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DIGEST OF WEST COAST NEWSPAPER ITEMS

September 24 to October 6, 1945

WRA AND ARMY HEADQUARTERS RELEASES:

74 clippings

Factual

Information sent out by Major General H. C. Pratt explaining the responsibility of the Western Defense Command and not the War Relocation Authority, in the return of Japanese Americans from relocation centers, still continues to receive space both editorially and in news columns; also the rescinding of the orders banning American Japanese from the Coast.

WRA releases informing the press of the status of the Relocation Centers, the number of occupants, the closing dates and the general trend to resettlement on the West Coast are given considerable space. Stories also include suggested cut in WRA appropriation imperiling work under way for returned Nisei, and deportation proceedings for those considered disloyal or who have expressed a desire to return to Japan.

JAPANESE AMERICANS IN THE ARMED SERVICES:

49 clippings

Favorable

Stories lauding the bravery of the Nisei soldiers in the Pacific theater are being added to those told of European action, particularly their work in reconnaissance saving the lives of thousands of U. S. troops.

Lieutenant Colonel Wallace H. Moore, U. S. Army Intelligence, decorated veteran of Pacific battles, and commander of an Intelligence unit of Nisei, has been touring the state of California speaking before civic groups in behalf of Nisei and citing the valor of those under his command. He delivered a stinging rebuke to terrorists and perpetrators of incidents such as the burning of the home of a Japanese family who had four sons overseas in the service, one of them killed fighting in Italy.

Capt. Thomas Crowley, officer in the 442nd Combat Battalion, which was made up largely of American Japanese, in Italy and France, has also been traveling up and down the West Coast making an eloquent plea for fair treatment for returning American soldiers of Japanese ancestry.

Lieutenant Roger Smith is another army officer assigned to duty to intercede for the returning Nisei veterans. Speaking before USO clubs and schools, he said, "It's not the slant of a man's eyes that counts, but the slant of the heart."

ACTIVITIES OF CIVIC GROUPS SYMPATHETIC TO AMERICAN-JAPANESE:

11 clippings

Favorable

Lions Club in a number of localities in the West and Southwest have been listening to speakers on behalf of tolerance toward returning Nisei.

The San Francisco Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews sent a letter to Police Chief Dullea commending the prompt police action in protecting Japanese-Americans at the Buddhist Temple following the stoning and attempted firing of the temple. The letter from the Round Table's co-chairmen, Judge Robert McWilliams, J.

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Roger Deas, and Nat Schmulowitz, urged Chief Dullea to neglect no precaution for prevention of further racial persecution.

The University of California newspaper "Californian" published a lengthy account of a speech given by Ernest Besig, chairman of the Northern California branch of the Civil Liberties union at the Wesley foundation, on un-American actions toward returning Japanese.

Edward Runcorn, formerly with WRA and now Southern California field man for Associated Cooperatives, Inc., spoke on behalf of relocated Japanese "Cooperators" before a two-day meeting held by that body in Los Altos.

Los Angeles Women's City Club, and Watts, California, Kiwanians, also entertained speakers from WRA.

The Peoples World held a Welcome Home reception to all returning Japanese Americans, with Nori Ikeda, formerly office manager of the World as honor guest, at the California club recently.

The San Francisco News published a feature article in connection with the War Chest Drive, with a three-column cut, telling plans of the War Chest for work toward inter-racial harmony.

ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-JAPANESE GROUPS:

24 clippings

Unfavorable

The Placer county board of supervisors went unanimously on record against providing support of indigent Japanese returned from relocation centers.

Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture stands four to one against return of an estimated 2000 Japanese to the district.

A poll of its membership showed a vote of four and a half to one against hiring or approving employment of Japanese, the same ratio against renting or selling them property, and five to one in favor of resettling them in the middle-west.

First hostility in that area, however, brought a warning from Chief of Police Matt Graves and District Attorney John L. McCarthy that acts of violence or mob riots will be not tolerated and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The incident consisted of a blazing flare being thrown at a Buddhist temple being used as a Japanese hostel.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors asked Congress to prevent the return of some 22,000 loyal Japanese-Americans still remaining in relocation centers, basing their action on acute housing shortage in this area.

The large Japanese population in Hood River Valley and the dangers in the years to come of having the concentrated settlement was discussed by the Hood River delegation to the State convention of the American Legion in Portland with National Legion Commander Edward N. Scheiberling.

Salinas councilmen have instructed city officials to enforce zoning laws that prohibit the use of the Japanese mission building in that city as living quarters for returned Japanese Americans.

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California Preservation Association, solely interested in laws that restrict the Japanese, both American born as well as alien, organized its latest chapter at Marysville in September, with a plea for law enforcement and reviving all anti-Japanese laws at once.

The California Association of Nurserymen took action to meet anticipated competition in their business from returning Japanese evacuees, advocating a progressive system of keeping prices down and absorbing rising costs of production.

A notice advertised in the Tacoma, Wash., News Tribune, by the Japanese Exclusion League, invites individuals to communicate with them as to their feelings and those of their communities regarding the question of returning Japanese Americans.

Burbank, Calif., city officials oppose quartering of Japanese Americans temporarily in barracks on city property.

Dave Beck, vice-president of the Teamsters International Union, warns that the Japanese problem is far from solved by the surrender at Tokyo Bay and that the people of the Pacific slope must not relax their vigilance. "We must not permit a repetition of Jap infiltration on this coast, nor the surrender of business enterprises to aliens who hate our people and our institutions."

NEWS CONCERNING RETURNEES:

65 clippings

64 Favorable
1 Unfavorable

The return of some 14,000 Japanese to the West Coast since the end of the war was chronicled in most West Coast newspapers. Their return and taking up the threads of their old existence was well received in most communities, especially where there existed a labor shortage. Provisions for housing, jobs, schooling and protection were made by civic authorities.

There was one dissenting case in Hood River, Ore., when the application of a Portland-born woman of Japanese ancestry to have restored the citizenship she lost by marriage to an alien was refused by United States Judge James Alger Fee.

INCIDENTS:

115 clippings

Factual

There was a flurry of terrorism which greeted the added influx of Nisei following the war's end. The incidents ranged all the way from burning the home of one family who had four sons overseas, striking against hiring of returned Japanese workers, firing a shotgun into the homes of two Eastbay families, to steal the family wash, clothespins and all, from the washline of a Japanese family with six children.

Immediate action by civil authorities was invoked in all cases. In the case of shooting in the East bay, two men, one a Negro, were arrested and charged with attempted murder. In cases where there have been strikes, discussion with WRA representatives has usually brought about an amicable settlement. Every precaution to guarantee the personal safety of the returnees is being taken.

