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State of Washington
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Olympia

ARTHUR B. LANGLIE
Governor

January 29, 1949

Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
424 Wheeler Hall
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Professor Barnhart:

In reply to your letter of June 21, this is to advise that I issued no written proclamation relative to the evacuation of enemy aliens from the coast during early 1942. As I recall it, this situation was handled entirely by the Army.

Enclosed you will find copy of proclamation issued February 20, 1942 in which the State of Washington was proclaimed a "Protective Defense Area", and copy of the amendment thereto making the proclamation applicable to enemy aliens.

Apparently this proclamation and amendment is the only one which would be of interest to you. However, if you feel that we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Langlie
Governor

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PROTECTIVE DEFENSE AREAS

By the Governor of the State of Washington

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it was the explicit intention of the Legislature of the State of Washington as evidenced by its enactment of an "Act in Aid of National Defense," House Bill 621, chapter 200, of the Laws of 1941," to cooperate with the Federal Government against any and all acts committed within the legislative jurisdiction of the state which might be or become detrimental to the Federal Government in any phase of its defense activities, and

WHEREAS, section 2 of the herein-before indicated act, provides as follows:

"'Protective defense area' is hereby defined to include all area surrounding, adjacent to, or in the proximity of, buildings, grounds, reservations, yards, stations, docks, airports, landing fields, and similar places of military importance where there are national defense materials or activities which are under the control or supervision of or under contract to the United States, including private, state, or municipal establishments used for such purposes. The protective defense area shall include all area which might be used to detrimentally affect the national defense activities concerned or from which point information relative thereto might be obtained contrary to the provisions of this act."

and

WHEREAS, section 3 of the herein-before indicated act provides as follows:

"The Governor of the State of Washington is hereby empowered, after conferring with military authorities, to designate protective defense areas throughout the state."

and

WHEREAS, section 4 of the herein-before indicated act provides as follows:

"No person unless possessing competent, responsible, military authority shall, without registering and obtaining a permit from the Washington State Patrol, photograph, sketch, map, reproduce, or make notes or memoranda pertaining to national defense works or articles, materials, personnel, or activities pertaining to national defense, nor shall any person have, possess, use or control any photograph, negative, film, plate, sketch, map, plan, or other representation, made or taken in violation of this act."



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and

WHEREAS, section 5 of the herein-before indicated act provides as follows:

"No person unless possessing competent, responsible, military authority shall, without the authority of the Governor of the State of Washington or his duly authorized agent, have, possess, use, or control within an 'air space reservation' as prescribed by the President of the United States or within a protective defense area as prescribed by the Governor, any firearms, explosives, ammunition, or component parts of firearms or anything which is made or constructed for the purpose of destroying or injuring property or human life."

and

WHEREAS, section 6 of the herein-before indicated act provides as follows:

"No person unless possessing competent, responsible, military authority shall, without the authority of the Governor of the State of Washington or his duly authorized agent, use or operate within an air space reservation as prescribed by the President of the United States, or within a protective defense area as prescribed by the Governor, any telescope, binoculars, cameras, or photographic equipment of any nature."

and

WHEREAS, section 7 of the herein-before indicated act provides as follows:

"Any violation of this act shall constitute a gross misdemeanor."

and

WHEREAS, chapter 200, of the Laws of 1941, was approved March 24, 1941, and became effective immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arthur B. Langlie, Governor of the State of Washington, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the above-quoted statutory provisions, after and by reason of conferring, as therein provided, with the military authorities of the United States of America,

(1) do hereby find and determine that all area within the boundaries of the State of Washington and adjacent thereto, including air, land and water area, "might be used to detrimentally affect" national defense activities, or



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materials within and adjacent to the State of Washington, and

(2) do hereby proclaim and declare:

- (A) All area within the boundaries of the State of Washington and adjacent thereto, including air, land and water area, is forthwith designated and established as a "Protective Defense Area," henceforth to be known as "Washington State Protective Defense Area."
- (B) Any violation of the provisions of chapter 200, of the Laws of 1941, in accordance with the provisions thereof, shall be punishable as a gross misdemeanor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this twentieth day of February, A.D., nineteen hundred and forty-two.

Feb 20

Governor of Washington.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State.

424 Wheeler Hall
21 June 1949

Governor A. B. Langlie
State Capitol
Olympia, Washington

Dear Sir:

I am writing a history of the events on the West Coast in the months shortly after Pearl Harbor.

