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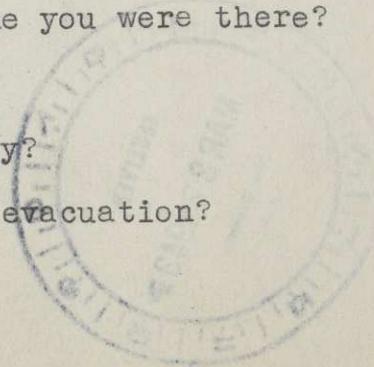
SUBJECT: Interviews with kibeï removed from the Project
on March 17

The following persons were removed March 17 from the Project to the Isolation Camp. All the individuals are kibeï who have not registered, seven failed to respond to notices sent them during the registration period informing them to report for interviews. Harada was removed because of pro-Japanese signs and pictures in his room. Yamaguchi and Nakao were not on the original list of kibeï to be interviewed, hence they cannot be accused for having failed to come for interviews.

The removal of these men is the first step in a plan as outlined in a previous report. The following interviews were conducted by an attorney from the San Francisco office of the WRA.

(BILL KAWAKAMI)

- Q. How old are you?
- A. 25.
- Q. Were you born in this country?
- A. Yes. Byron, California.
- Q. Have you been back to Japan?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How old were you when you went back?
- A. Five years old.
- Q. How long did you stay?
- A. 14 years.
- Q. Did you go to school most of the time you were there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What town or city in Japan?
- A. Yamaguchi Prefecture.
- Q. Are your parents here in this country?
- A. They are in Japan.
- Q. What kind of work did you do before evacuation?
- A. I was in the U. S. Army.
- Q. What work did you do at Tule Lake?
- A. Truck driver.
- Q. What block did you live in?
- A. 31.



- Q. You know why you were brought here?
- A. Yes. But FBI said, "You were in Army, you don't have to register." They said there would be no trouble about it if I didn't register.
- Q. Why don't you want to register.
- A. Because I have American citizenship, and after war broke out, we had a bitter experience in the Army.
- Q. You mean the way the other boys acted?
- A. Yes, I'm Japanese.
- Q. And they treated you like Japanese?
- A. Yes, they discharged us from Army, and treated us like enemies.
- Q. Did you hear any of the talks about registration, at meetings, or anywhere?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You remembered who talked?
- A. Most of them Issei.
- Q. Do you know Nakamura?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know Yoshida?
- A. No. I never attend Kibei meetings.
- Q. You know they had meetings?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You know they talked about registration, whether to register or not?
- A. I guess I did know. I just went to block meetings.
- Q. Have the Issei told people not to register?
- A. Some Issei said not to register.
- Q. Did they say why you shouldn't register?
- A. I don't know what their opinion was.
- Q. Did they say you shouldn't register because you should be loyal to Japan?
- A. I think some of them said that. I only attended meetings about two times.
- Q. You remember any names of the people who spoke against registration?
- A. No.
- I want to know why FBI told me if I didn't sign there wouldn't be any trouble. I want to know why they told me.
- Q. Well, it's a WRA rule to register for leave clearance, and leave itself is voluntary.
- A. I just want to know why the FBI man gave me trouble.
- Q. Did you ask anyone in WRA about it -- if there would be trouble?
- A. No, I just didn't register.
- Q. I believe that's all I want to ask, are there any questions you want to ask me?
- A. No.
- Q. Thank you.

REMARKS:

This man's attitude was good, and he does not have the appearance of an agitator. He says, however, that he suffered a bitter experience in the U.S. Army, and that may have been sufficient to make him actively disloyal.