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HOUSING:

36 clippings

31 Favorable

5 Unfavorable

Temporary housing facilities for returning Japanese, particularly families who are kin of Nisei veterans, are being provided in government housing projects and unused army barracks. Buddhist temples and churches are also being converted into hostels for returnees. In most areas the families have been permitted to move in without incident.

In Burbank, California, however, citizens were up in arms because the projects in which WRA proposed to house the returned Japanese were in or near exclusive residential districts. Further, while there were only 100 original inhabitants of Japanese ancestry interned from Burbank, the housing project proposes to accommodate 600, 500 more than the original number. The WRA promised to give further study to the situation before taking action.

UNIONS AND LABOR:

2 clippings

Favorable

Hawaiian CIO leaders, one of Japanese descent and one of Chinese, were in San Francisco en route Washington to a board meeting of the CIO, working in the interests of racial harmony.

ALIENS:

3 clippings

Favorable

Representative Samuel Dickstein, heading a subcommittee hearing on the problems of resettlement of Japanese and deportation of those declared disloyal and who have renounced their United States citizenship, says some Congressmen "fight day and night to keep the front door closed against undesirable aliens, yet they leave the back door wide open for them to pour in." The group plans to devote considerable study to the alien Japanese question, but also to the question of some 100,000 Mexicans in the country suspected of "border jumping".

NEWS FROM JAPANESE INTERNED IN CAMPS:

3 clippings

Factual

Masuo Kodani, Japanese biology and physiology instructor at the high school at Tule Lake Segregation Center, will leave for Rochester, N. Y., to become an instructor at the University of Rochester.

Fujino Ido, 52, Japanese woman at Manzanar, died following a ten-day self-imposed starvation diet, without disclosing a reason for her act.

Five boys sentenced to jail terms for infractions of rules at Tule Lake, following intercedence by the American Civil Liberties Union on their behalf, challenging the right of WRA to act in a judicial capacity, were released on promises of good behavior.

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JAPANESE PRISONERS OF WAR:

8 clippings

Unfavorable

A flood of protest has greeted the proposed use of Japanese prisoners of war in California cotton fields and in the harvesting of fruits and produce. Particularly has the Japanese-American Citizens' League been incensed, because of its inability to secure employment for loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry with the growers in the area under question, yet the growers have no objection to "cheap labor" in the form of Japanese prisoners of war. Also has the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play registered a protest with Secretary of War Patterson, stating in a telegram sent him that the use of prisoners in harvest work may "intensify existing prejudices against law-abiding Americans of Japanese ancestry."

The statement of the War Department that the request for the prisoners came from Governor Earl Warren on behalf of the Valley growers brought forth a flat denial from the Governor that he had ever called for Japanese prisoner harvest hands. "I am shocked," Warren said, "to see that I have been reported as having advocated this.....it would cause intense resentment and incite disorder...."

Commenting editorially, the San Francisco Chronicle takes issue with the stand of the Japanese American Citizens' League, that it cannot be fully informed on the cotton situation; that "free labor to pick the cotton is not to be had. It is futile to talk about giving work to the Nisei; they are widely scattered and it is necessary immediately to put massed labor into the cotton fields,"....."Under these circumstances protests become academic."

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

30 clippings

20 Favorable

10 Unfavorable

The majority of the West Coast newspapers continue to comment editorially on the still controversial subject of the return to the Coast of Japanese Americans and their treatment. Many newspapers, such as the Burlingame, Calif., Advance, Redwood City Tribune and Palo Alto Times, severely censure the action of Placer County supervisors with editorials entitled "Placer County 'Secedes'", in denying the right of Nisei to county aid it seceded from the Union violated the Constitution of the United States, which says "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

Almost without exception, the unfavorable comments appear in those areas where antagonism against the Japanese has always been high, such as Placer County in California, parts of Southern California, Hood River district in Oregon, and Renton, Washington.

LETTERS TO EDITORS:

23 clippings

17 Favorable

6 Unfavorable

Letters to the editor show a majority of those who write such letters are sympathetic to the American Japanese. Recently efforts on the part of WRA and civic groups to find them housing have provoked unfavorable letters, stating more concern was being shown returning Japanese than returning veterans and their families of Caucasian origin.

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Veterans of overseas duty continue to write pleas for tolerance toward return-Nisei soldiers, citing over and over again their bravery on the battle fronts.

MISCELLANEOUS

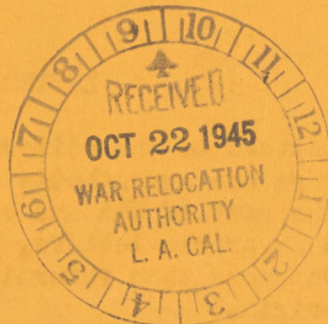
9 clippings

The question of racial harmony was among those presented at the Chronicle Forum held at the Civic Center September 27 to 30, and talks were given by both Bartley Crum and Robert Kenny on the subject.

A dispatch from Ottawa, Canada, reveals that nearly half of the Canadian Japanese have voluntarily agreed to return to Japan, and that some members of the dominion cabinet favor shipping them back as soon as possible.

Leo A. McClatchy, chief editorial writer of the Call-Bulletin, whose work reporting the violence and rebellion at Tule Lake Relocation Center received much prominence, died of a heart attack at his desk in the Call-Bulletin office.

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October 8 to November 2, 1945

WRA AND ARMY HEADQUARTERS RELEASES:

127 clippings

Factual

February 1 as the closing date of Tule Lake Segregation Center was announced by War Relocation Authority. Also figures showing the maintenance cost of the center since its opening. These items, together with suggestion and conjecture of the fate of those detained at the center under Department of Justice orders received much space in the news columns and editorially. The withdrawal of the army guard from the camp and taking over by the detail of border guards of the Immigration and Naturalization service of the Department of

Justice was given notice also.

Announcement of closing dates, information as to the progress of War Relocation Authority toward that end, and the shutdown of Granada, in Colorado, and Minidoka, in Idaho, was made. The continued work of WRA in helping those leaving the centers to relocate, speaking tours and appearances of WRA officers, efforts toward securing jobs and housing and protection against violence, received frequent mention.

The Klamath Falls Herald and News reported that a group of Japanese at Tule Lake planned legal action to recover their citizenship previously renounced. The newspaper said considerable sums of money were recently transferred from the colony area to outside depositories.