On February 20, 1942, you issued a proclamation to the people of your state. I believe that this was relative to the evacuation of enemy aliens from the coast.

May I have a copy of this proclamation?

Did you issue another proclamation during the three or four months after Pearl Harbor relative to the problem of enemy aliens or the Japanese, specifically? If so, I would appreciate receiving a copy of it.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor



State Official

State of Washington

EARL COE
Secretary of State

June 21, 1949

Olympia

Edward N. Barnhart
424 Wheeler Hall
Univ. of California
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

In response to your inquiry we wish to advise you that Chester F. Biesen is the Executive Secretary of the Association of Washington Cities. They can be reached by addressing them in care of the University of Washington at Seattle.

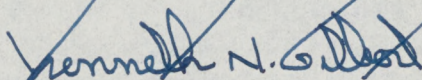
✓
Smith Troy is the Attorney General for the State of Washington and his address is Temple of Justice at Olympia.

We are enclosing a list of state elective and appointive officials for your reference.

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The State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys is an unofficial organization at the present time. An attempt was made at the last session of the Legislature to have that body recognized as official but the measure was not passed into law. For this reason, their activities at the present time are 90% social and they do not have an Executive Secretary. However, Edward G. Cross, Adams County Prosecuting Attorney, whose offices are located at Ritzville, Washington was elected President at their recent convention.

Sincerely yours,

EARL COE
Secretary of State


Kenneth N. Gilbert
State Supt. of Elections

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United States Senators

(Official address Senate Office Bldg., Wash., D.C.)

1. Warren G. Magnuson (D), 400 Seneca Street, Seattle
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(Term expires January 3, 1953)

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STATE TREASURER, Tom Martin (D)
STATE AUDITOR, Cliff Yelle (D)
ATTORNEY GENERAL, Smith Troy (D)
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STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, William A. Sullivan (D)

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(Temple of Justice)

(Non Partisan)

(Term expires)

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Walter B. Beals.	Justice.	January 1953
E. W. Schwellenbach.	Justice.	January 1953
Matthew W. Hill.	Justice.	January 1953
Joseph A. Mallery.	Justice.	January 1955
Thomas E. Grady.	Justice.	January 1955
John S. Robinson.	Justice.	January 1955
State Law Library.	Librarian, Mark Wight, appointive.	

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- VETERANS REHABILITATION COUNCIL. *Director, E. B. Riley*
- † *Department located at 905 Second Avenue Building, Seattle.*
- †† *509 Fairview Ave., Seattle.*
- * *Departments located in Smith Tower, Seattle.*

424 Wheeler Hall
24 June 1949

Mr. Edward Cross
Adams County Prosecuting Attorney
Ritzville, Washington

Dear Mr. Cross:

A colleague and I are engaged in writing a history of events on the West Coast in the months after Pearl Harbor. At the moment we are interested in studying public opinion toward the Japanese and other enemy aliens. In reading Attorney General Troy's statement before the Tolan Committee, March 2, 1942, I find a reference of his to the "concern among all prosecutors about the possibility of mob violence." (Page 11502) and an indication that he "kept in constant communication with the prosecuting attorney's association...and was in at least weekly communication with the president of that association." (Page 11502).

I was wondering if your State Association of Prosecuting Attorney's former president had assembled a survey of communities which talked of creating vigilante committees. Do you know if any report on this subject or any survey of public temper had been drawn up?

If such was the case, I would very much like to have the privilege of reading it. We are anxious to get an accurate picture of the public temper and opinion at that time and such a report would be invaluable.

I have written to Mr. Troy also but thought I would write to you, too, as the present President of the Association.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

EDWARD G. CROSS
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
ADAMS COUNTY

RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON

June 27, 1949

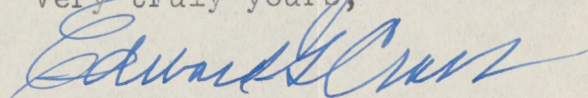
Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
Department of Speech
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of June 24th.

The State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
did not assemble any survey of communities creating
vigilante committees at the outbreak of the war and,
so far as I am aware, there was no report drawn up
on the subject.