TAKASHI HAMABATA

- Q. How old are you?
A. 23.
- Q. Were you born in this country?
A. Yes, Winter Grove, California.
- Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes.
- Q. How old were you when you went to Japan?
A. 9.
- Q. How long did you stay?
A. Nine years.
- Q. Did you go to school in Japan?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you go to school here?
A. No.
- Q. What did you do before the evacuation?
A. Box making.
- Q. What did you do at Tule Lake?
A. Construction crew, mess hall.
- Q. Do you know why you were brought here?
A. I think so.
- Q. For failing to register?
A. Yes, I know.
- Q. You knew WRA said everyone must register?
A. Yes. I'm not refusing to register, I just want to get full rights of Caucasians because I am a citizen.
- Q. You didn't register because you weren't treated right?
A. Yes.
- Q. Do you mean because you were evacuated?
A. No. You know questions 27 and 28. Even if I signed, I wouldn't be able to go wherever I wanted to go anyway.
- Q. What is your block number?
A. 34.
- Q. You knew what the registration was for -- as far as WRA is concerned -- for leave clearance?
A. Yes, I know.
- Q. Everyone was supposed to register so they could be cleared.
A. Yes, I know.
- Q. Did you hear anyone talk about the registration, fellows talking against registering?
A. Not to register, you mean, yes, I heard about it. But this is my own idea. When I get full rights of Caucasians, I will sign, otherwise, I can't. I like to say "yes, yes", but I won't sign until I get full rights.
- Q. That is your own idea?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did anyone else influence you that way?
A. No, that's my own idea.
- Q. Have you been telling other people not to register.
A. No. I am the only one in the block who didn't register.

- Q. Are your parents in Japan?
A. Yes, mother in Japan.
Q. Have you any relatives here?
A. Yes, brother and two sisters.
Q. Are they at Tule Lake?
A. Yes, one sister going to Arizona tomorrow.
Q. You mean to a free zone?
A. No, to a project.
Q. Were you one of the fellows that had pictures of Tojo on the wall, and Japanese mottoes?
A. No.
Q. You have seem them, though, haven't you?
A. No, I haven't.
Q. Do you know Nakamura, block 48?
A. Block 48 -- no.
Q. Do you know Yamahata, block 48?
A. No.
Q. Do you know Yoshida, Block 44?
A. No.
Q. You've never heard any of those men talk against or about registration?
A. No, I haven't.
Q. Have you heard anyone talk in favor of registration?
A. Yes.
Q. But you never heard any talk against it?
A. No.
Q. You haven't discussed it with anyone?
A. Yes, I told my own opinion to a friend, but he registered anyway and put "yes, yes". He wanted me to register because he didn't want me to come here, but it's my opinion and I didn't register. I want to stay in this country. I'd like to put "yes, yes", but I want full rights.
Q. You still want to stay in this country?
A. Yes.
Q. But you are not interested in going out on indefinite leave?
A. Yes, I'd like to, but I won't be able to go out now.
Q. No, you can't unless you register, that's the only way that you can get clearance. They can't clear people if they don't answer questions 27 and 28 properly because they can't let out people who practically say they are disloyal to the United States. That's why they have to have the questions there.
A. Yes.
Q. No matter how long you might have to stay here, or whatever else they decide to do?
A. Not until I get full rights.
Q. I don't believe I have any other questions to ask you, is there anything you want to ask me?

- A. I like to ask you -- some man was saying about working here -- do we have to?
- A. At first it was that way, you had. They stopped it now -- I don't think it is that way now.

REMARKS:

His attitude was very good, and he seemed to be sincerely opposed to registration as a matter of principle. I do not think that he is an agitator.

ISAO HAYASHI

- Q. How old are you?
A. 23.
- Q. Were you born in the U.S.?
A. Yes, San Jose, California
- Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes, once in 1926, came back in about three months. I was about six years old then. In 1927, I went again and came back in 1941.
- Q. Did you go to school in Japan?
A. Yes.
- Q. How far did you get in school?
A. Middle school -- something like high school.
- Q. What city or town in Japan?
A. Wakayama.
- Q. Have you had any schooling here in this country?
A. I went through grammar school.
- Q. Where do your parents live?
A. In Japan, mother and father.
- Q. Have you any brothers and sisters?
A. In Japan.
- Q. None here?
A. None.
- Q. What kind of work did you do before evacuation?
A. I worked in rice fields.
- Q. What kind of work did you do in Tule Lake?
A. Cook's helper and cook.
- Q. What block did you live in?
A. 48.
- Q. You know why they brought you here?
A. Yes.
- Q. Because you refused to register?
A. Yes.
- Q. I would like to have you tell me why you refused to register -- if you care to.
A. I think I told those people over there. So it's not necessary to tell you now.
- Q. I am trying to get it down for the record. I'd like to know what the trouble is, who is causing it.
A. This is the only thing I say. If they treat us like Germans and Italians, I am willing to fight for the United States, but otherwise I don't go.
- Q. You still feel that way?
A. Yes.
- Q. You knew the registration was not for the Army, you know joining the Japanese Combat Unit was voluntary. The registration that WRA said had to be made was for leave clearance, and they were going to register for the Army at the same time. But joining the Army was voluntary. You knew that?