JAPANESE AMERICANS IN THE ARMED SERVICES:

53 clippings

Favorable

The valuable part played by Nisei graduates of the Military Intelligence Service Language School in the South Pacific is receiving more and more notice in the West Coast newspaper as the military is releasing the information. Returning ranking officers of both the Army and Navy have added their praise, and Secretary of Interior Ickes today commended General Joseph W. Stillwell for his suggestion that American soldiers form a "pickax" club to protect Japanese-American veterans from discrimination.

A welcome to Japanese American soldiers who have fought in any branch of the United States armed forces on foreign soil or foreign seas was extended by the 41st Division Post No. 3049 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Portland, Oregon. Another post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Waldo Caufield, at Oregon City, Oregon, condemning the action of one Oregon post for barring Nisei from membership, went on record as maintaining that the record of service of the Nisei soldiers in this war marked them as real American citizens.

In Spokane, the Veterans Committee for Equal Rights took vigorous exception to a reported statement by Mayor Otto A. Dirkes before the city council that "1100 Japanese in Spokane county are too damn many." Spokesman for the veterans pointed out that most of the Japanese there are Nisei who served in World War II.

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Two Nisei are attempting to locate kin displaced by emergencies of war. One, a Nisei veteran of Italian, French and German campaigns, Pfc, Kaiso Uyeoka, re-enlisted in the U.S. Army and volunteered for occupation duty in Japan in an effort to locate his mother, whom he believes was lost somewhere in the rubble of Hiroshima. Uyeoka was born in Bakersfield and served four and a half years with the field artillery, winning three battle stars. Another Nisei, a seaman fresh from a Japanese internment camp, Harry Saksaki, sought the help of the War Relocation Authority in searching for his family, last known to be in an American detention camp.

Among a contingent of returning troops from the Pacific theater were 350 Nisei, headed for further training at the Japanese Language School at Fort Snelling, and then for long term occupational duty in Japan.

Other items of notice, awarding of citations for meritorious service, acceptance in American Legion and Veterans Organizations, and problems of reconversion being met by returning veterans, were given space and prominence.

RETURNEES:

55 clippings

Favorable

Reported numbers of returning evacuees and the problems met by them in their own reconversion to home life after several years in the Relocation centers continues to receive mention.

The readiness of school children to accept the returning Japanese as playmates was made manifest in several feature articles with photographs appearing in a number of California newspapers and also in the Seattle Star. Particular attention was given those Japanese who moved into Hunters' Point, San Francisco, whose children became "just some more kids" at the school playground.

In Burbank, California, where controversy continued to rage over the purported use of Army barracks as housing quarters for returning evacuees, one lone supporter was reported by Howard Stites, city manager. T. H. Golay, of Pasadena, one of the principal lot owners at the site of the Army barracks, said "It time to quit kicking U. S. Japanese around".

Efforts on the part of the War Relocation Authority to find housing and jobs for the returning evacuees has met with some censure. Some citizens continue to be annoyed that any help should be given them, or that they should be permitted to relocate "in their community" to compete in business and take jobs and housing. However, in clippings from most communities and in schools and universities, this attitude does not exist and the American Japanese are finding a ready welcome.

To help the lot of returning Nisei, particularly those families of veterans of both the European and Pacific campaigns, two army officers, Lieut. Col. Wallace M. Moore, and Lieut. Roger Smith, have been touring the West Coast, speaking before civic groups on behalf of the evacuees, that the valiant record of Nisei soldiers might eradicate some of the prejudice still held against them.

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HOUSING:

37 clippings

30 Favorable

8 Unfavorable

The practice of making war housing units and unused army barracks temporary quarters for returnees continues, although in some communities, such as Burbank, Camp Kohler, Sacramento, and Los Angeles, it has met with considerable criticism. Many citizens feel the units should be turned over to families of Caucasian veterans, although in most instances where the housing is of the more desirable type, it is made available to "veterans" and only those who are kin of Nisei veterans have been favored. The army barracks type of quarters is being opened up for the Japanese because the closing dates on the Relocation Centers are a "must", and some provision is necessary if the centers are to meet their closing dates. Sympathetic groups to the Japanese American problem have been active with the War Relocation Authority to help out the evacuees.

INCIDENTS:

65 clippings

Factual

Federal Court jury cleared James E. Watson and his brother, Claude Watson, of charges of illegal possession of dynamite. It was the first case of Federal action against suspected perpetrators of acts of terrorism against returning Japanese Americans. The Watsons had previously been cleared, although admitting their guilt, by local courts of charges of arson and dynamiting of Sumio Doi home.

A \$40,000 fire destroyed a Belvedere lumber yard and the home of two Japanese families recently returned here from relocation camps.

Criminal action is proceeding in Oakland against Robert F. Hailey on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, growing out of an act of terrorism against the American Japanese in Centerville. Charles Custom, 41-year-old Negro garage worker, who drove the car in which Hailey is alleged to have done the shooting, was cleared of all charges. An additional indictment of attempted murder against Hailey was also dropped, who is now out on \$3,000 bail.

Two deaths of recent returnees, one a suicide and the other suspected murder were reported. The first was a 23-year-old Nisei who last summer returned to the Coast. The youth, Robert Onizuka, former University of California student, reported despondent over being separated from his wife, living in Minneapolis, took an overdose of sleeping pills. The murder victim is believed to be N. Kurisu, 61, and a first degree charge of murder has been filed against Floyd Poushon, 18. The suspect, arrested at Dalhart, Tex., on an auto theft charge, was found to be carrying Kurisu's personal effects.

Eighteen Japanese railroad employees and their families, evacuees returned from Tule Lake, were removed by the Southern Pacific from Shingle Spring to avoid incident, after protest by the Placerville American Legion Post to the railroad company. Sheriff Lowell West questioned the Legionaire who made the protest to the company, but took no further action because "We've heretofore gotten along without Japanese and we feel we can go on forever without them. They definitely are not wanted here, and the Legion stated the attitude of the community".

These, together with a number of fires, hurling of bricks and malicious vandalism, in attempts to terrorize returning Japanese, received much space and favorable comment in the press.

