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THE HOME FRONT COMMANDOS

The Home Front Commandos, Inc. is a group which was formed in Sacramento early in 1943. A. J. Harder, a Sacramento attorney, is president and Edward Keelen is vice president. It was proposed to have a chapter of the organization in each county to bring pressure to bear on public officials to take anti-Japanese action. The type of pressure is suggested by Mr. Harder:

"The local chapter, for instance, can bring about the adoption by your County Supervisors and your City Councils, an amendment to your present Business License Law, which amendment will provide that no license to transact any kind of business shall be issued to any Alien of any country, and no license be issued to any person who is of Japanese origin, alien or citizen. Proper form for such an amendment will be furnished the Chapter." (The Home Front Commando, March, 1943, p.2)

A person could become a member of the organization by sending in one dollar and signing the following pledge:

"I pledge myself, as an American, to forever refrain from in anywise patronizing any Japanese business firm, concern or corporation; to refrain from purchasing any product produced by the labor of Japanese; to refuse to sell, lease or in any manner whatsoever, permit any Japanese to labor upon, in anywise, on any real property of which I may be the part or whole owner; To insist that city, county, and state officials do their fully duty in passing the necessary laws to prevent the re-occurrence of the Japanese domination of Agricultural lands in my state." (Ibid., p.3)

Members are exhorted to "agitate, advocate the deportation of the Japs; ...report to your Chapter chairman or president any dereliction (sic) of the duties of an American". (Ibid., p.2)

Only two publications of the Commandos are available. One is an undated small four page folder entitled "Slap the Jap" and the other Vol. I, No. I, March, 1943, of a newspaper published "in the interest of the 'American Way of Life'". The first lists 16 objectives of the organization. Some deal with aliens in general rather than exclusively with Japanese. Following

are typical examples:

"The deportation of all alien Japanese.

The deportation of all foreign born aliens of whatever country, if eligible, who have not, or do not, prior to May 1st, 1944, apply for American citizenship.

To deport all aliens who hold dual citizenship.

To prevent the purchase and ownership of real property by any alien, or dual citizen.

To prevent the leasing, farming, or in anywise hold of real estate, by any Japanese, or any dual citizen.

To prevent any Japanese from carrying on any sort or kind of business, whatsoever, and in this matter to provide laws prohibiting Japanese from obtaining a business license in any city or county.

To organize the people of the United States in such manner as to pledge every citizen not to employ or patronize any person of Japanese lineage. "
(Ibid., pp. 1 & 3)

A memorial to the Congress of the United States was prepared by the Commandos. Its introduction stated that World War II had demonstrated that the Japanese Government and Japanese people were "treacherous, irresponsible and faithless" and that the Japanese as a race were unassimilable and their mode of life incompatible with the American way of life. Then follows a list of provisions which they would like to see incorporated into any treaty made at the close of the war. These provisions are substantially the same as those listed above as the objectives of the organization.

On June 20, 1943, the Commandos held a public meeting in a Sacramento park. Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer of California, was chairman. A member of the audience estimated the number attending as between 70-100 altho the local newspapers put the attendance at more than 1000. (H. F. McKellips, Jr. to Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, 6/25/43) The first speaker was the

the Commando vice president, Capt. Edward Keelen who was reported as saying that he wanted to organize the people of the state to eliminate all Japs from the soil of California. Japs, according to Capt. Keelen, do not believe in heaven or hell or Christ, so what kind of men can they be? (McKellips to Kingman, 6/25/43) The chief speaker was A. J. Harder. Mr. McKellip's notes reported Mr. Harder as saying substantially as follows. These are not direct quotations.

The United States government is not fighting the Empire of Japan; the Americans are fighting the Japanese.... We also read in the Examiner the other day that a unit of 1000 officers and men have been training for battle in the reclamation (sic) center. They have stolen \$100,000 in supplies from the WRA warehouses, along with dynamite and steel pipes. Surely it is now time to let the longhaired, bewhiskered babies in Congress who have been monkeying with the Oriental Exclusion Act know what we think.... The relibious cliques and sob-sisters have complained about locking up the Japs and still letting German and Italians stay near their homes. The reason is this: when we hear a German or an Italian talking on the street some of us can understand what they are saying. But not so the Jap; this little monkey has a jibbering tongue all his own.

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An interesting series of letters were written by Commando president Harder to Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles in May, June, and July of 1943. Mr. Harder wrote to Mayor Bowron on May 22, 1943

"Although pertinently unconstitutional, a city ordinance prohibiting the issuance of a business license to any Japanese would put the burden upon the Jap who seeks to go into business to establish the unconstitutionality; an expensive affair as you know; and in the meantime if properly organized under the Commandos or a similar organization, the matter could be approached from the well known methods of labor unions, picket line and boycott."

Again on June 22:

"I believe I have discovered a means whereby the Japanese can be left out of business in every city and county in the State,

and it is this: All business licenses be limited to a certain number, and you arrive at that number by counting the present licenses in existence for all lines of business. X The ordinance should then provide that no more licenses be issued to any person over and above that number set opposite each line of business in this ordinance." (Ordinance also provide when Americans apply for a license, the city council be informed to increase the number of licenses by one.) "Note: Then when a Japanese applies for a business license the city council may refuse to pass the ordinance. It is constitutional to limit the number of businesses in a city....

"If we can keep these undesirables out of business, and Senate Bill #146 signed by the Governor will keep them off the land, they will of a necessity, should the 'longhairs' in Congress permit them to return after the War, be compelled to vacate California, because they will be unable to earn a living."

Again on July 9, 1943, Harder wrote to Bowron:

"May I humbly suggest that you consult your City Attorney and ask him to prepare an ordinance; frankly, I desire a copy of such an ordinance as a model to be sent to every Board of Supervisors and every City Council."

There is no evidence that Mayor Bowron replied to these suggestions.