- A. Yes.
- Q. You know WRA said everybody had to register, you knew you were not observing regulations?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You live in Block 48?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know Nakamura?
- A. Which Nakamura?
- Q. Frank.
- A. Yes, I know him.
- Q. Did you hear him talk against registration?
- A. Against the registration -- I don't know.
- Q. You wouldn't say you didn't hear him.
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know Yamahata?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ever talk to him about registration?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you ever hear him talk against registration?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know Yoshida, Block 44?
- A. No, I don't know him.
- Q. You are not one of the fellows that had pictures of Tojo on the wall?
- A. Tojo? No.
- Q. Did you have Japanese mottoes?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you talk to other people about how you felt about registration?
- A. I don't talk to anybody. It was their business, and my business is my business.
- Q. You don't feel you caused any trouble.
- A. No, I don't.
- Q. You have not talked against the United States to other boys?
- A. No, I haven't.
- Q. You still feel that if you were treated like any other American citizen, you would be willing to register?
- A. Yes, as an American citizen.
- Q. This is your main reason for not registering?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you have any objection to answering "yes, yes" to 27 and 28? It was on the registration -- about whether you would be loyal to the United States?
- A. no answer.
- Q. Did you try to apply for repatriation?
- A. Yes, I applied about a month after arriving to this camp.
- Q. Before registration?
- A. Yes, long before.

Q. You said your family is in Japan?

A. Yes.

REMARKS:

This man's attitude was good, and he does not appear to be the agitator type.

ROY N. ISHIBASHI

- Q. How old are you?
A. 18.
- Q. Were you born in the United States?
A. Yes, Utah.
- Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes, once.
- Q. How old were you when you went there?
A. 10 years old.
- Q. Did you go to school there?
A. Yes.
- Q. What city of prefecture in Japan?
A. In the country.
- Q. What kind of work did you do before the evacuation?
A. Nothing, I came back from Japan in 1941. Didn't know English.
- Q. Are your parents here?
A. Yes.
- Q. You know why you were brought here?
A. Yes.
- Q. You know WRA said everybody had to register?
A. I knew, but I didn't understand it.
- Q. Is that why you didn't want to register?
A. First they asked me if I was ready to register, and I didn't answer, couldn't talk English. They asked if I wanted to talk Japanese, and I said yes. Then they called me in the office and asked how old I was and I told them I was 18. They said, "He is too young to register now." And they said, "We will call you back later." And they didn't call me until now.
- Q. If you understood what the registration meant, would you want to register.
A. I don't know, I have a lot of questions to ask, because when at first I came to this country, and immigration people asked lots of questions, and I registered twice.
- Q. Did any of the people at Tule Lake tell you not to register?
A. No, just my individual idea, because rest of my family all registered. My sister and brother understand English.
- Q. But you don't understand well enough. Did you read the explanation in Japanese in the Tule Lake paper?
A. Yes, but some questions are not answered there.
- Q. Did you hear any of the talks -- men talking against registration?
A. I didn't hear them.
- Q. Did you go to meetings where they talked about registration?
A. No, I'm too young.
- Q. Too young for Kibei meetings?
A. Too young.
- Q. Do you know Frank Nakamura?
A. I don't know.

Q. Do you know Yamahata? Yoshida?

A. No, my block is 12.

Q. Do you think if you learned more about registration, you might want to register?

A. Can't tell until I learn.

REMARKS:

This man did not appear to understand English very well, and gave the impression of being honestly confused about registration. He does not appear to be a leader or agitator.