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ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-JAPANESE GROUPS:

21 clippings Unfavorable	Citizens groups antagonistic to the presence of Japanese on the West Coast are still active to discourage their return. Moves to prevent them from securing housing, jobs and other facilities necessary for living have been made.
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ACTIVITIES OF PRO-EVACUEE GROUPS:

31 clippings Favorable	Other organizations sympathetic are also active to secure returnees a chance to reestablish themselves on the West Coast. In addition to helping them secure housing and the means of a livelihood, the American Civil Liberties Union plans two suits in behalf of Japanese who formerly lived in California. One suit is intended to test the authority of the military command to exclude individual Japanese born in this country from the Coast after military necessity no longer existed. Another suit will test procedure at Tule Lake center under which some 5500 Japanese renounced American citizenship, which they claimed was under duress.
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NEWS CONCERNING EVACUEES STILL IN CENTERS:

25 clippings Factual	A visit by Nick Bourne of the United Press to Tule Lake brought forth a number of feature stories under his by-line, though factual in content, contained an undercurrent of criticism of the fact that the evacuees had succeeded in adjusting themselves as well as they had to the kind of life forced upon them in the evacuation measures. The articles took issue with the fact that those in the centers were having babies at government expense, seemed to level criticism that they were living at government expense; and in tone were generally unsympathetic to the evacuees.
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JAPANESE PRISONERS OF WAR AS HARVEST HANDS:

15 clippings Favorable	The use of Japanese prisoners of war as harvest hands brought forth a heated controversy by groups interested in the American Japanese question as destined to increase any antagonism against the Nisei. The issue reached the State Capital and brought forth from Governor Warren a complete denial that he had asked that the prisoners be brought in to help with the harvest, and further went on record as being entirely opposed to and had vigorously protected their being used. Prisoners are being worked by the farmers.
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EDITORIAL COMMENT:

59 clippings 44 Favorable 13 Unfavorable 2 Factual	More and more the press swings over to a favorable attitude to the American Japanese question. A few newspapers still cling to their antagonistic point of view, but they are far outweighed by those who see in the question a forerunner of similar discrimination against other groups if permitted to be continued against one minority.
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The chief subject now being weighed by the press editorially is the fate of the detainees at Tule Lake and what disposition the Department of Justice plans to make of their cases.

The controversy about bringing in war prisoners was also given wide comment editorially, and while admittedly there was a problem in securing the necessary hands for the harvest season, almost all editorials maintained the use of war prisoners was not the solution.

Most notable has been the position of columnists, writers and cartoonists of national prominence, which is nearly unanimously favorable to the evacuee cause.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR:

41 clippings

28 Favorable

13 Unfavorable

The public continues to voice its sentiments on the American Japanese problem through the "Letters-to-the-Editor" column, and the majority plead for a fair chance for the Nisei, particularly in view of the splendid record of their soldiers on battlefronts. However, a few still holding an unfavorable stand, censure the help given them to secure housing, want the Nisei sent back to Japan, if only to convert the nationals to an American way of life. One woman also wrote in, prompted by the articles written by Nick Bourne regarding the increasing birth rate, and felt WRA should do something to put a stop

to it.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

63 clippings

51 Favorable

12 Unfavorable

The activity of the F.B.I. in guarding the Seattle Area in regard to the Japanese before and during the war was the subject of a feature article recently in the Seattle Times.

The Stockton Record carried a lengthy story of a veteran of part Japanese origin, who took legal action to have his name changed to the maiden name of his Spanish mother, in an effort to combat the prejudice he had met with because of his Japanese ancestry. Believed to be the first case of his kind on record, Takeshi Miyasaki, now

Taki Saiz, pleaded he hoped the change would give him "an even chance".

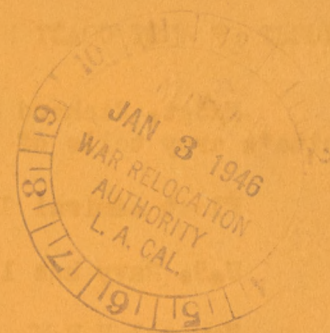
The Baptist Church of Auburn is collecting funds to rebuild the home of the Cosmo Sakamoto family in Rocklin, which was destroyed by fire the day before the family was to return home from a relocation center. "Too much notice has been given the destructive forces working against these people, and not enough has been said of the other side of the picture," said Pastor George E. Harms. A check for \$100 came from the daughter of the late Orrin J. Lowell, Auburn attorney, who made the request for the gift before his death, and funds have been pouring from a number of people in that community who desire to extend good will to loyal Japanese-Americans seeking to return to their homes. Auburn and its neighboring communities has been the seat of much anti-Japanese feeling.

Other miscellaneous newspaper clippings contain stories on the talk given by Robert B. Cozzens before the California Peace Officers Conference; the efforts by Congress to cut the WRA appropriation; efforts of the Bay Cities Baptist Union and

State Blind Aid to secure a seeing-eye dog for a 23-year-old blind returnee girl student at the University of California; the fate of Nisei caught in Japan by the war; the identification of the Japanese sword wielder in the brutal public execution of an allied prisoner widely publicized by pictures throughout American publications by Nisei soldiers detailed to duty in the Pacific; and notations of births and ~~de~~ deaths and other happenings among the American Japanese since their return.

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NOVEMBER 3 TO DECEMBER 5, 1945

WRA AND ARMY HEADQUARTERS RELEASES:

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Factual

Tule Lake Segregation Camp will end the final chapter of evacuation when its doors close on Feb. 1, 1946 - all other relocation centers now being out of existence.

Obstetrical services will discontinue to Japanese at Tule Lake who are eligible for relocation on Dec. 15.

Several new relocation officers have been assigned, including Harold S. Choate at Sacramento and James Jennings at Watsonville.

Minors born in United States and accompanying parents back to Japan as voluntary or involuntary repatriates subsequently may return to States as U.S. citizens, says Dillon S. Myer, Director.

Denial of "Nisei Pressure charge" made by Myer. The pressure, he said, come from Pro-Japanese groups and individuals, rather than representatives of U.S. Gov't.

320 voluntary repatriates were allowed to take up to \$10,000 in securities with them, to be impounded upon arrival in Japan.

3½ mo. old son of Mr. & Mrs. Harkue Kaneshiro found accidentally strangled in bed at Tule Lake.

Tule Lake Co-op Store terminated on Nov. 30th.

New Ass't. Proj. Dir. at Tule Lake is James Shelley formerly of Gila River.

R.F.C. Expert Dale Archer, to aid in Tule Lake liquidation.

3½ yr. old Violet Fudetani found murdered with crushed skull caused by hammer blows in family apt. at Tule Lake. Sister, 11 months old Kajuye, found in nearby bed with fractured skull. Mother, Mrs. Shigano Fudetani, 28, being held in "Insanity Charge".

JAPANESE-AMERICANS IN ARMED SERVICES:

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Clippings

T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki refused entrance to taxi at Denver. He believes Nisei, in order to combat discrimination, should form own V.F.W. organization.

Four Japanese American Veterans killed in C-47 plane accident near Auburn, California on November 27 en route from Palm Springs to

McClellan Field.

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M/Sgt. Richard Sakakidi, Hawaiian born Nisei, was captured by General Yamashita's army tells of execution by Japanese in Manila.

Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz says "Nisei Served U.S. well in Pacific War".