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The Commandos follow the Hearst technique of blaming the Japanese in the United States for the acts of the Japanese military. State Treasurer Johnson at the above mentioned Sacramento meeting is reported to have said:

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Visualize the savagery of these people in China, at Pearl Harbor, and the acts of barbarity against our boys.

Mr. Johnson's speech was liberally sprinkled with Japanese atrocity stories. (McKellips to Kingman, 6/25/43)

The Commandos use two other methods in arousing the people against the Japanese. The first is the simple but effective one of name-calling. Japanese are consistently referred to as "Japrats"--usually written as one word. Beside a picture of the Statue of Liberty on the small pamphlet are these adjectives:

Treacherous	Irresponsible	Ungodly
Faithless	Inhuman	Soulless
Untrustworthy	Depraved	Disloyal

followed by "No Jap is now fit to associate with human beings". (Slap the Jap, p.1) People who disagree with their point of view are referred to as "Wise Men", "Pacificts" (sic), "Sob-Sisters", "Religious Cliques", "the Brotherly Love gang". (Slap ^{the} Jap)

The Home Front Commandos play upon racial prejudice, but that their chief interest is economic is clear. The letters from Harder to Bowron are fairly conclusive evidence of this, but their publications also bear it out.

"Every County and City should pass an ordinance providing that no business license of any kind shall be issued to a Japanese for any kind of business. Unconstitutional? Well, maybe, but what does a Jap care about our Constitution, and since he doesn't care, why should he appeal to its protection? Besides if he does, well, that the Japrat must decide. In the meantime, there will be no allnight Japanese business competition... Let the Japrat who wants to go into business, test the law..." (The Home Front Commando, 3/43, p.3)

"One-half million Japs in California (sic)--Do you want them in your back yard?

"Unless something is done the 'Long Hairs' will put them back on your farm lands, as your neighbors, as your business competitors.

"It costs \$56 a year to educate a Jap kid in grammar school, \$96 per year in high school, over \$200 in Junior College, and more than \$400 at the University." (Slap ^{the} Jap, p.4)

"When the Jap finds that his alien ancestors have been deported, when he finds that he cannot work for Americans, when he finds he cannot conduct a business, what will he do? He will arrive at his own level, 'the seaside', waiting for a boat to take him back to the shores of the land of the Rising Sun..." (Home Front Commando, 3/43, p.2)

No further material is available on the Home Front Commandos after July, 1943. Presumably there were insufficient people willing to furnish Mr. Harder with dollar bills.

HOME FRONT COMMANDOS

Classified advertisement in newspapers:

Out with the Japs. Men and women are wanted to solicit membership in the Home Front Commandos, an organization whose objective is to deport the Japs after the war. Workers will be compensated for their time. Write for appointment, give references, age, and occupation, telephone number. Address Home Front Commandos, 1020--8th., Sacramento, Calif. Help organize a Chapter in your county.

Ran:

Sacramento Bee

3/23/43	\$2.81
3/27/43	\$1.19
4/3/43	\$1.02

Sacramento Union

3/23/43	\$3.25
3/28/43	\$2.00

Los Angeles Times

4/13/43	\$2.90
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HOME FRONT COMMANDOS

607 NICOLAUS BUILDING
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

June 15, 1943

University of California
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Attention Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

In Re: Home Front Commandos

Dear Mr. Grodzins:

I have your letter of June 12th and have placed your name on our mailing list for any future editions of the Home Front Commando paper.

We are holding a public mass meeting in McClatchy Park, 35th Street and 5th Avenue, on June 20th at 5 p.m. for the discussion of the Japanese exclusion question; at which time we shall memorialize Congress to leave the Oriental Exclusion Law in status quo.

You now have all the literature we have issued so far, but we shall mail you whatever we may print in the future.

Now, then, may we have a copy of everything you have appertaining to the Japanese evacuation, resettlement, and internment question, ownership of lands in California, religious affiliations, and any other articles you may have.

Will you please bill us for whatever the charges may be.

Thanking you for your interest, we are

Home Front Commandos
A. J. Harder, President

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June 17, 1943

Mr. A. J. Harder, President
Home Front Commandos
607 Nicolaus Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Harder:

This is to acknowledge and to thank you sincerely for your letter of June 15. I look forward to receiving further publications of your organization.

I am sorry that this study has no publications at this time. As a matter of fact, in return for the receipt of data from various Federal agencies, we of this study have pledged ourselves to make no speeches and to publish nothing about the Japanese until the end of the war. We are not an "action" agency but are simply compiling data for a history. We have the cooperation of government agencies, but make no recommendations as to policy. Data for our history are completely unorganized, since obviously our work is in its early stages.

I am very sorry that we do not have data to make available. But if I get to Sacramento in the future, I would be most happy to discuss matters of mutual interest with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

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June 9, 1943

Congressman John M. Costello
Chairman Dies Congressional Sub-Committee
Los Angeles, California

My dear Congressman:

I have just finished listening to the story of a man who is fully conversant with the ~~operations~~ operations of the Buddhist and Shinto Church Bishops. This man has information that should be placed before your Committee.

I recommend very highly that you subpoena & this man to appear before the Committee, as he has information which will lead your committee to other information valuable in your investigation of the Japanese on the Pacific Coast.

The party referred to is

Capt. Ed B. Keelen

and he may be subpoenaed at my office, 607 Nicolaus Building, Sacramento, California.

Capt. Keelen informs me the Bishops of the Buddhist Church are still here and actively engaged in gathering information useful to the enemy.

Yours respectfully,

A. J. Harder, President
Home Front Commandos

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Police Department

City of Seattle, Washington

June 11, 1943

Mr. A. J. Harder, Pres.
Home Front Commandos
607 Nicolaus Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Harder:

Referring to your letter of June 8th, I regret to inform you that due to the great amount of work~~we~~ connected with my position of Chief of Detectives, I would be unable to devote the necessary time which would be required to organize a chapter of the Home Front Commandos.