GINJI GOTO

- Q. How old are you?
A. 20.
Q. Were you born in this country?
A. Yes, Oakland.
Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes.
Q. How old were you when you went there?
A. 11 or 12.
Q. How long did you stay?
A. Four years.
Q. Did you go to school there?
A. A little bit.
Q. Where in Japan?
A. Kumamoto.
Q. Have you been there again?
A. No.
Q. Are your parents in Japan?
A. Father died, but mother is in Japan.
Q. Do you have any relatives here?
A. One brother.
Q. What kind of work did you do before evacuation?
A. Nursery.
Q. What kind of work did you do at Tule Lake?
A. Construction.
Q. I suppose you know why you were brought here -- for refusing to register?
A. Yes.
Q. You knew WRA said everyone had to register?
A. I guess so.
Q. I'd like to have you tell me why you didn't want to register -- if you'd care to tell me.
A. Everything confused.
Q. You mean you didn't understand it? Just how did you feel about it?
A. I don't know.
Q. You just didn't want to register?
A. I don't know what's all about.
Q. You know yet what's all about?
A. No, that time I had headache, didn't think.
Q. Did you ask anyone to explain it to you?
A. No.
Q. Did you hear discussions about it in meetings?
A. Not meetings, but we talk, but I just go to sleep.
Q. You go to Kibei meetings?
A. No.
Q. Did anyone tell you not to register?
A. No, nobody told me.
Q. You made up your own mind?
A. Yes.

- Q. You don't want to register now?
A. Don't think so, don't know.
Q. Want more time to think about it?
A. I guess so.
Q. What block did you live in?
A. 41.
Q. Do you know Frank Nakamura?
A. No.
Q. Do you know Yoshida?
A. None of those people.
Q. Do you know Yamahata?
A. No.
Q. Have you ever heard anyone talk against registration.
A. Not much.
Q. Just a little bit?
A. Sometimes I just go play ping pong.
Q. That's when you talked against registration?
A. No, I never talked anything against it.
Q. Did you tell other people?
A. No.
Q. You don't think you caused any trouble up there?
A. No.
Q. Any questions you want to ask me?
A. No.

REMARKS:

This man was sullen and uncommunicative, and I have a feeling that he would very possibly be a bad influence in a relocation center.

TETSUO NAKAO

- Q. How old are you?
A. 34.
- Q. Were you born in this country?
A. Yes, Hawaii.
- Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes, when I was a little boy.
- Q. How long did you stay there?
A. About 12 years.
- Q. Did you go to school there?
A. Yes.
- Q. Where in Japan?
A. Hiroshima.
- Q. Have you been back since then?
A. Yes, in 1929 or 1930, stayed there not quite half a year.
- Q. Are your parents in Japan?
A. Yes, father and mother in Japan.
- Q. What kind of work did you do before the relocation?
A. Grocery store in Los Angeles.
- Q. Are you married?
A. Yes, have family at Tule Lake.
- Q. I guess you know why you were brought here?
A. Yes.
- Q. You knew WRA said everyone had to register?
A. Yes, I had read about it in the paper.
- Q. What reasons did you have for refusing to register?
A. Well, the only thing that I heard that for our protection we were evacuated and put into camp, so I like to stay in camp for the duration.
- Q. Did you think you would have to go out on indefinite leave?
A. Yes -- Don't want to go anywhere.
- Q. The fact you register doesn't mean you have to go. Going out on indefinite leave is voluntary. But leave clearance takes quite a long time -- it has to be cleared through FBI, Naval Intelligence, and a number of places, so WRA decided to clear all people at once, so that if you decided to go and had a job available, you would be able to leave at once. And they decided to register for the Army at the same time.
- A. I want to stay in camp for the duration, so I thought there is no use to sign up. If I intended to go out, it's different.
- Q. Well, why would you have any objection to registering if you didn't have to go out? Did you object to answering questions 27 and 28?
If you were told you could stay in camp, would you register?
A. I don't think so.
- Q. Why?
A. If any person registered -- they want to go out. For myself, I never think of such things and don't think necessary to sign up.