Very truly yours,



EDWARD G. CROSS
Prosecuting Attorney
Adams County

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

OLYMPIA

SMITH TROY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 9, 1949

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor
University of California
Department of Speech
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

This is a tardy response to your letter of June 24, relative to local factors in this state leading to the evacuation of the Japanese shortly after the incident which took place at Pearl Harbor. Unprecedented business, illness in my family and other reasons, I hope will explain why you have not had an earlier response.

" The only time that I made any official or public statement concerning the evacuation of Japanese was before the Tolan Committee which held public hearings concerning the same in the Spring of 1942, in Seattle, Washington." I do not have a report of the Tolan Committee hearings but wish to assert that the quotation from the same which you have outlined in your communication, to the best of my memory is substantially correct.

In response to your direct inquiries, I do not recall that there were any official reports made by the prosecuting attorneys to this office on the possibility of vigilante action. I was in touch, however, unofficially with three or more prosecuting attorneys in the western part of our state where the greater number of Japanese, both citizens and otherwise, were then located. I find no correspondence in my files concerning the same but definitely recall a telephone conversation with the prosecuting attorney of Lewis County who was considerably alarmed with the possibility of mob violence of Japanese employed in a lumber camp in that community. There were other similar reports made to me at the time but I cannot now give them to you specifically.

My recommendation to the committee for an expeditious evacuation of Japanese, regardless of citizenship, was predicated upon the

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart

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August 9, 1949

report above mentioned and similar reports - perhaps a half dozen or so - simultaneously received, that there be no mob violence with innocent victims. No reports were made to the Governor or the legislature or any other body by me, other than the Tolan Committee.

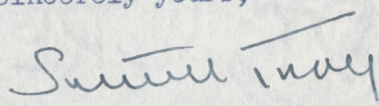
I became a member of the armed services myself a short time following the hearing and as the legislature was not in session until the following January and also because evacuation took place, there was no necessity for any further action on my part.

For your information there were similar disturbances here soon after the return of Japanese subsequent to the war and it was my privilege to assist the proper federal authorities charged with the welfare of these unfortunate people in quelling and obviating such difficulty. Such disturbances occurred and in very little time were completely eradicated.

All of the occurrences, both at the time of Pearl Harbor and at the conclusion of the war, were the result of hysteria which has long since subsided, and Japanese here, to the best of my knowledge are now afforded every respect and consideration, as are those of other races.

Hoping that this satisfactorily answers your inquiry and again apologizing for being tardy in my response, I am

Sincerely yours,


SMITH TROY
Attorney General

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424 Wheeler Hall
24 June 1949

Hon. Smith Troy, Attorney General of State of Washington
Temple of Justice
Olympia, Washington

Dear Sir:

A colleague and I are writing a history of events on the West Coast in the months after Pearl Harbor. At the moment we are attempting to get an accurate picture of the factors leading to the evacuation of the Japanese.

I find, in reading your testimony before the Tolan Committee on March 2, 1942, at Seattle, that you felt a concern with the possibility of violence against the Japanese. You stated:

The prosecuting attorneys of this State...keep in somewhat close contact with the Office of the Attorney General. I am in constant communication with most of them or with their offices. There is a prosecuting attorney's association, and I am at least weekly in communication with the president of that association. During the past several weeks, there has been a growing concern among all prosecutors about the possibilities of mob violence. I have information from some of the prosecuting attorneys that in some of their localities there is talk of creating vigilante committees. Various organizations have passed resolutions requesting..evacuation of ...Japanese. (page 11502, Part 30, Tolan Comm. Hearings)

Were there any official or unofficial reports made by the prosecuting attorney's to your office on the possibility of vigilante action? Did you make a report on this for the Governor or Legislature, or for any other body?

If any survey or summary or report of such activities were available, we would very much appreciate having an opportunity to read it. We are anxious to get a sound estimate of the state of public opinion at that time and this would be of great value to us in that regard.

We would also be very much interested in any information you could give us, from your files, of the organizations passing resolutions in favor of the evacuation of Japanese. Do you know of any reports or surveys covering such resolutions or any group of organizations passing them?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor



STATE OF WASHINGTON

SMITH TROY
ATTORNEY GENERAL
OLYMPIA

October 19, 1950

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Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14, 1950, in which you inquire of this office as to whether or not any Washington county grand juries passed resolutions or went on record in January or February, 1942, favoring or urging evacuation of enemy aliens or Japanese.