You might take the matter up with our Detective-Lieutenant C. E. Neuser, who is the head of our National Defense Detail, as his work brings him in contact with the Japanese situation, also aliens of all nationalities.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Fortner
Chief of Detectives

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June 8, 1943

Mr. Claude C. Fortner
Chief of Detectives
Seattle Police Department
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Fortner:

Dapt. Keelen, Vice-president of the Commandos, gave me your card after he had a conference with you relative to the Japanese question.

I am enclosing herewith pamphlets setting forth the objects of the Commandos, and authorizing you to organize a chapter in Seattle. Under our by-laws 50¢ out of each \$1.00 must come to the home office for expenses, balance may be spent in your chapter for necessary printing and other expenses incurred.

I hope that we may receive your cooperation, and in the event that your work as the Chief of Detectives will not permit the necessary time, will you obtain the service of someone to do this organizing work, and send us the name and address to whom we may write.

Yours respectfully,

A. J. Harder, President
Home Front Commandos

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Claude C. Fortner--Chief of Detectives--Seattle poli
dept.

J.V. Holt Route 1, Box 189 Florin

Herbert West--Mayor Walla Walla

W. J. Vander, President
Horn Front Command

San Francisco Examiner

April 19, 1943

Home Front Commandos
607 Nicolaus Building
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

We have just received your letter of April 17 regarding the censorship regulations imposed by the Examiner on advertising copy of your organization.

We could not accept your advertisement for publication since our censor regulations prevent us from discriminating against any race or religion.

It is most likely that your advertisement will be acceptable for publication in many other newspapers, but the Examiner has its own censorship regulations.

Very truly yours,
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

L. L. KREMER, MANAGER
Mail Division

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June 17, 1943

SPECIAL DELIVERY

My dear Governor Warren:

I am concerned by the publication of a newspaper called THE HOME FRONT COMMANDO under date of March 1943 and a statement that there is to be a picnic and mass meeting on June 20th in a Sacramento park, at which State Treasurer Johnson is announced as the speaker. This has to do with the handling of the Japanese question.

Organizations of this type have many elements of danger in a country such as ours, particularly when we are dealing with one of the most delicate problems possible: the racial one in time of war. There is bound to be a good deal of cupidity in this field since the property of the Japanese is desired by other citizens. Somebody must be putting up funds for the agitation of the question.

This note is just to express the hope that no state government official will participate in any enterprise of this sort and that the Attorney General of the State will at least keep his attention on this type of activity. It is apt to give California very much of a black eye if it should go to extremes.

With every good wish and much appreciation of the service you are rendering to the State, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Hon. Earl Warren
Governor of California
Sacramento, California

R.L. Wilbur/CE

P.S. You may be interested in the enclosed copy of a telegram from Secretary Stimson which has just come to hand.

E B MACNAUGHTON, PRESIDENT
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND
PORTLAND, OREGON

I HAVE YOUR TELEGRAM OF JUNE EIGHTH IN WHICH YOU REFER TO A PROPOSAL TO MEMORIALIZE CONGRESS IN FAVOR OF DEPORTATION OF ALL JAPANESE AMERICANS IRRESPECTIVE OF CITIZENSHIP. THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAS RECOGNIZED THE LOYALTY OF MANY JAPANESE AMERICANS AND HAS INCORPORATED A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF JAPANESE AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS IN THE ARMY. THE RECORD OF JAPANESE AMERICAN UNITS IN THE ARMY HAS BEEN EXCELLENT INDEED. A CERTAIN NUMBER HAVE RENDERED SERVICE AGAINST THE JAPANESE EMPIRE FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN DECORATED. I FEEL THAT ANY PROPOSITION TO DEPORT ALL JAPANESE AMERICANS IRRESPECTIVE OF CITIZENSHIP OF LOYALTY WOULD NOT ONLY BE INAPPROPRIATE BUT CONTRARY TO OUR EXPERIENCE AND TRADITION AS A NATION. DEPORTATION OF DISLOYAL ELEMENT IS OF COURSE DESIREABLE BUT THE WAR DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH SWEEPING PROPOSAL AS YOU REFER TO IS JUSTIFIED IN MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS.

(Filed Washington, D.C., June 9)

Henry L. Stimpson

C O P Y

Talk Given by Chas. G. Johnson
Treasurer of the State of California

June 20, 1943

We are gathered hereto as loyal American men and women, devoted to the preservation of our American form of government, with an unswerving determination to go forward in defense of American thought and action as symbolized by the Stars and Stripes, our nation's flag.

In obedience to the mandates made necessary by our Commander-in-Chief and those Americans who constitute national authority, we are accepting every test and every sacrifice with a faith and fortitude of which American posterity will be proud.

On the battlefields of the world today the sons and daughters from our American homes are dying in the cause of righteous principles, the preservation of which must eventually bring about a universal freedom of all peoples of the world. In the accomplishment of this purpose, stern measures must unflinchingly be accepted as essential in the winning of victory, and those who hamper or obstruct these measures must, for the safety of all, be disciplined in proportion to the evil that they may perpetrate to defeat or obstruct those measures for which the loyal people of America are dedicated to preserve, even though it cost them their lives.

This is no time to placate or compromise with these evils. They must be rendered harmless at all costs.

The Dies Investigating Committee, acting under the authority of Congress, has shocked the people of California and the people of our nation with its disclosures of overt acts, disloyal efforts and criminal ingratitude on the part of the alien Japanese population now interned under military order. The large majority of these interns maintain dual citizenship. Others, inconvenienced by their incarceration, have made sympathetic appeals for liberation and for the enjoyment of those privileges now denied to them - privileges of which they proved unworthy by word and deed. These aliens would sabotage the security of our country.

