the union," Lynden said.

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 employes, 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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By JOHN PERI

Clutch hitting by Larry Conti and clutch pitching by Bill (Bumblebelly) Harris were the two decisive factors in the Stockton Red Men's victory over the Merced River team in the first half of Sunday afternoon at the Oakland Coliseum.

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 Japanese-Americans refused today to testify at preliminary hearing 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 constitution by practicing racial discrimination, announced they would take the case to the courts.

A "large number" of Stockton ILWU members, however, signed pledges to refrain from racial discrimination after today's preliminary hearing, a union official declared.

Richard Lynden, president of Local 6, commenting on this action by some of the defendants, said:

"An organized disruptive group is attempting to intimidate members into defiance of the union. We will bring ringleaders of the intimidating group to trial and see that they are expelled from the union."

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 upholding 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, always 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 meeting. Schmidt, last year's chairman of the Stockton unit and spokesman 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 statements they had signed announcing:

"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 this trial committee for willful disobedience of articles and sections of the constitution of Local 6 of the CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union."

As the accused members walked out of the trial room in the unit's headquarters at 140 North Hunter street, they congregated at the side entrance in groups of as many as 50.

RACIAL ISSUE DODGED

Spokesman Schmidt said the proceedings of the trial committee violated several clauses of the organization's constitution.

He cited one clause which provides, he says, that a trial shall not be held until 10 days after the accused has been served with notice to appear for trial.

"Our trial notices are dated May 24 yet the hearing is set for May 27," said Schmidt. "That is a plain

Weather

A new type of beast, the Great What-Is-It, a huge lumbering animal with scales and tufts of red-yellow hair, seems to have emerged from the Congo swamps of French West Africa.



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Another member of the accused group said:
"When we became members we agreed not to practice race discrimination. Now they are asking us to sign special pledges to the same affect, and we refused to do this."

President Lynden of San Francisco, 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 and 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 persons violates the intention of our members to do everything possible to stop discrimination."

"Outside influences" may be behind the Stockton situation, an ILWL official says in a story on Page 11.)

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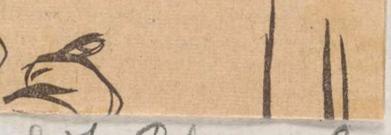
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representing 33,000 students in the
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past two years, but sent in his
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could not give the job the time
that it required. He will remain
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The board is headed by Sam
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**'Outside
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At Stockton**

Morris Watson, information direc-
tor of the International Longshore-
men and Warehousemen's Union,
said yesterday that "apparently a
strong anti-Japanese element is
behind an organized rebellion of
Stockton members" refusing to work
with returned Japanese.

Watson made his statement in
commenting on refusal of some
ILWU members to testify before a
"preliminary" trial committee of the
union investigating their defiance of
a constitutional provision against
racial discrimination.

NISEI CASE EXPLAINED

Regarding a claim by accused
members that the union constitu-
tion was violated by failure of the
committee to observe a 10-day wait-
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appear and the trial date, Watson
said:

"There could be some technical de-
fects 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."

"The union," Watson added, "will
not accept discrimination."

Watson expressed belief that
"outside influences" were guiding
rebellious members of the Stockton
unit of ILWU Local 6. "Someone,"
he said, "is working on our people."
Feeling against Japanese is said to
run high in Stockton from which
5000 Japanese, many landowners,
were evacuated after Pearl Harbor.

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Watson denied rumors circulating
in Stockton that the San Francisco
headquarters of the union was send-
ing Japanese members to Stockton
to work.

The refusal of the men to work
with Japanese-Americans resulted,
he said, when only one nisei, a
resident of Stockton for 15 years,
sought employment.

The hiring hall sent him on May
10 to the Taylor Milling Company
warehouse. The men refused to ac-
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Oregon Jury Gives Farm Back to Nisei

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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, Idaho, 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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Dr. T. D. Rosenoff, federal veterinarian of these four northwestern counties for the past 15 months, is facing a housing emergency which he must solve this week or seek a home elsewhere in his district.

He and his wife have been occupying a house on the Pacific highway between here and Burlington, which is situated on land owned by Japanese. The Japanese have been released by the government and have requested possession of their property Easter Sunday.

The Rosenoffs have just about exhausted all means of obtaining a place to live. Unless some place can be brought to their attention speedily, Dr. Rosenoff and his good wife will likely be departing from the community, which would be a distinct loss professionally, since federal veterinarians are few and far between these war days. They may be reached by phone at 8595.

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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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Verdict Restoring Farm to Niesi Is Returned by Jury

After deliberating but 15 minutes, a jury in the circuit court, presided over by Judge E. M. Page of Salem, returned verdict in favor of Masayuki Fujimoto, who had filed suit against Dale and Lorene Bergh for re-possession of property leased just prior to the Japanese evacuation from the Pacific coast in 1942.

The case opened Monday morning with a declaration by Judge Page that a clause in the lease referring to the "national emergency" was ambiguous. It was this clause that attorneys on both sides agreed was the focal point in the case. It reads:

"It is understood and agreed that the lessor (Fujimoto) may, upon the termination of the present national emergency, be permitted to return to the county of Clackamas and State of Oregon, and upon such return may demand and receive possession of said leased premises and each and all thereof upon giving the lessee (Berghs) thirty (30) days notice of such intention to return . . ."

Fujimoto testified that in discussing the lease it was the understanding between him and the Berghs that he would repossess the property upon his return to the Pacific coast.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bergh testified that Fujimoto had told them

he would return to the 60-acre farm when the war between the United States and Japan had terminated.