This office has no knowledge of any grand jury being called in the State of Washington during the particular period referred to which urged the evacuation of enemy aliens or Japanese, as such evacuation was controlled and directed by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Holt

GEORGE H. HOLT
Chief Assistant
Attorney General

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MARK H. WIGHT
STATE LAW LIBRARIAN



STATE OF WASHINGTON

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TEMPLE OF JUSTICE

OLYMPIA

October 26, 1950

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor of Speech
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter of October 19 in which you asked for information concerning action in this state in favor of evacuating aliens in the interest of public safety.

While we do recall that Japanese were removed from this area, this was done under the direction of Federal authorities. We do not have permanent grand juries in this state; they are called as needed by the superior court judges. We know of no resolutions or record such as you mentioned.

Very truly yours,

Glossye C. Newhart
Secretary to Mr. Wight

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Washington State Patrol

HEADQUARTERS

Olympia

November 2, 1950

JAMES A. PRYDE
Chief



Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Professor Barnhart:

Your letter of October 17, 1950, to the Honorable Arthur B. Langlie, Governor of Washington, has been transmitted to this department for our attention.

In direct reply to your questions: (1) There is no record of any persons of Japanese ancestry being suspended or discharged from State employment in January or February, 1942. (2) There was a Washington State Defense Council, and the record does not indicate that any public statement was made by the Defense Council regarding the evacuation of any alien.

If we may be of further service, please advise.

Sincerely,

James A. Pryde
JAMES A. PRYDE, Chief

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State of Washington

EARL COE
Secretary of State

Olympia

November 21, 1950

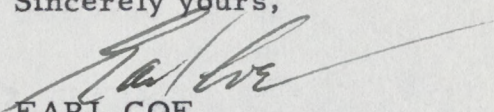
Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
424 Wheeler Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

In reply to your letter of the 15th, my Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Yeoman, and my Deputy, Mr. Gilbert, both of who were here in the office, at the time of the Japanese evacuation, can remember nothing of any official action taken by the Secretary at that time.

It is our belief that no official communication regarding the matter was made, and a perusal of our records do not disclose any information that might be of value to you.