In California there are many who now feel that the loss of Japanese labor, especially in the raising of fruits and vegetables, is creating unnecessary hardships and complications in our economic lives. This is a weak challenge to our ability to meet this situation.

There will be hundreds of thousands of soldiers returning from the battlefields of Europe, when that conflict is ended, who will be happy to engage in the production of fruits and vegetables on a sufficient scale to accommodate every housewife and household.

Disloyal Japanese should not be encouraged to prevent this opportunity for Americans who are able and willing to assume the responsibility. The inconvenience of the present situation is one of the sacrifices that we are willing to accept.

The war in Europe may terminate at an earlier period than the war in the Far East. Military authorities inform us that when the war is over in Europe, Japan will continue her savagery against America.

Visualize, if you please, the period of horror that China has endured at the hands of the Oriental criminal Japanese. Visualize, if you please, the inhuman acts of these savage people in their attack on Pearl Harbor. Visualize, if you please, the acts of barbarity now being practiced by the Japanese against our boys, the Australians and our other Allies in the Far East.

With the continuation of this barbaric struggle, the civilian population should feel no temerity in safeguarding the homefront against what the alien and disloyal Japanese in California can and will do to sabotage and commit other criminal acts to augment the war winning efforts of Japan.

Can you imagine the alien Japanese population now interned, resisting Japanese military authority in the event of Japan's invasion of California.

Our war with Japan may continue for several years. It is our American duty to protect American life and institutions against our enemies on the homefront.

We don't need Japanese in California. We don't want a Japanese influence in California. All disloyal and alien Japanese should be deported under military orders.

There are millions of white men interned in concentration camps in Europe and Asia who are not accorded the advantages and, I may say, the luxuries that are extended to our Japanese interns. The cost to the American taxpayers in according the interned Japanese these comforts is appalling. You and I and the men and women of tomorrow must deny themselves in order to liquidate this burden of costs.

America is and always has been tolerant toward our immigrants and aliens. The many acts of betrayal on the part of the Japanese have exhausted both our tolerance and our patience, to the end that we fail to make a logical segregation of the interns, notwithstanding the fact that there are some 15,000 Japanese American citizens now engaged in our armed forces and the reports of the Provost Marshal show approximately 40,000 of those now interned express their loyalty in every form submitted by the government.

America, and especially California is still reluctant to accept these actions and these pledges in good faith.

America has welcomed men and women of every nation. These men and women have assimilated themselves to the enjoyment of American life, and have become American law-abiding citizens. America wants no disloyal aliens - only Americans who are willing to subscribe to American principles and willing to preserve them for ourselves and for our future generations who will continue to appreciate and defend our American liberty and our American opportunities.

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June 25, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street, San Francisco, California.

My dear Mrs. Kingman,

The following is a group of notes from a mass meeting sponsored by the Home Front Commandos, Inc. and held in James McClatchy Park, Sacramento, Sunday, June 20, 1943, between 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. The notes were transcribed by me, aided by a friend who is a student at the University of California. The material is as accurate and as truthful as we are able to make it, but since you are not acquainted with me or my friend I can only ask you to take it for what it may be worth. My honesty, however, I believe can be vouched for by a number of citizens of Sacramento.

The meeting began at 4:35 P.M. and the crowd numbered from seventy to one hundred persons, although both of the local papers printed that a congregation of over a thousand persons attended. The man who called the meeting to order stated that the express purpose of the gathering was to prevent the return of all Japanese to California. Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer of California, was the chairman of the day. Herewith is what transpired:

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Mr. Johnson first introduced Billy Nesbitt, whom he called a "well-known philanthropist and entertainer whose name is a household word in the city of Sacramento." Nesbitt gave a recitation of his own composition entitled: "Thank God for America!" The work impressed me as one of these many renditions given by the super-patriots who, the day before Pearl Harbor, had little regard for anyone else's rights and broke every law they could get away with.

Following Nesbitt's vociferous demonstration of how much he loves America (and of course his record shows it), Mr. Johnson read a very carefully prepared manuscript of his own personal views. The following are extractions from his talk and are as near to being quotations as I could take them down:

We are gathered here as loyal men and women to maintain American democracy.

Men and women are fighting and dying today for freedom for all people of the world.

Because of this fact, some people must be disciplined for the evil which they might do.

You all know how the Dies sub-committee has found sabotage, dual citizenship, and disloyalty among the Japs.

Visualize the savagery of these people in China, at Pearl Harbor, and the acts of barbarity against our boys.

Can you imagine our alien Japanese opposing Jap Militarism if California were to be conquered?

The cost of coddling these people is too great! Americans want only loyal people.

We don't need Jap influence in our state! APPLAUSE

We don't want Japs here! APPLAUSE

All should be deported! APPLAUSE

There are millions of our boys not enjoying the luxuries these Japs are enjoying and the cost of these luxuries is appalling. We must unite to eliminate this enormous cost burden. I thank you. APPLAUSE

Mr. Johnson then introduced Captain Edwin Keelen, vice-president of the Home Front Commandos, Inc. Here is approximately what he had to say:

I fought bravely and courageously in the last World War and a year ago tried to enter this one but couldn't

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pass the examination. Often I say "O Hell!" but anyway now I'm in the fight again trying to help the boys overseas by protecting them at home.

I want to organize the people of this state to eliminate all Japs from the soil of California and I'm going to move on until every damnable Jap is wiped off the state.

Our state has already paid the price and I want to go to Congress with a petition to amend the Constitution. I'm going to work like Hell until every Jap is gone.

You could never make me believe that one Jap was ever loyal to the United States. Why they don't believe in heaven or hell or Christ. What kind of men can they be?