The lease was signed on April 18, 1942, and written demand for the return of the property was served upon the Bergh's March 23.

In a previous case Judge Earl C. Latourette returned a verdict in favor of Fujimoto but reversed this ruling at a later hearing when it was found that the plaintiff had failed to file proper papers with the Office of Price administration.

The American-born Japanese with his wife and child were interned at a camp at Hunt, Idaho, in May of 1942. He returned to Oregon shortly after the first of the year.

He was born in Portland, as was his wife, attended both grammar and high school and one year at Reed college.

Members who served on the jury were Ethel S. Baker, Meta Hofstetter, Mildred Easterday, Vara Caufield, Ida Buche, Francis G. Drake, Edna M. Thiessen, E. F. Slade, Blanche Eccles, Augusta Baker, W. M. Green and A. S. Trelawney.

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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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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 immediately. He was questioned last week along with a companion, but at that time denied having fired the shots, although admitting having been near the Iwasaki 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 received 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 discovered 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 recently returned from a relocation 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 expects an early arrest in two shootings a week ago in which rifle shots were fired through the homes of two recently returned Japanese families. Thuesen said the same men were responsible for both these latter attacks.

Fujimoto Wins

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**Anti-Nisei
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FRESNO, May 28—Levi Multanen, 33, a rancher, today pleaded guilty to firing two shots into the home of a returned Japanese-American evacuee last Tuesday, and drew a six months' suspended sentence in Justice Court at Portler.

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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Wyatt has been employed as attorney by a group of members of the Stockton unit who are protesting the action of ILWU Local 6 in suspending their unit and in threatening 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 misleading the members of the union whom he represents.

"I do believe that some groups very hostile to the Japanese-Americans 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 president of Local 6, who was put in charge of the unit's affairs here when its regular operations were suspended by Richard Lynden, president 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 Inter-Racial Council, issued a statement 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 audacity, it strikes at stronger, more respectable minority groups, until, piecemeal, it has brought the entire people under its sway."

Dr. Breed said that a meeting of the Inter-Racial Council will be held this week to consider the issue raised in the union.

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in the hands of good Americans
hiking and camping in the woods.
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still a very critical item. We
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Stockton
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'Only One Issue---
Race Discrimination,'
ILWU Officials Say

Special to The Chronicle
STOCKTON, May 29—
Leaders of ILWU Local 6 will
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housemen's dispute be con-
fined to the issue of racial
discrimination against Japan-
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president of the local, said today.
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irregularity in bringing charges
against union members who have
refused to sign pledges that they
will work with Japanese-Americans
as "obscuration of the real issue."

PETITION CIRCULATED
Statement of the union's inten-
tion to press charges of racial dis-
crimination came as members of the
unit who had recently signed
pledges agreeing to observe the un-
ion's constitutional provisions against
discrimination were being asked to
affix their signatures to another
petition. This one declared that
the pledges had been signed under
duress.

(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
who had themselves signed the
statement at a mass meeting called
Monday night at Weber School
auditorium by five men denounced
by the officers of Local 6 as "ring-
leaders of a disruptive intimidating
group."

INTER-RACIAL COUNCIL
Dr. Noel J. Breed, pastor of the
First Congregational Church here,
and chairman of the local Inter-
Racial Council, said today that he
felt somewhat puzzled by the turn
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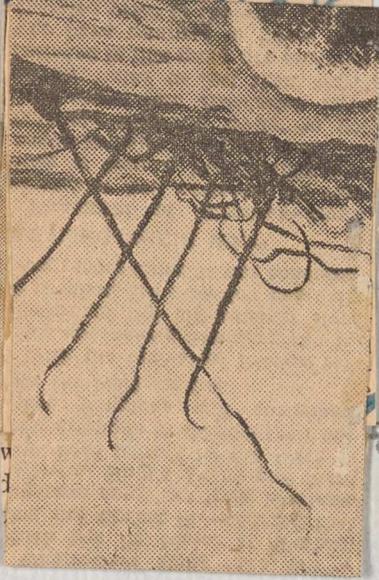
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**More on Union
Saying Issue is
Discrimination**

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quoted as having said they were
opposed to working with Japanese-
Americans now say, I am told, that
the racial issue isn't involved," said
Dr. Breed.

"If that is their attitude, and if
they are willing to work with Jap-
anese-Americans, the Inter-Racial
Council is definitely not concerned
with the case further. Naturally,
the council would have nothing to
do with any internal union dispute
as to the legality under the union
constitution of this or that pro-
cedure. That is none of our busi-
ness."

Dr. Breed said that the Inter-
Racial Council would hold its reg-
ular meeting next Tuesday, and at
that time would consider the situa-
tion if it still seemed necessary
to do so.

"My hope is that the thing will get
straightened out in the meantime,"
he said. "My understanding is that
some of these same men who have
been cited as leaders of this anti-
Japanese-American movement have
worked alongside Negroes and other
racial groups and have accepted
them into full union membership
for many years."

"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
Union spokesman said:

"The kind of compromise some
people would like to see is that we
wouldn't ask the men to sign pledg-
es and the men wouldn't be asked
to abide by the union constitution
and work with Japanese-Americans.
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Pete and His Pipe

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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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U. S. Washes Hands Of Nisei Troubles

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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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
 to good standing, make no further
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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.

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"Aren't you encroaching on the
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 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
 but he was concerned with pro-
 tecting the American system.

Floyd Cerini, executive secre-
 tary of the California Land Title
 Association of Los Angeles, ex-
 pressed doubt as to the cons-
 titutionality of the bill. He sa-

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