Sincerely yours,

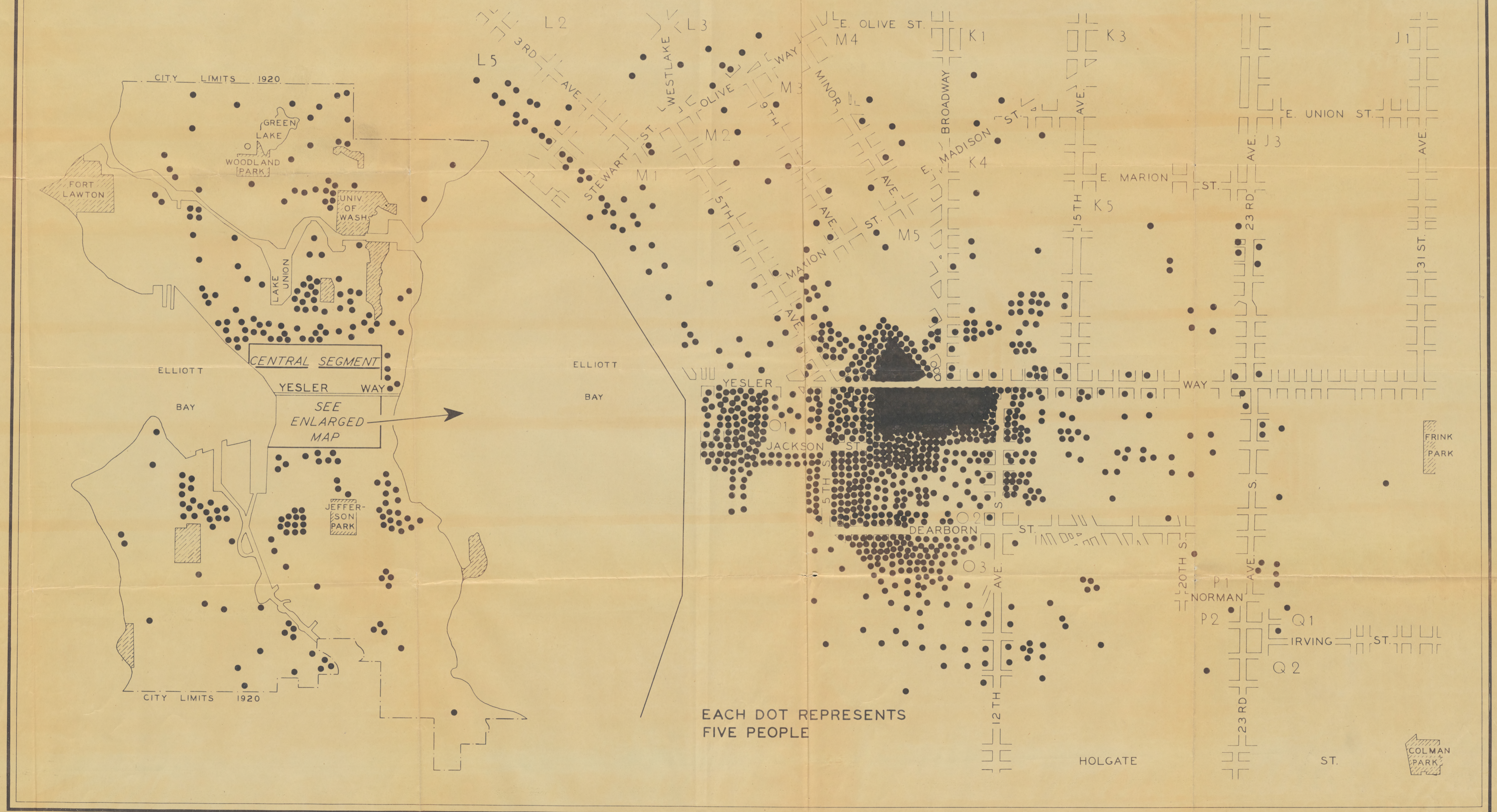


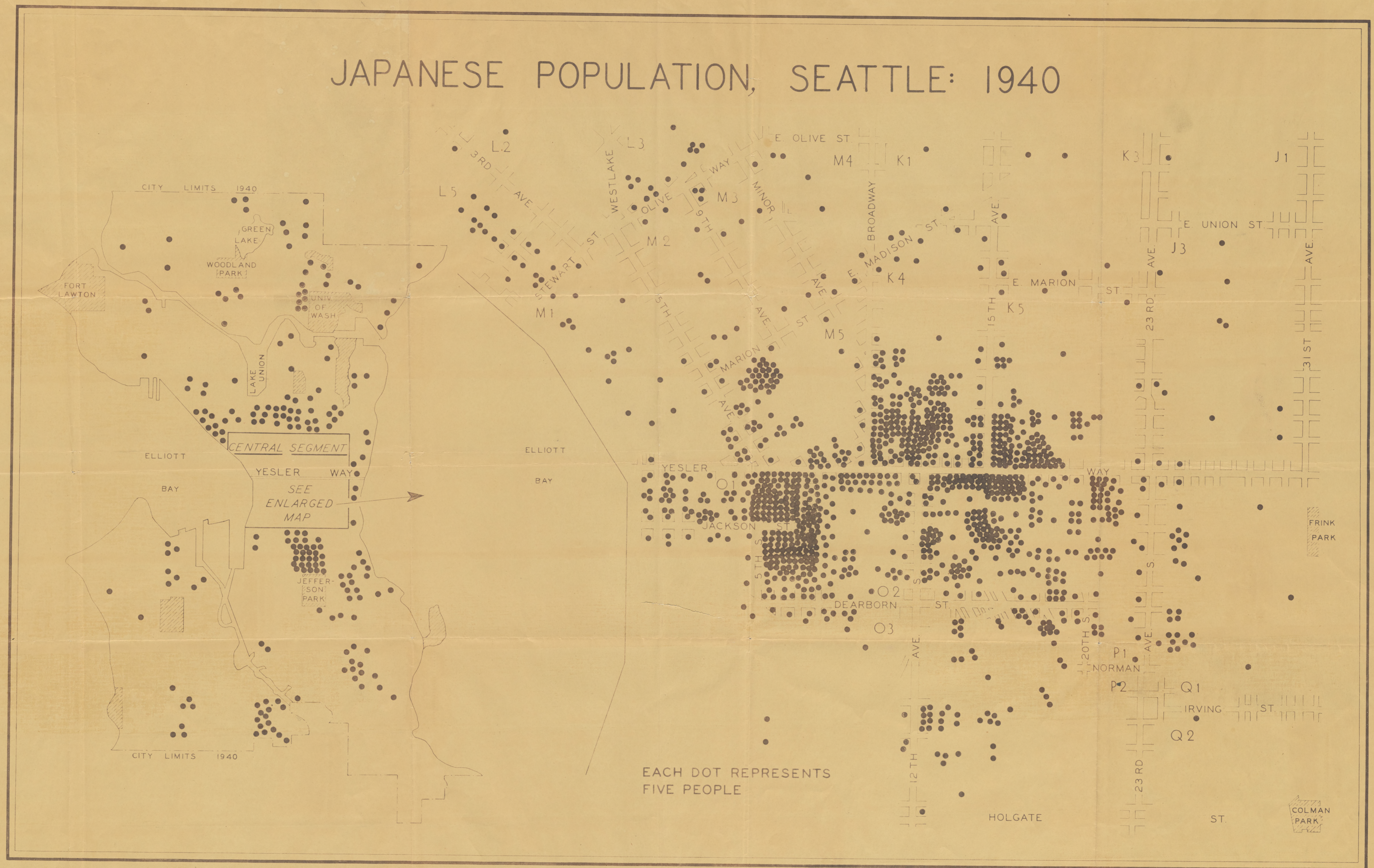
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Secretary of State