U.S. Navy has lifted ban on Japanese Americans enlistment.

Several V.F.W. organization accepting Nisei veterans now.

Two Nisei Veterans change their name legally thru court to assure "even break" in life -- namely Sgt. Takio Niyahara to "Ted" and Takeshi Miyasaki to Taki Saiz.

Secretary of Interior Ickes commends General Stilwell on forming a club to protect Japanese-Americans from discrimination at home.

Japanese American Veterans returning from both Atlantic and Pacific Theatres receiving due praise and decorations for their valor in intelligence work and as fighting infantrymen.

General Joseph Stilwell paid every high tribute to Nisei soldiers when presenting a Posthumous DSC to Mary Masuda in honor of her brother S/Sgt. Kazuo Masuda killed at Cassino on August 27, 1944.

California born Bob Fujikawa, has enough points but in "Wrong Army". He was drafted into Japanese Army while visiting his uncle in 1940 and later captured by American 40th Infantry Division.

Memorial services held for Nisei soldiers in Spokane, Seattle and Hollywood.

Thirteen Hawaiian Japanese assigned to Civil Censorship detachment are envy of Japanese relatives there.

Captain California S. Ushiro, Palo Alto Nisei surgeon, awarded Bronze Star and also possesses Combat Medic badge and Distinguished Unit badge.

Japanese American Veterans planning "Cherry Vista" housing projects for Nisei at Van Nuys, Roscoe and Pomona.

Parties were held in Stockton and Lodi for Nisei to be shipped to Japan for censorship duty.

RETURNEES:

176

Favorable

Clippings

Two San Francisco returnees, Misses Chizuka Ishida and Grace Kawahara sign up for special \$200 - Victory Bonds.

Several liquor permits were granted by State to returnees.

Children are being gladly welcomed home by schoolmates and many have active parts in school sports. School officials are providing amply for Japanese American influx.

Two Nisei farmers, William and Edward Koda, injured in auto accident at South Dos Palos, California.

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Stockton Junior College students give food and shelter to 200 returnees from Rohwer.

Nisei fail to get much farm land in Los Angeles County where some 10,000 have returned.

450 Hawaiian Japanese sailed back to homeland after spending four years in U. S. Internment Camps.

Several California Counties offering aid to indigent returnees.

Several returnees natural deaths recorded since relocating.

Evacuees continue to relocate in large numbers on West Coast although Philadelphia reports that 2700 Japanese Americans who went East are satisfied there. Temporary housing is being provided for returnees at Burbank, Camp Kohler and newly established hostels.

Mrs. T. Hironaka of Sacramento lost \$600 in cash on the streets.

Ray Kaminaka, 12, died of accidental scalding at Camarillo State Hospital.

June Toguri was denied liquor license at Los Angeles on grounds that property belongs to her sister, Iva (Tokyo Rose) Toguri.

Col. Wallace H. Moore still continues to lend a hand in aiding Nisei by helping solve their resettlement problems by giving speeches throughout West Coast. Also appeared recently before San Francisco Commonwealth Club.

Lt. Roger Smith concluded his tour of duty for Nisei.

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

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Several editorials appeared protesting allowance of "repatriates" to regain their citizenship.

24 Pro
21 Anti

Resentment against employment of Japanese by Southern Pacific Railway in some California communities.

However, more editorials are paying tribute to loyal Nisei than against them.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR:

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Daily letters, with favorable comments in the lead, still pour on to the editor's desk regarding Nisei in Armed Services, returnees, etc.

26 Pro
10 Anti

Prof. Alfred G. Fisk, Ph. D., made a correction in Nick Bourne's statistics wherein he points out that the birthrate of persons of Japanese ancestry in U. S. from 1930 to 1940 was "insufficient to balance mortality and emigration."

HOUSING:

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20 Pro
41 Anti

87 residents of Burbank signed petition against use of barracks at Magnolia and Lomita for returnees.

Walter Odemar, Chairman of N.S.G.W. announced protest against provision of living quarter for Japanese American ahead of Veterans.

Frank Gordon, Secretary of State, Assemblyman Chester Gannon and Arthur Dudley, Sacramento Chamber of Commerce were upheld and lauded by V.F.W., American Legion and several other organizations in their protest of housing Japanese returnees in Camp Kohler barracks. They also voiced loud resentment against alleged "smear" made by Charles Miller, WRA Area Supervisor, for attack on Miller and request "probe".

Sacramento City and County governments favor using of barracks for returning Veterans and their families.

Approximately 234 Japanese evacuees were scheduled to arrive at Camp Kohler for housing.

Charles Miller directed a sharply worded letter to Chester F. Gannon defending the Japanese to be housed at Camp Kohler stating "There are no disloyal person of Japanese ancestry, citizen or aliens coming to this or any other camp."

REPATRIATES:

211

Factual

Case of the 1000 or more repatriates who now desire to retain their U.S. citizenship instead of being deported to Japan to be reviewed before the Court on January 10th -- at which time their fate will be decided.

November 24 marked the date for first sailing of Japanese "Renunciants" to Japan -- first boat sailing from Seattle with 423 "single" men over 18 years of age. Approximately 1070 have been repatriated from Department of Justice Camps at Santa Fe, N.M. and Ft. Lincoln, N.D.

Tom Satashi Yashiyama, Robert Tsuida and Sakao Oishi, U.S. born Japanese repatriates sorry they renounced citizenship -- don't like Japan.

Mrs. Fumiko Tamura, American-born Japanese repatriate has filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles against deportation.

Department of Justice considering plan to hold rehearings in case of many Tule Lake Japanese who renounced citizenship.

General Jonathon Wainwright urges U.S. deport all Jap "Turncoats" who renounced citizenship.

Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.) asks immediate deportation of Japanese Aliens at Tule Lake.

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ALIENS:

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Factual

Japanese and Enemy Alien regulations are relaxed.

Numerous Escheat Land Suits are pending in California Courts involving Alien Land Law.

Ikuo Oyama, alien research associate at Northwestern University desires to return to Japan to "share hardship of living with countrymen."

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD:

65

39 Anti
26 Pro

Southern Pacific Railroad met with strong anti-Japanese opposition by California Preservation League for employment of Japanese as track workers in Placer and El Dorado Counties. They were found to removed eight workers at Shingle Springs.

However, they refused to remove workers at Placer County and report favorably on trackmen employed at Santa Cruz, Aptos and Val-lejo.

Charles Miller has answered attack against WRA made by Charles DeCosta of California Preservation League.