The last uttering of my life will be the damnation of the Jap and all of his ancestors! APPLAUSE

Johnson now remarked about the fine spirit shown by Keelen and proceeded to introduce the speaker of the day, Mr. A. J. Harder, president of the Home Front Commandos, Inc. From all that I had heard, Mr. Harder was supposed to be quite an intelligent and clever attorney, but he surely didn't impress us with his learning and reasoning. He had trouble pronouncing a great number of his words, among which were emperier, sub Dies committee, and recolation centers. Again and Again he referred to all of Japanese ancestry as "monkeys." A major part of his talk was read directly from clippings of the Sacramento Bee and the Sacramento Union where indictments were classed as convictions and Japanese military atrocities were accredited to Japanese-Americans. At this stage of the meeting I was rather perturbed and thus neglected to take down as complete notes as I would have liked. Nevertheless, here are a few of his rantings and ravings:

There are 576 Japs on the Civil Service rolls. I want these jobs open for our boys when they come back.

Representative John Costello told us that the WRA should be done away with. We agree! They are using short wave radios to receive instructions from Japan, they have stolen government supplies, they operate a gestapo, and these lousy contemptible rats have a gangster gang that cleans up on any Japs who claim to be loyal.

I want to make every one of you as fighting mad as Captain Keelen, Treasurer Johnson, and I are! APPLAUSE

A marine back from Guadalcanal came up to my office,

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gave me a dollar and told me: "If you guys don't have the Japs out of here by the time we get back we will clutter up every street and alley in California with their bodies and You'll have to bury them! APPLAUSE

Have you heard that in Washington they are trying to make these Jap lawyers who were born here Judge-Advocates in the United States Army? How is that going to make 500 of our lawyers feel who only have the rating of buck private? How is that going to make you mothers feel to know that your sons in the armed forces have to go for legal advice to a Jap when the Japs are the ones we're fighting?

The United States government is not fighting the Empire of Japan; the Americans are fighting the Japanese.

I would like to read some facts from the dailies right here in Sacramento and show you we are not dealing hearsay or rumor, but with honest-to-God facts. (He then read stories of Japanese atrocities, accusations, etc. etc.)

We also read in the Examiner the other day that a unit of 1000 officers and men have been training for battle in the recolation center. They have stolen \$100000 in supplies from the WRA warehouses, along with dynamite and steel pipes. Surely it is now time to let the longhaired, bewhiskered babies in Congress who have been monkeying with the Oriental Exclusion Act know what we think.

Eighty per cent of all the Japs in America admit dual citizenship.

Can you imagine this: a group of local churches (evidently he refers to the Sacramento Church Council) is taking care of and leasing out a number of Japanese hotels down in the lower end of town and you know as well as I do what is going on down there!! At our next meeting I plan to expose and reveal the names of those concerned.

The religious cliques and sob-sisters have complained about locking up the Japs and still letting German and Italians stay near their homes. The reason is this: when we hear a German or an Italian talking on the street some of us can understand what they are saying. But not so the Jap; this little monkey has a jibbering tongue all his own.

At this point time ran short and so Mr. Hard had to end abruptly by asking everyone to pay a dollar to the Home Front Commandos, Inc. and to sign two petitions; one to the Sacramento Bd. of Supervisors about Japanese business permits, and the other to Congress for an amendment to our Constitution. Surprisingly, the meeting ended with relatively little applause.

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May I repeat once again that this material, although not directly quoted, is as near to the words spoken there as I could get it. Its truth I hope you will accept.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my utmost appreciation for the way in which the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play has proceeded to defend the national rights of all our people. My fullest cooperation will attend your committee's actions.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Harold G. Mc Kellips, Jr.

Harold G. Mc Kellips, Jr., President
Sacramento Junior College Student Assn.

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(Bowman Files)

May 22 - Harder to Bowman

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June 22, 43 - Harder to Bowman

"I believe I have discovered a means ~~by which~~ whereby the Japanese can be kept out of business in every city & county in the State, and it is this:

Harder to Bourne -

June 22, '43 (Con't)

"All business licenses to him, led to a certain number, and you arrive at that number by counting the present licenses in existence for all lines of business. The ordinance should then provide that no more licenses be issued to any person over and above that number set off for ~~each~~ ^{each} line of business in this ordinance."

"Ordinance do provide when Amer. apply for license, City Council empowered to increase no of licenses by one —"

"Note: Then when a Japanese applies for a business license the City Council may refuse to pass the ordinance. It is constitutional to limit the number of businesses in a city."

"If we can keep there indefinitely"

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Brown

June 22 - 43 (Cont)

out of business, and Senate Bill
#146 signed by the Governor will

keep them off the land, they will of
a necessity, should the Congress
in Congress permit them to return
after the war, be compelled to vacate
California, because they will be
unable to earn a living."

Letter to Brown - July 9, 1943

Above suggested ordinance 15

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"May I humbly suggest that you
consult your City Attorney and ask him to
prepare an ordinance; frankly, I have
a copy of such an ordinance as a model
to be sent to every Board of Supervisors
and every City Council."

SLAP

THE

JAP



Treacherous

Faithless

Untrustworthy

Irresponsible

Inhuman

Depraved

Ungodly

Soulless

Disloyal

NO JAP IS NOW FIT
TO ASSOCIATE WITH
HUMAN BEINGS.

"Now or never is the time for every virtuous American to exert himself in the cause of liberty and his country; and that it is become a duty cheerfully to sacrifice the sweets of domestic felicity to attain the honest and glorious end America has in view."—George Washington.

PRICE 25c

OBJECTIVES

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3. To deport all aliens who hold dual citizenship.
4. To prevent any Japanese from carrying on any sort or kind of business, whatsoever, and in this matter to provide laws prohibiting Japanese from obtaining a business license in any city or county.
5. To prevent the entrance into this country, of any national from any country with which we have been at war, within a period of 25 years.
6. To bring about the foregoing objectives, to promote the enactment of the necessary State and Federal laws, and constitutional amendments.
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12. No Japanese fishing in American waters, within a limit of 500 miles.