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JAPANESE POPULATION, SEATTLE: 1920





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Seattle. Will. F. Devin
Mayor

Tacoma C.V.
Mayor Farnett

1. (How to assist in evacuation, etc.)

2. Concern with possibility of anti-Japanese riots; might be fanned into flame by defeats, etc. *

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"Evacuation of both alien and Jap. citizens...is highly desirable."

Loyal Japanese could be licenses, allowed back; tribunal system.

3. "We feel we know Italian~~x~~ and German people better".
"For years...there has been...a distrust of the Japanese."
Has been less recently.

4. Must maintain civil and property rights.

5 (Data on Jap. farms, no food raising, etc.)

6. Lewis Co.: force against Japanese threatened, vote to move them out immediately.

Fear of attacks on Japs.

7/ For citizen Japanese: martial law; For evacuation and investigation of loyal. Evacuation for citizen and enemy alien Jap. alike.

* spoke of reports from county. D.A.'s.

- "growing concern over mob violence."

- "in some... localities there is talk
of creating vigilante committees."

C.5 Washington officials and agencies

*Gov. Langlie issued "no written record
to the area of enemy aliens from the coast
during early 1942" (1)
Letter to author, Jan 29, 1949.*

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Governor Arthur B. Langlie issued a proclamation on February 20 designating the State of Washington and prohibiting the taking of photographs or making of notes or memoranda, or the like, or the possession and use of firearms within the area unless permit had been obtained. A second proclamation of the same date amended the first one "to the extent that the provisions thereof shall be applicable only to enemy aliens and to any persons, citizens or otherwise, who live, or reside with, or who have close business, social or family relationships with enemy aliens" providing that any citizen may apply for a license exempting them from the applications of the proclamation.

In his appearance before the Tolan Committee the governor

() Tolan hearing, p. 11397

Governor Arthur B. Langlie, Washington

December

January

February

✓ 20 - Proclamation designating the State of Washington as a Protective Defense Area" (Complete L.1)

20 - Proclamation of Feb. 20 "applicable only to enemy aliens and to any persons, citizens or otherwise, who live, or reside with, or who have close business, social or family relationships with enemy aliens, provided citizens may apply to the Washington State Patrol for a license exempting them from any application of the provisions". (Complete L.2)

Tolan Hearings ~~333~~ 11397 (extract L.3)

Attorney-General Smith Troy did not make any public announcements of the danger of enemy aliens. "The only time that I made any official or public statement concerning the evacuation of Japanese was before the Tolan Committee...in the spring of 1942." () "No reports were made to the Governor or the

() Letter to authors, August 9, 1949

Legislature or any other body by me, other than the Tolan Committee." ()

At the Tolan committee hearings Mr. Troy spoke in favor of evacuation of both alien and Japanese citizens, basing his recommendation in large part on ~~the~~ his concern with mob violence and vigilante action with danger of ~~the~~ harm to innocent persons.

Mary Farquharson

St. Len Wash 11/5/21

1. Prob. of alien enemies - German refugees, Jewish.
- not enemies of U.S.

[to Mr. J. J.]

Wash. Grand Jurors

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~~Wash. St. Assoc of~~

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County Commis.

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