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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3--First effective day of the changed military regulations, permitting return of persons of Japanese ancestry, promised Southern California a total of only three permanent residents, Paul G. Robertson, War Relocation Authority area supervisor for Southern California, announced today.

In addition to the three permanent residents, nine individuals from the Poston, Arizona, relocation center's population of 11,500 departed on short term leaves for Southern California points outside of Los Angeles. They will return to the centers within specified time periods.

The population of 5500 at the Manzanar relocation center in the Owens Valley contributed a "first day" contingent of two permanent residents to Southern California, Robertson announced.

One, Ruby Mitsuka Hori, 19, graduate of Roosevelt High School, will return to live with friends while she finishes her education at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The other, Frank Kageyama, will live in Pasadena and will be employed on a guayule research program at the California Institute of Technology.

Miss Hori is the only person returning to Los Angeles permanently on the first day the returning evacuees were free to leave relocation centers following the lifting of the mass exclusion order by the War Department at midnight last Sunday.

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Bringing the total of permanent Southern California residents to three, the city of Riverside will also receive a girl student. She is Ruth Horikawa, 16, from the relocation center at Poston.

Of the 35,000 persons known to have been relocated in areas outside the western military zones, from which Japanese and Japanese-Americans have been excluded since the spring of 1942, only two are known to be planning trips to Los Angeles.

They are Ichiro Fukunada and Kiyobara Matsushita, who relocated earlier to Welby, Colorado. They notified the Denver WRA office they will come to Los Angeles on a visit.

Robertson called attention of Southern Californians to the fact that only those persons on the "free list" prepared by the Army on the basis of intelligence reports from all interested federal agencies are free to travel at will in all parts of the country.

An undisclosed number of persons of Japanese ancestry, designated by the Army, will continue to be excluded from all coastal states, and a third group, whose exact total has not yet been revealed by the Army, will remain in federal custody.

Robertson said all information in possession of the WRA concerning future plans of Japanese now in relocation centers indicates that those evacuees who will return to their former west coast homes will do so in a slow trickle.

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"It is impossible to produce accurate estimates on who among these dislocated people will go where," Robertson declared, "for the simple reason that they have not made their own plans.

"What is definite, is their strong reluctance to relocate on the west coast, and particularly in Southern California, plus the renewed emphasis on the part of WRA to accelerate their relocation in the midwest and east."

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5 -- One more permanent Japanese-American resident is scheduled for return to Southern California, bringing the total to four since the effective date of the Army's decision to rescind regulations excluding persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast, announced Paul G. Robertson, Area Supervisor for the War Relocation Authority.

He is Shizuo Shiosaki, from the Colorado River Relocation Center at Poston, Arizona, who will return to Riverside where he will resume his work as a gardener.

In addition, six persons of Japanese ancestry, three from the Manzanar Relocation Center and three from the state of Utah have arrived in Los Angeles for a short visit to inspect property owned by them.

Henry Fukuhara and his father arrived from Manzanar to inspect their property in the Santa Monica area. Mr. Fukuhara is a native of California and a graduate of the Santa Monica High School. He states that he does not intend to remain on the Pacific Coast. As soon as he is able to determine what disposition he will make of his property he will leave with his family for Long Island, New York, where he has already arranged for permanent relocation.

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Mr. Muro arrived this morning for the purpose of inspecting hotel property owned by him and operated by his wife, who is not of Japanese extraction. Mr. Muro is here on short term leave and expects to return to Manzanar in a few days.

The three persons from Utah are Kenji Osaka, James Kobata and John Takahashi.

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The War Relocation Authority's proposal to wind up its affairs before the war ends, made in that agency's annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, released today, is being translated into action by a 100 per cent increase in relocation of Japanese-American evacuees over the past seven months, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes said.

Secretary Ickes said that in the plan to work itself out of a job as early as possible by resettling the 60,000 evacuees remaining in its eight relocation centers, the WRA will be greatly aided by the recent War Department order which permits the great majority of evacuees to settle anywhere in the United States.