13. All labor performed in United States or its possessions to consist of 98 per cent American Citizens.

14. No land to be owned, leased, operated or in any manner controlled by any person not a citizen of the United States.

15. To advocate \$60 per month pension for Senior Citizens at age of 60, to aid unemployment.

If an alien, eligible to citizenship does not apply for citizenship within one year of arrival in the United States he shall be deported.

Chartered Lodges may provide their own by-laws and may add monthly dues to provide for funeral benefits.

DO YOU WANT THE JAPS TO STAY?

Right now the big question before the people of the Pacific Coast is:

What Shall Be Done With the Japs After the War?

And you and the balance of Pacific Coast Americans should be prepared to answer this question with force and determination. If something isn't done before the "Wise Men" meet at the Peace Tables, nothing will be done. The Pacifists, the Sob-sisters, the Religious Cliques, and the Brotherly Love gang will frustrate anything that may be attempted when peace comes.

Now is the time to prepare for the Peace Time War.

We Do Not Want the Japs in America.

You have learned enough about them not to want them. So we must now organize to bring about their deportation and exclusion, FOREVER.

What will you do about it? The Home Front Commandos is a California corporation organized for the express purpose of Deporting and Excluding the Japs. Are you in favor of this? Lend your assistance to the cause, join a local chapter and get ready to help carry out the program.

TO JOIN

Pay One Dollar to the secretary, or the representative and you will receive a membership card.

Your county will have a representative on the State Advisory Board. This is a non-profit organization. No salaries to officers; all the money received will be used for the purpose of organization and to bring the matter before the United States Congress, the Peace Conference after the War, and before state and city legislative bodies.

Join Now and Keep the Jap Rats Out of Your Hair.

One-half million Japs in California—Do you want them back in your back yard?

Unless something is done the "Long Hairs" will put them back on your farm lands, as your neighbors, as your business competitors.

It costs \$56 a year to educate a Jap kid in grammar school, \$96 per year in high school, over \$200 in Junior College, and more than \$400 at the University. After you pay for their education they give you Pearl Harbor. Do you want them back to give us another Pearl Harbor?

The Japs now thoroughly hate us. Do you want them as neighbors, to poison your water, kill your cattle, destroy your orchards?

THE HOME FRONT COMMANDOS, Inc.

A. J. Harder, President

Edward Keelen, Vice President

607 Nicolaus Building

Sacramento, California



The Home Front COMMANDO

A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL INFORMATION, PUBLISHED IN THE INTEREST OF THE
"AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE"

Volume I

MARCH, 1943

Number 1

ANSWER TO YOUR POST CARD

You wrote (me) a postal card, a letter, or you signed a petition, and so many were received that it has become necessary to make reply to you in this manner. This is my answer to you.

A. J. HARDER.

In response to a request in the Sacramento Bee, that all those interested in Jap exclusion and deportation, write me a post card, I received hundreds of replies and many signatures on petitions. This is a reply to your communication.

Unless we are completely organized we cannot achieve any desirable results. To obtain the results we want we must be prepared to present our case before the State Legislatures and the Congress of the United States. This cannot be done without money. We have no rich uncle who will defray the expenses. Suppose the Legislature does not grant us the relief we seek, then we must get out an Initiative Petition to place the laws we want on the ballot for the people to vote upon. This is an expensive affair.

So, in order to proceed along an orderly line, to have back of the movement a concerted people ready to go to bat when needed, I have incorporated the HOME FRONT COMMANDOS.

Membership in the Commandos will be One Dollar per year.

Each county with one hundred members will be granted a Charter; this local county chapter will look after and take care of all local matters.

The local chapter, for instance, can bring about the adoption by your County Supervisors and your City Councils, an amendment to your present Business License Law, which amendment will provide that no license to transact any kind

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What Will Seven Million Soldiers Say?

What will seven million soldiers say when they return to their homes in the United States and find that their jobs have been taken by Japanese? That those who had civil service ratings have been displaced by Japanese employees in City and State Offices? When they return and find that we who were left here, have neglected to protect the interests of our sons and daughters? What will they say when they return and find that the farm lands are being cultivated by disloyal alien Japanese? What will they say when they learn that in their absence, the youths of 17 and 18 years were deprived of their college education while they were in trenches, in muck and mire, facing a brutal, unscrupulous, traitorous, atheistic enemy, always willing to stab them in the back and then learn that we permitted the Japanese to continue their college education?

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MINISTER SAYS JAPS ARE INHUMAN

Rev. Ralph D. Bullock, six months in a Jap concentration camp, says:

"I have seen friends and acquaintances bayoneted before my eyes. I have seen cases of torture beyond any tales in story books."

"Prisoners were especially humiliated if they resisted or appeared to look down on the Japanese. In the camp food was rationed to 10 ounces a day. They merely fed us just enough to start a craving for food."—Rev. Ralph D. Bullock, in an address at Sacramento.

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5. To prevent the leasing, farming, or in anywise hold of real estate, by any Japanese, or any dual citizen.

6. To prevent the cultivation of any farm lands, under any circumstances, and employment upon land of any Japanese, alien or citizen.

7. To prevent any Japanese from
- (Continued on Page 3)

WHAT TO DO

In order that we, who remain on the Home Front, may be able to greet these returning Americans, we must return to them, and have ready for their reception, a country free from the menace of Japrats.

To bring about such a condition it is necessary NOW to set up and be ready to enforce laws providing for the deportation of every Alien Japanese; to seek from the State Legislature of the different states, laws which will prohibit the ownership, leasehold, or farming in any manner by whatever ruse, of any agricultural lands by Japanese, whether alien or native born; to seek laws from the U. S. Congress providing for the deportation of all persons, of whatever Nationality, who hold or claim dual citizenship; to keep Japanese from entering into any business of any kind by excluding them from having business licenses issued to them, or to any corporation of which they may be a part, or in which they may own or hold any stock whatsoever. To pledge every real American, to forever refrain from patronizing any Japanese in any manner, or to purchase the products of Japanese labor, or to in anywise employ any Japanese in any capacity.