ACTIVITIES OF PRO-EVACUEE GROUPS:

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Clippings

Members of WRA Relocation Staff have been guest speakers at a number of Civic, Church, Inter-Racial, School Groups at which meetings discussions on reestablishment and problems of returning Japanese-Americans were the main topics.

Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce displayed their interest in the Nisei by inviting Relocation Officer E. L. Cochran to speak before one of their meetings.

William "Bill" Mauldin, cartoonist blasted "Home-Grown Hitlers" for persecutions here, especially of the Nisei on the West Coast.

Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, director of Pilgrim House in Los Angeles asks "Negroes to maintain Amity with returning Japanese Americans."

Miss Aiko Kuroki, blind University of California student at Berkeley, receives Seeing-Eye Dog from Key System employees.

ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-EVACUEE GROUPS:

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Clippings

American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California charges El Dorado American Legion Post with having "pressured" Southern Pacific Railroad to remove track workers.

Pajaro Valley residents stand 4-1 against return of Japanese to that area.

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Thurston County Pomona Grange passed resolution that Pacific Veterans be given preference over Japanese returnees for available jobs.

V-J Day spelled tragedy for those in Nisei owned homes in San Francisco, when war workers were forced to move to accommodate Nisei owners returning.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

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Clippings

Lt. Col. Verne Austin awarded Legion of Merit for outstanding service at Tule Lake.

Bureau of Reclamation has announced that 7500 acres of public land at Tule Lake project will be available shortly for homesteads.

Miss Masuko Sato, Nisei now residing in Japan, claims Iva Toguri, UCLA graduate who went to Japan in 1941, and Ruth Hayakama, were also "Tokio Roses".

Inter-racial marriage records in Hawaii show 9% of such marriages between Caucasian servicemen and women of Japanese descent.

Placer County Supervisors explain Nisei stand to WRA and Army Officials.

Return of Japanese to British Columbia brings crisis by opposition of groups to return of Nisei to Canadian West Coast.

Surplus forage at Gila River Relocation Center offered for sale by United States Department of Agriculture.

Ashes of dead Tule Lake Aliens to be shipped back to Japan thru Swiss legation.

All Japanese still having good stored in Southern California. WRA warehouses must remove their property by February 28th.

Senate group has recommended to restore to WRA \$5,000,000.

INCIDENTS:

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Clippings

Vet K-9 attacks and bites Mrs. Ume Akagi, 65, Berkeley, as she passed the yard. Experts doubt dog "scented" the woman he bit.

Body of George Yoshiaka, war veteran, 34 years old of San Jose was found murdered in vacant lot. He had apparently been beaten by thugs.

N. Kurisu, elderly Nisei, of Ontario, Ore., body was found bullet ridden in gravel pit in Jacobsen Gulch. Floyd Pausson, 17, held as murderer.

Two large anti-Japanese signs were found nailed to trees near Gozas Creek, Pescadero. One read "No Japs Wanted in this Area." The second sign read "Don't want Japs back here ever."

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Two women were fined for attacking Rikyo Kawamoto, painter, at San Jaun. Mrs. Pauling Renefraw's fines totalled \$75.00 and Bernice Rabello \$25.00.

Home of George Y. Tokushige, Puente, California, was burned to ground on November 24. Arson is suspected.

Vandals anticipating return of Japanese to their home, shattered window with wood at 6905 - 42nd Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Elderly Encinitas, California man faces psycho test in vengeance case against U. Ito and family. Their barn burned mysteriously on October 26 causing \$5000.00 worth of damage.

Missile was hurled thru window at Miss Isako Takahashi, University of Washington Coed, while she sat studying in family living room in Seattle.

Fred K. Okamoto, of Berkeley, refuses to prosecute sailor in stolen automobile case.

17 year old Hanako Fujii, San Francisco Junior College freshman was slugged by a sailor who followed her home on street car in San Francisco.

Mrs. Shizuye Segioka, 29, of Petaluma was critically wounded when a gun in hand of her brother accidentally discharged.

Anti-Japanese views of Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen of Nevada County, California, aroused ire of Attorney General Robert W. Kenny, who accused the sheriff of "malfeasance in office" as result of alleged activities against employment of Japanese in Nevada County. The sheriff denied the charges.

Several suicides amongst returnees have taken place in the last month as follows:

Tsurujo Harada, 77, who was to have left Tule Lake to reside in Penryn, committed suicide by hanging.

Kajiro Yoshida, 77, committed suicide at Walnut Creek by hanging. Was despondent over having no friends or relatives in this country.

Gen Nogaya, 63, committed suicide by drowning at Poston. Also was despondent.

Tatsumi Nishi, 56, 1118 No. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, committed suicide by hanging.

Robert Onizuka, 23 year old Redwood City Nisei, committed suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

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DIGEST OF WEST COAST NEWSPAPER ITEMS

DECEMBER 6, 1945 to JANUARY 15, 1946

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Camp Kohler (part of which now houses Japanese-American "returnees") is now under control of San Francisco Troop Port for handling of returning veterans.

General Joseph (Vinegar) Stilwell now succeeds Major General Pratt as head of the Western Defense Command.

Fuakishi Hatta, 47, former Japanese houseboy, nabbed by F.B.I. for unlawful flight to another state in order to avoid testimony against Mexican who robbed him in Salt Lake City. Penalty of possible 5 years in prison and \$5000 fine faces him.

F.B.I. Question is: Should Iva Toguri "Tokyo Rose" be tried by civil or military court? She is California born American of Japanese ancestry.

Kenneth Harkness, Supt. of Schools at Tule Lake Segregation Center to aid General MacArthur by educating Japanese in Tokio.

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes says "Tule Lake Internees may collect for damages to property while confined to center."

A.C.L.U. Review raps California violence against returnees.

Todaichi Hiraoka, of Los Angeles, charged by F.B.I. for falsifying citizenship and carrying papers of man who died in Japan in 1932.

Minidoka Relocation Center has been declared surplus.

Nisei at Gila River Relocation Center displayed their skill during their evacuation by constructing an estimated \$25,000 worth of miniature enemy ships for use by Navy during war.

Washington issues "stop order" on removal of property from Gila River Relocation Center, also withholding of sale of hospital equipment as surplus property in lieu of using the project as a Veterans Hospital.

Japanese Prisoners of War used in cotton harvesting at Corcoran have been repatriated to Japan.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power wants number of buildings at Manzanar for their use.

Senator O'Mahoney (D Wyo.) urges 57,000 acres of irrigated land used by War Relocation Authority be made available to Veterans for settlement in accordance with Reclamation Laws.

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C.I.O. Union, FTA 64, San Diego, accepted a number of Japanese Americans during recent Xmas party as members.