- Q. Would you rather stay here than register?
A. I guess I would.
Q. What is your block number?
A. 48.
Q. Do you know Frank Nakamura?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know Yamahata?
A. I don't know them very well, but we are in the same block, we see each other three times a day.
Q. Were you to any meetings where registration was discussed?
A. No.
Q. Did you hear Nakamura talk against registration?
A. No.
Q. Did you hear Yamahata talk against registration?
A. No.
Q. Did you hear anybody talk against registration?
A. Myself, as I told you, I have no intention of going out, so just made up my mind.
Q. You surely talked about it with other people?
A. It's no use to talk to other people -- it's up to them.
Q. But you wouldn't say you don't talk about it?
A. No.
Q. You don't intend to register, regardless?
A. No.

REMARKS:

This man's attitude was allright, but I believe he is undoubtedly hiding his real reasons for refusing to register, and he is the type of person who might be influential with others.

SHIGETE YAMAGUCHI

- Q. How old are you?
A. 24.
Q. Where were you born?
A. Marysville, California.
Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes.
Q. How old were you when you went?
A. Four years old.
Q. How long did you stay?
A. 15 years.
Q. Did you go to school there?
A. Yes, I finished grammar school.
Q. What city in Japan?
A. Hiroshima.
Q. Are your parents here in this country?
A. Yes, here.
Q. Have you brothers and sisters?
A. Yes, in Japan.
Q. What kind of work did you do before evacuation?
A. Farm labor.
Q. What kind of work did you do at Tule Lake?
A. Mess hall.
Q. What is your block number?
A. 48.
Q. I guess you know why they brought you here -- for refusing to register? You said you wouldn't register, didn't you?
A. I don't register.
Q. And you still don't want to?
A. No.
Q. You knew WRA said everyone must register.
A. No answer.
Q. Why didn't you want to register?
A. I don't understand English very well.
Q. You are from Block 48, aren't you?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know Honomura?
A. I don't know.
Q. Do you know Yamahata?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you hear anyone telling people not to register?
A. I don't know.
Q. Did you hear Honomura tell boys not to register?
A. Don't know.
Q. Did you tell people not to register?
A. No answer.
Q. You understand, don't you?
A. No answer.
Q. Did you hear some of the Issei tell boys not to register?
A. I don't know.

- Q. Do you know why you didn't register?
A. I don't register.
Q. Did anyone tell you not to register, or did you make up your mind?
A. No, myself.
Q. Do you know that when you don't obey the rules of WRA, you are disobeying the Government of the United States?
A. No answer.
Q. Did you understand my question?
A. No answer. I don't understand English.

MITSUGI TAKATA

- Q. How old are you?
A. 26.
- Q. Were you born in this country?
A. Yes, Fresno, California.
- Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes.
- Q. How old were you when you went to Japan?
A. Six years old.
- Q. How long did you stay?
A. Twelve years.
- Q. And did you go back again?
A. No.
- Q. Did you go to school in Japan?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you go to school here?
A. Yes, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ years, special class, English language.
- Q. Are your parents here in this country?
A. Parents are dead. Have brother in Army, sister in camp.
- Q. What sort of work did you do before evacuation?
A. Grocery store.
- Q. What sort of work did you do at Tule Lake?
A. Dishwasher.
- Q. What is your block number?
A. 47.
- Q. You know why you were brought here?
A. Yes.
- Q. For refusing to register?
A. Yes. I don't refuse to register, but didn't understand meaning of registration.
- Q. Did you try to find out what it means?
A. Yes, but I still don't understand it.
- Q. I'll try to tell you.
You know the Army part of registration is voluntary. Joining the Japanese Combat Unit is voluntary. But you know that WRA said everyone must register?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You understood everyone had to register for leave clearance?
A. Yes.
- Q. You understand registering for indefinite leave didn't mean that you had to go out of camp. Indefinite leave clearance takes quite some time -- cleared through FBI, Naval Intelligence, Army Intelligence, etc. Then if a person had a job somewhere out of camp, and had to wait sometimes as long as a month for clearance, they would lose out on the job, so WRA decided to clear everyone at one time. It did not mean you had to go out -- it was just to get everybody cleared at one time. Do you understand?
- A. Yes.