When the Jap finds that his alien ancestors have been deported, when he finds that he cannot work for Americans, when he finds he cannot conduct a business, what will he do? He will arrive at his own level, "the seaside," waiting for a boat to take him back to the shores of the land of the Rising Sun, which we hope by that time will be a mandated country, governed by the Chinese.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IS THIS:

First join the thousands of citizens who are intent on driving the Japrats (by strictly legal procedure) back to their country; back to where they may traffic in human souls, back to where they may worship a mentally deficient Emperor as a god; back to their rice paddies and Geishe girls, to their brothels and fish mongerings.

Fill out an application card, mail in a dollar; agitate, advocate the deportation of the Japs; join your county local Chapter; perform the duties assigned to you by the president of your local Chapter; having pledged yourself, see that you do not break the pledge and see that others do not, and report to your Chapter chairman or president any dereliction of the duties of an American.

What Will Be Our Answer

We who have been left to take care of this great Republic, to whom by circumstance of age and other discrepancies, has been left the defense of the home front, to us who have been intrusted with the maintenance of the Democracy, what will be our answer?

Are we going to tell those boys and girls that we failed? Are we going to say that we sat idly by and let the complacent, smug, citi-

zens, who are for various ulterior reasons, interested in favor of our Japanese enemies, now and after the war, arrange to turn loose this horde of Asiatic worshippers of an Emperor, not only being Godless but without any sense of decency and honor?

The returning boys and girls will want a job. Already the National Government is concerned with what will be done with the returning soldiers, sailors, etc. Well we have one answer, give them back the jobs they had; the business they had, the farms they had; but unless we are alert, unless we prove to be real Commandos, the returning Japs, those we are now feeding in concentration camps, those who are attending school while our sons and daughters die and suffer to drive these brown rats out of civilized countries; they will swarm over our lands, our farms, they will filter back into civil service jobs, they will set up their little 24-hour days stores, working night and day, and when the boys and girls come back, we will have no intelligent answer to their questions. We, you and I, can and must give this a fleeting thought. Those boys and girls are not coming back to go on relief, and that is what we must prevent; we must make it unnecessary for the boys and girls to take action.

WIPE THAT SNEER OFF HIS FACE!



BUY
WAR SAVINGS BONDS & STAMPS

U. S. Treasury Department

ANSWER TO YOUR POST CARD

(Continued from Page 1)

of business shall be issued to any Alien of any country, and no license be issued to any person who is of Japanese origin, alien or citizen. Proper form for such an amendment will be furnished the Chapter.

The business affairs of the Commandos will be in the hands of a Board of Directors under the direction of an Advisory Committee, which Advisory Committee will be made up of one representative from each County Chapter, and representatives from lodges. Thus we will get a consensus of the best minds of the State, and with such operation, and the showing we can make to the members of the Legislature, we should have no trouble in bringing about the enactment of laws to completely eliminate the Japanese from competition with Americans in every field of endeavor.

As soon as feasible and believed necessary by the Advisory Board and Board of Directors, a meeting of all members will be called. This is, of course, subject to gas rationing.

Hoping that we may have your further cooperation, and that you will stand ready to circulate a Memorial to Congress and the President of the United States, when prepared, and when the Board believes we have sufficient members to make an impression upon Congress, and other officials.

A. J. HARDER.

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14. That after victory there shall be a complete disarming of all Axis countries; that mandates be prescribed for Germany, Italy, Japan and any other nation which has willingly taken up arms against the United Nations.

That the Monroe Doctrine be continued and that we adhere to what has come to be known as the Atlantic Charter. That all freedom loving countries, be given home government without tribute to any other country or so called mother country.

To provide for chapters in counties and cities, for local administration of the purposes of this League, such chapters to be under the supervision of the Grand Lodge of the Commandoes, and subject to its Constitution and By-Laws.

To provide for state conventions, by delegate representation based on membership roll of Lodges. Such convention to be called by the Board of Directors when it is felt that there is a necessity for such convention.

To provide for public speakers, publicity, newspaper and magazine articles, etc.

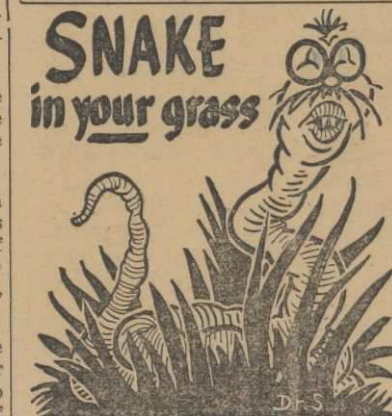
No Business License For Japrats

Every County and City should pass an ordinance providing that no business license of any kind shall be issued to a Japanese for any kind of business. Unconstitutional? Well, maybe, but what does a Jap care about our Constitution, and since he doesn't care, why should he appeal to its protection? Besides if he does, well, that the Japrat must decide. In the mean-

time, there will be no allnight Japanese business competition with Americans who want to maintain the American way of life. Let the Japrat who wants to go into business, test the law. In the meantime the County Chapter might use other means of preventing such enterprising Japrat from doing business. The Labor Unions obtained most of their present advantages thru the boycott.

This Is News!

"We of the United War Relief Group want the Japanese and Nazis put where they belong, forever, so we may live in peace in this beautiful land of America, the home of the free."—Mrs. John Strantz, Secretary of United War Relief, NuBieber.



It's going to cost Billions to de-fang the Jap!
Buy U.S. WAR BONDS & STAMPS!

County Chapters

Why should we have a Chapter in each County?

Because in each county there will be localized activities which a County Chapter will be better able to execute. Knowing local conditions such Chapter will be able to bring desired results to a successful conclusion.