Mrs. Shigano Fudetani sentenced and committed to Stockton State Hospital in connection with murder at Tule Lake of her $3\frac{1}{2}$ yr. old daughter, Violet.

RETURNEES:

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Factual
Clippings

2000 or more Japanese-Americans evacuated from San Diego County has now returned.

Sangoro Matsuoka of Lodi fined \$40.00 in traffic violation charge.

Koura-Nakata wedding rites held recently in Winslow.

Publication of Los Angeles "Rofu Shimpo" resumed.

Board of Supervisors of Auburn vote to extend county aid assistance of \$15.00 per month to returning Japanese.

Dr. James M. Unosawa of Seattle, recent returnee from Minidoka, is held in death of Beulah Le Clair, 18, of Shelton, Wn., as result of illegal operation.

K. Hada and K. Mori, former meat market proprietors, returned to Bellflower.

J.A.C.L. circulated requests in Placer County requesting active support for a two-fold educational program.

Board of Supervisors of Imperial County do not feel they should be forced to aid returning Japanese-American "indigents" to this county who formerly resided in other counties.

Utah's Japanese-American population has jumped nearly 300% in five years -- from 2210 in 1940 to 6565 in 1945.

State Department of Welfare, Sacramento, at a recent meeting requested an additional \$2000 for a revolving fund used to pay expenses of returning Japanese to their homes there from relocation centers. Government will repay the money under a Federal Security Act at no cost to the county.

Six new pupils of Japanese-American ancestry enrolled at the John Muir Jr. High School at Burbank.

Tadoo Murata, recent returnee to Seattle from Hunt, Idaho, committed suicide by jumping off viaduct in path of oncoming automobile.

Midora Matsumoto, 24, Sanger, was killed on Dec. 26 when auto she and male companion, Muye Ibara, 24, were riding in crashed into truck in Fresno.

Kay Endow, 40, Florin was injured when his car collided with a city bus on Stockton Boulevard on New Year's Eve.

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Mrs. Maya Gato, 54, and Kenyaro Murakami, 49, dies at Fresno Hospital.

Saburo Matoike, 6, of Camp Four, Bacon Island, fatally injured when he fell out of a window at his home.

For first time on record 59 Japanese and Nisei families were on the San Francisco County Welfare relief rolls during the month of December.

INCIDENTS:

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Factual
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Two bottles were thrown thru plate glass window of West Side Drug Store, operated by Michio Tashiyaki on Dec. 21, causing \$40.00 damage.

Burglary nets over \$1000. in recent robbery of household furnishings at home of Kaneo Makishima, Rt. 1, Box 52, Sacramento.

Floyd Pousson, 17, sentenced to life imprisonment in death of Matsuki Kurisu.

JAPANESE-AMERICANS IN ARMED SERVICES:

12
Factual
Clippings

T/5 Shigeru Inouye spent his second Xmas at Dibble General Hospital, Palo Alto along with S/Sgt. Maseo Tamayei who has been there 19 months. At Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Pfc. Roy Matsuda and Pfc. Garry Nakayama.

Amongst returning overseas veterans are Cpl. Takeo Sekiya of Fresno; S/Sgt. Minoru Namba of Sacramento; Pfc. Yoshimura of Puente; and Pfc. Masao Masuda, Santa Ana, brother of Kasuo Masuda recently awarded posthumous DSC by General Stilwell. While S/Sgt. Minoru Namba was in Matsuyama, Japan, he journeyed to Okayama to meet his 86 year old grandmother.

177 young Japanese-American soldiers sailed from Seattle to Yokahama to do interpreting and translation work for General MacArthur -- amongst whom were T/3 Calvin K. Sakamoto of Auburn and T/4 Kern Kono of Sacramento.

125 Japanese-American veterans recently returned from the ETO entertained at a Xmas party given by the Evergreen Playground in Los Angeles.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR:

12
Clippings

6 Pro
6 Anti

Letters-to-the-Editor during this period show an even trend of both favorable and unfavorable comments.

One letter tells of Col. Evans F. Carlson, U.S.M.C. Commander of the famous "Carlson's Raiders" wartime experiences with men of all colors, race and creed under his command. He believes in equality for all.

H. J. McClatchy is answered by R. B. Cozzens, Asst. Dir. of WRA, for his comments in a letter entitled "Ban Dual Citizenship".

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Mrs. Walter Murphy of San Francisco writes of telephone call from her returning son from a camp in Virginia wherein he asks her to make room for extra buddies he is bringing home -- Nisei from ETO.

Porterville resident aired his anti-views in collaboration with H. J. McClatchy re "Dual Citizenship".

Letter of sympathy extended by a spectator in watching some little Japanese-American school children being shunned by Caucasian children at a school Christmas party.

EDITORIALS:

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Clippings

Several editorials appeared during this period containing favorable comments.

Words of praise and thanks are extended to the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play -- which office closed its doors on December 31st.

Peter Edson told of splendid course being given at Japanese POW Camp, Huntsville, Texas, to those who desire to learn of our Democratic Mode of living. On the teaching staff is Lt. Col. Boude C. Moore, brother of Lt. Col. Wallace H. Moore, G-2 who has been speaking on West Coast on Nisei in Pacific.

Editorial appearing in the Santa Rosa "Republican" comments that "after the last undesirable Japanese is deported to Japan there should be no further anti-violence against any Japanese-Americans without prompt action by the law."

J. W. Osborn in column "The Veteran Speaks" commends highly the Japanese-American soldiers for their service in the Armed Forces.

Another editorial makes mention "Curtains for Evacuation Means Tolerance Must Rule".

Brawley, Calif. airs resentment at the bringing back of "Indigents" into counties not previously inhabited by them and then expecting the counties to furnish them aid.

HOUSING:

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Factual
Clippings

607 Japanese-Americans are housed in Burbank.

Lomita Airport is also housing some returnee from Tule Lake.

Alameda County has made an intercounty agreement with San Francisco County, due to housing shortage, to foot the bill to house 16 Nisei at Hunters Point.

Nisei veterans are planning to built homes in Chico, Van Nuys, Roseme, Pomona and other Southland localities.

Unidentified Wave is somewhat perturbed over the fact that she couldn't get housing at Hunters Point while the Japanese-Americans could.

ALIENS:

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Clippings

Japanese, German and Italian aliens, owners of contraband confiscated by the Government at beginning of war, may now reclaim their property. However, Alien Property Custodian James E. Markham of Washington, D.C. moved to seize all property in the United States or territories owned by Japanese or German Nationals.

Floyd Bowers, Roseville Attorney, authority for "This is a white man's country", has filed a demurrer in favor of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kondo, Aster Kondo and Shigeo Otani in an escheat land case at Auburn.