- Q. Why didn't you want to register?
- A. I got classification A-1. I went to camp and changed to classification 4-C. Why register again? They say you got citizenship. I can't understand what it means. Everything is mixed up. Army orders are straight things -- why WRA changes them?
- Q. WRA helped the Army change the order because they felt it wasn't right for citizen evacuees to be classified 4-C. They asked Army to change so you can be classified like other citizens. That's what it's all about. WRA is trying to help get you classified just like other citizens, instead of enemy aliens. At first, after evacuation, Army didn't want to even Japanese citizens, so they classified them 4-C. WRA tried to get the Army to change it, and they finally changed it. WRA is trying to help you, they thought that's what you wanted. Do you know Nakamura?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know Yamahata?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know Yoshida, Block 44?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you go to any meetings, where they discussed registration?
- A. No, I don't go Kibei meetings.
- Q. Did you hear anyone talk against registration?
- A. Against? No.
- Q. Did anyone tell you not to register?
- A. No.
- Q. You made up your own mind?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You still feel you shouldn't register, you don't want to register?
- A. I still don't understand it.
- Q. Did you tell other people not to register?
- A. No.

REMARKS:

This man's attitude was good. I doubt that he would be an agitator.

BOB T. OKUNO

- Q. How old are you?
A. I am 23 years old.
Q. Were you born in this country?
A. Yes -- Fresno, California.
Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes, when I was about 4 years old.
Q. How long did you stay?
A. I don't know how long.
Q. How old were you when you came back?
A. 18.
Q. Did you go to school in Japan?
A. Yes.
Q. What grade did you finish over there?
A. I finished grammar school.
Q. Did you go to school here?
A. I came back to this country in 1938 and went to high school, but I didn't finish, because war started and we were evacuated.
Q. Where do your parents live?
A. In Japan.
Q. What block did you live in?
A. 47.
Q. I guess you know why you were brought here?
A. Yes.
Q. For refusing to register?
A. Yes.
Q. You knew WRA said that everyone had to register?
A. Yes.
Q. I'd like to have you tell me, if you want to, why you refused to register.
A. Because I don't understand why we have to register, so I said, "If you make it more clear to me, I will do it, but I don't understand."
Q. Did you read about it in the Tule Lake paper?
A. Not much.
Q. Did you ask anyone to explain it to you?
A. Yes, but I still don't understand.
Q. What didn't you understand?
A. I don't understand about the registration -- you know, meaning.
Q. You mean understand how it would work?
A. Yes, what they are going to do. We are in camp, so I think we don't have to register.
Q. You know the reason they wanted everyone to register for leave clearance, don't you? That's in case you wanted to go out on indefinite work. But it was voluntary -- I mean going out to work.
A. If I registered, I could go out anytime?

- Q. What I mean is that everyone who goes out on indefinite leave has to be cleared -- it takes quite a while -- clearance through many places. WRA wanted to have everybody register so that they could clear them, and then if anyone wanted to go out on a job, they wouldn't have to wait for clearance, but would be ready to go. They were going to register people for leave clearance and Army at the same time. If you registered, however, you didn't have to go into the Army -- that is voluntary.
- Q. How do you feel about registering now?
- A. Well, I don't know.
- Q. Did you hear any discussions about the questions of registering, fellows telling you not to register?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you go to Kibei meetings?
- A. No.
- Q. Are you sure?
- A. I never go out, I just stay home.
- Q. You were not one of the boys who had pictures of Tojo on the wall in your barrack -- and Japanese mottoes?
- A. I don't understand.
- Q. Didn't you have pictures of Tojo on the wall?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you ever see his picture?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know Nakamura?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you hear him talk to the boys about registration?
- A. No, he is in the next block, I don't know -- what did he say?
- Q. Did you hear some of the older Issei talk about the registration? Did you hear from Frank Nakamura about registration?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you tell some of the boys not to register?
- A. No, I couldn't explain to anybody.
- Q. Didn't you tell some of them you didn't think they should register?
- A. No, because it's an individual problem, so I don't say anything about it.
- Q. Are you telling me that they don't talk about it -- about registration?
- A. No, I don't talk about it or ask anybody.
- Q. You mean you made up your own mind?
- A. Yes, but I didn't understand, so I didn't register.
- Q. Didn't you hear Yoshida talk about it?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you hear Yamahata?
- A. I don't know him.