Because, when politicians and public officials need a little "courage" to do what should be done; when they hesitate, then the local Chapter can bring to bear that necessary pressure which will cause such public officials to "see the light".

Because a County Chapter can more readily persuade the County Board of Supervisors to pass such necessary ordinances as will best carry out some of the objectives of the Commandos—Ordinances to prohibit undesirable aliens from obtaining business licenses, etc.

Because the closer we get to local conditions through a local Chapter, the faster action we will get, when we want fast action.

"Let us see that they are loaded aboard a ship, one and all, regardless of where they were born, and head them toward Japan."—J. J. Jones, Birds Landing.

PLEDGE

I hereby apply for membership in the

HOME FRONT COMMANDOS

I pledge myself, as an American, to forever refrain from in anywise patronizing any Japanese business firm, concern or corporation; to refrain from purchasing any product produced by the labor of Japanese; to refuse to sell, lease or in any manner whatsoever, permit any Japanese to labor upon, in anywise, on any real property of which I may be the part or whole owner; To insist that city, county, and state officials do their full duty in passing the necessary laws to prevent the re-occurrence of the Japanese domination of Agricultural lands in my state.

Signed.....

Address.....

Phone.....

(Send \$1 for Membership Card)

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Not everybody with a dollar to spare can shoot a gun straight—but everybody can shoot straight to the bank and buy War Bonds. Buy your 10% every pay day.

What True Americans Say

Now or Never

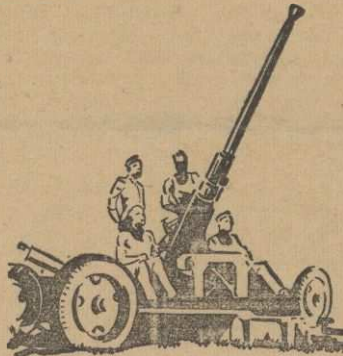
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Every three dollars you save now in War Bonds will give you Four dollars to spend later.

"There is a rankling hurt in the bosom of good, honest, patriotic, loyal and devoted Americans when they see their sons come to the crossroads—their sons take the road that leads to war and the battlefields. The Japanese boy takes the road that leads to college and to use a trite phrase worn rather thin and threadbare, "the more abundant life."—The National Legionnaire. This excerpt was approved by the Sacramento Union editor.

★ What You Buy With WAR BONDS ★

The Bofors anti-aircraft gun is designed for greater range and heavier calibre than the average anti-aircraft or rapid fire gun. They are mechanically intricate and more costly. The two-gun Bofors mount costs approximately \$98,000 while a Bofors quad-mount runs up to \$140,000.



We want our fighters to have the best equipment possible and your purchase of War Bonds will help pay for these guns, giving them an advantage over our enemies. Buy War Bonds every payday. At least ten percent of your income, or as much as you can buy will help pay the war cost, provide you with a nest egg for the future, and pay you good interest.

U. S. Treasury Department

ATTENTION!

We need solicitors for membership drive. If interested write The Commandos.

Candid Comments

"Should we not be alert to the dangers (1) of a soft peace, (2) of still permitting dual citizenship under which one owing first allegiance to an overseas government can enjoy American citizenship privileges? It is taking us longer to cancel the latter than to enact the law registering aliens. And this latter took years of fighting powerful alien influences."

Sacramento. C. M. GOETHE.

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"But we must do something to protect ourselves from traitors,"—Mrs. H. C. Suggett, Sacramento.

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"I just want to them cleared out of this country, lock, stock and barrel."—Oliver J. Logan, Newcastle.

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"When our boys return after the bloody job still ahead has been completed, they will know the solution of and make the decision in this and other problems where we falter."—W. J. Doyle, Roseville.

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Easy on the gas will make it Hard on the Axis! Drive Slowly.

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DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

If you want to help obtain members for the Commandos, write to the office and you will receive a book of ten membership cards.

Obtain ten members and mail in the stub of the book with \$10.00. Upon receipt of the stub and the money you will receive a Commando button.

Write Home Front Commandos, Room 607, Nicolaus Bldg., Sacramento, Calif.

MEMORIAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, the present World War II has demonstrated beyond a doubt that the Japanese Government and the Japanese people are untrustworthy, treacherous, irresponsible and faithless, and

WHEREAS, the Japanese as a race are unassimilable and their mode of life incompatible with the American way of life,

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED citizens of the United States respectfully submit that:

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4. That no Japanese shall be permitted to fish in the waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the United States and its possessions within the limits of 500 miles off shore.
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8. We especially demand that the Congress refrain from making any change or revision of any of the laws now on the statute books relating to Oriental Exclusion and request that the matter be permitted to remain status quo.
9. We ask Congress at this time to give full assistance to the Chinese Republic and its fight for a free China, and to cooperate with the Chinese Republic in driving the Japanese from their native land.

Respectfully submitted,

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

DONATION

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(Bourne)

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

6-14-43

Mr. A. J. Harder,
Mitau Bldg.,
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Harder:-

I notice you are energetic in standing behind General DeWitt in his program for the defense of the Pacific Coast, and that you are planning a mass meeting.

Since you will undoubtedly have some expense of the same, will you accept the enclosed check?

Sincerely,

only

C. M. GOETHE

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CAPITAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

SEVENTH AND J STREETS

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

3-20-43

Home-Front Commandos,
607 Nicolaus Bldg.,
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:-

Attention: Mr. Harder

Was intensely interested in your newspaper. I dare not ask for membership, because I never go into any organization unless I can spare the time to go into it wholeheartedly.

I am, however, tremendously interested in the work you have undertaken. In fact I anticipated one of your arguments about disloyal Japanese in a talk I gave in another city this week.

Under the circumstances, will you accept the enclosed check, as I know you must have printing expenses. I will try to send you one occasionally as I can spare the money in these days of high taxes.

Sincerely,