Escheat proceedings against Mr. and Mrs. Ishisuke Takano of Parlier have been filed by Deputy Dist. Atty. Arthur H. Drew who maintains 40 acre farm was purchased by the Takanos in their American born daughter's name to evade the Alien Land Law.

Escheat proceedings were also filed against E. Higashi, Shijuo Ikeda and Mitsuo Ikeda owners of 38 acres of land in Watsonville.

U.S. Attorney General Clark cancelled regulations governing travel of Japanese and German aliens within the United States.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD:

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Clippings

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny charged Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen of Nevada County with "Malfeasance in Office" when the sheriff refused to protect Japanese section hands employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. He also charged the sheriff with having an active role in a campaign to prevent employment of Japanese.

Sheriff Tobiassen denies the Kenny Anti-Japanese charge.

L.B. McDonald of the Southern Pacific Railroad says "Japanese employed in Truckee certified 'loyal'".

PRO-AMERICAN-JAPANESE MATERIAL:

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Clippings

Rev. Emory Andrews, who spent many years working amongst the Japanese in Seattle, and also at Minidoka Relocation Center, gave a talk about the Nisei at Renton, (Wn.) Baptist Church recently.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes upheld WRA Area Director Charles F. Miller against the charges made by Congressman Claire Engle in the Placer County dispute.

Captain Arthur Munch told of the courage of the Nisei soldiers before a joint Pullman (Wn) Chamber of Commerce and Kiawanis Club luncheon.

Churches and schools in Hood River Valley are showing favorable attitude towards the returned Nisei, says Colonel Moore.

Rev. Arnold Nakijima, chaplain at the Evergreen Hostel of Los Angeles, told members of the Woman's Society of the Presbyterian Church of the tremendous costs to both the evacuees and the Government in their move from their homes to the centers just after Pearl Harbor.

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Donation of \$10 was made to the American Legion's Americanism Endowment fund from the Parents and Relatives Association of Rivers, Arizona Relocation Center in honor of Japanese-Americans in the Armed Forces.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Walter H. Moore, main speaker before the recent meeting of the Pescadero Junior Chamber of Commerce, said that the Sheriff's Office would stand squarely behind the law to give whatever protection is needed to returning persons of Japanese ancestry in that locality.

E.L. Cochrane of War Relocation Authority has given talks to the Wilshire Rotary Club; Burbank Kiawains Club and Lomita Kiawanis Club.

Race Relations Committees of Berkeley YMCA and YWCA held meeting on December 28 on Japanese-Americans -- at which time the film "Challenge to Democracy" was shown.

Mr. Lutes, WRA, was speaker before the Artesia Men's Club on December 10.

Panel discussion by the Parent-Teacher Association of San Francisco, on Japanese-Americans, was held at the Winfield Scott School last week.

Carey McWilliams says FEPC needed to prevent racial clash on Coast.

The Harbor Welfare Conference of San Pedro met on December 8 to discuss "The Japanese Return: To What?". Among the speakers was Miss Mary Nakahara of San Pedro.

"Personal Experiences of Japanese Returnees" was topic discussed by Japanese-American returnees before the Altrusa Hospitality Meeting of the International Institute at Hollywood recently.

Parents of Robert S. Johnstone, 18, killed last May fighting the Japanese, established in his honor a Lafayette College Fund at Easton, Pa., financed by his \$10,000. Government Insurance Policy -- to which Japanese applicants are to receive priority.

ANTI-AMERICAN-JAPANESE MATERIAL:

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Clippings

Threats of violence were made by residents of Wateria against three families of returnees protesting their occupancy of the old Japanese School on Ward Street.

British Columbian anti-Japanese attitude near boiling point against allowing large number of Japanese to return to Canadian West Coast.

Approximately 500 citizens of Ocean Park voiced their objection to the return of Japanese to the peninsula.

Congressman Claire Engle wrote a letter of protest to Secretary of the Interior Ickes requesting that Charles F. Miller be investigated for his fitness to hold public office and suggested that he be disciplined for his recent remarks.

Donner Post V.F.W., who oppose return of Japanese, urge Attorney General Kenny to reveal name of arsonist in the Sakomoto home burning near Loomis.

WRA RELEASES:

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Clippings

Animosity towards Japanese-Americans is dying out says Director Dillon Myer.

Charles F. Miller lauded Auburn Legion Post No. 84 for a five point report made by a Post Committee following study of employment of Alien Japanese at Clipper Gap.

Philip M. Glick, Acting Director of WRA, commended the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born for its action in defending rights of loyal Japanese Americans in a recent resolution adopted by them "urging democratic group and organized labor on West Coast to defend right of Japanese Americans to return to their homes if they so desire."

Statement issued by Dillon Myer early in December, out of the 104,000 Japanese relocating, only about 40% returned to the West Coast and the balance have located in Eastern States.

Fire of undetermined origin damaged the Tri-State High School gym at Tule Lake.

Tule Lake Segregation Center will close its doors no later than February 1.

Guy Robertson, former Heart Mountain Project Director, appointed head of the Sacramento District Office.

San Jose District Office will close its doors on May 1st.

REPATRIATES:

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Clippings

The Japanese Alien Removal Board of the Department of Justice has recommended release of 140 Japanese interned since 1941 in camps at Santa Fe, N.M. and Crystal City, Texas.

Klamath Falls American Legion Post protested use of train facilities for movement of Japanese repatriates during the Xmas holidays. (Justice Dept.)

Department of Justice announced on January 3 that aliens at Tule Lake subject to special segregation or parole order but who do not desire repatriation will be granted hearings in the immediate future by a special hearing board. The hearings will have no connection with those being arranged for renunciation of U.S. citizenship.

The Department of Justice still may arrange for rehearings of the Tule Lake Repatriate cases.

S.F. Federal Court grants hearing to Mrs. Fumiko Tamura in deportation case. Attorney Wiren is representing her.

360 Japanese aliens from federal detention camp at Bismarck, N.D. left on Xmas day for Seattle to be deported along with some 3570 repatriates from Tule Lake.

Many of the Japanese returning to homeland believe Nippon won war; think everything they read in American newspapers is propaganda.

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Maso Watanda, 22, former Fresno farmer, feels Japanese haven't an equal chance with Caucasians.

Satoshi Yoshiyama, 27, native of Salinas, is sorry he renounced his citizenship. After landing in Japan and noting the terrible living conditions he remarked that the United States is a 'damn' good country and he would like to return to it."

Robert Tsuida, formerly of Santa Ana, repatriated to Japan said "We never thought it would be such a terrible place! We don't like it!"

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