- Q. How do you feel about registration now?
A. Well, still I don't understand.
Q. Did you try to find out about it?
A. No, I can't find out.
Q. But you know you don't want to register.
A. I didn't say that. I never said that. They took me to the office, you know, some weeks ago, asked if I wanted to register or not. I told them if they make it clear about registering, I would, but still I don't understand, so I can't register.
Q. Did you object to answering questions 27 and 28?
A. No. I told you I don't understand about registration.
Q. Are you loyal to the United States or to Japan?
A. Well, I don't know now.
Q. You don't know?
A. I don't feel like I am an American citizen, so I can't say about that.
Q. Why don't you feel like an American citizen?
A. Because I am in camp.
Q. Because of the evacuation?
A. Yes, that's the main reason.
Q. You don't feel the evacuation was necessary?
A. Well, I don't know.
Q. I was told by one of the officers that you were a continual trouble maker.
A. Who making trouble? Me? I don't know. I don't know why, I just stay home.
Q. You don't go around telling other people what to do?
A. Sometimes I go around with a girl friend.
Q. You don't know the names of any of these people who have been making trouble?
A. Making trouble?
Q. Yes, telling people not to register, not to cooperate with the administrators.
A. No.
Q. You wouldn't tell if you did?
A. Well, I don't know, so I can't say anything.
Q. Have they ever had you up for any trouble before?
A. No.

REMARKS:

This boy's attitude was rather meek, but I had the feeling that he might have been rather cocky under other circumstances. I think that he knows more than he admits, and he appears as if he might be the type who would be a voluble leader among his own people.

TERUYOSHI HARADA

- Q. How old are you?
A. 22.
Q. Were you born in this country?
A. Yes, Sacramento, California.
Q. Have you been to Japan?
A. Yes.
Q. How old were you when you went to Japan?
A. Two years old.
Q. How long did you stay there?
A. 17 years.
Q. Did you go to school there?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you go to school in this country?
A. No.
Q. What kind of work did you do before the evacuation?
A. Laundry.
Q. Where do your parents live?
A. Japan.
Q. What is your block number?
A. 24.
Q. Did you have Tojo's pictures on the walls of your barrack? And Japanese mottoes?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know that WRA said everyone must register?
A. Yes.
Q. Why didn't you want to register?
A. I feel that I'm American citizen -- and then after being brought to camp, I felt I lost my citizenship. When we were put into camp, they said it was for our protection, and now when feelings of people are stronger, why do they want us to go out on indefinite leave? Why are they practically forcing me out of camp?
Q. When you register for indefinite leave, it didn't mean you had to go out.
Q. If that is so, it wouldn't be necessary to register if it wasn't compulsory to leave the center.
Q. WRA wanted everyone to register for leave clearance so that everyone could be cleared at the same time. Clearance takes quite a long time -- and sometimes a job cannot be held until it is finished -- as long as a month. So they decided to register everyone and clear all people, so if they found a job or decided to leave, they could do it in a short time. Indefinite leave is voluntary, however.
Internal security people say you are an active agitator and caused a lot of trouble.
A. No, never tried to influence anyone else.
Q. Do you know Nakamura, Block 48?
A. No.

Q. Do you know Yamahata?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Yoshida, Block 44?

A. No.

Q. Do you feel that you would ever want to register?

A. No.

Interpreter used for this interview.

REMARKS:

This man's attitude is very defiant and he shows a definite loyalty to Japan. I think he should be sent to Moab.

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Evacuees Register at Tulelake Project



This picture shows evacuees of Japanese descent registering for military service or job clearance at the Tulelake war relocation project. Registration has been proceeding for several weeks, and has been the source of agitation which resulted in arrest and segregation of numerous evacuees.