Previously the entire group had been excluded from returning to their former homes in the Pacific Coast area.

Under its Director, Dillon S. Myer, the WRA became a part of the Department of Interior in February 1944. It is scheduled for liquidation sometime within the next fiscal year and is working to close all relocation centers by January 2, 1946.

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The 1944 report recorded full scale development of the agency's relocation program. By the end of the fiscal year on June 30, almost 17,000 loyal citizens and law-abiding aliens had been assisted in leaving the centers and adjusting themselves to normal working and living conditions in communities outside the once restricted West Coast area.

Since that date the figure has increased to 33,000 civilian evacuees who are now relocated in 47 states and the District of Columbia, and 2,500 Japanese-Americans who have left WRA centers to join the armed forces.

At the close of the 1944 fiscal year the WRA was actively enlisting the aid of outside public and private agencies interested in assisting individual evacuees, the report states. WRA aided in the organization of local cooperating committees.

It also secured an agreement with the Federal Security Agency, making relocated evacuees eligible for assistance under the program for aiding aliens and other persons affected by restrictive governmental action during the war. Since June 30, this program has been further developed and has become an essential part of relocation.

During the five months following reinstitution of Selective Service for Nisei in January, 1944, the report shows 460 draft-age men were inducted from the centers into the Enlisted Reserve Corps and an additional 194 entered active duty. That figure, increased by more than 800 volunteers, has grown rapidly since June to the present total of 2,500 men in active service from Relocation Centers, bringing the total now in uniform to more

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than 13,000. Parents at the centers and others recently relocated have received more than 500 casualty notices, listing dead, wounded and missing in every war theater.

During the 1944 fiscal year thousands of center residents left on seasonal leave to work in the sugar beet, potato and long staple cotton fields, and were credited with saving priceless war essential crops.

Since June 30, permanent relocation has substantially reduced this reservoir of available farm labor, and now with the lifting of the exclusion orders and announcement of liquidation plans, the agency is abandoning seasonal leave entirely in favor of leaves for permanent relocation.

Agricultural programs at the centers produced food crops, poultry and beef valued at more than $3,000,000 during the 12-month period, all of which was consumed by the residents to effect a saving of that amount in center operation.

Present agricultural plans embrace planting of spring crops only at the Arizona centers at Poston and Rivers, where harvesting can be finished by July 1. Farm tracts at other centers will be planted to cover crops where necessary. All farm machinery will be made available for other use as quickly as relocation center needs for it are reduced.

At the close of the fiscal year WRA was given administrative responsibility for operation of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario to house nearly 1,000 war refugees from Southern Europe until they can be returned to their homelands.

The refugees arrived in August, and have made satisfactory adjustments to Shelter life and activities.

The project has been accepted by the American public as a gesture of this country's good will and an indication that the United States is assisting the other United Nations in meeting the refugee problem.

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An Azusa family that has given seven sons to the Army of the United States today had received its second "wounded in action" notification from the War Department.

Heads of the family are Japanese-born Mr. and Mrs. Ginzo Nakada, farmers of a small ranch at 1001 West Bonita avenue, Azusa. They returned there last January from Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona, where they were evacuated under the military mass-exclusion order of 1942.

Six of their sons, four of them volunteers, entered the army from the relocation center.

The Nakadas were informed their son Pfc. George, 21, who volunteered last August, was seriously wounded by German fire on April 7 while in action as a member of the famous 442nd Japanese-American combat team.

Pfc. Henry, 23, also serving with the 442nd, was wounded last September 11. He has recovered and returned to Army duty.

Of the seven sons in military service, all are on active duty except the oldest, Yoshio, 28, who is waiting his call as a member of the enlisted reserve. He was inducted last February 26.

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The following editorial appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on May 15, 1945.

TERROR ON THE WEST COAST

Not even the normally vehement Harold L. Ickes can find words sufficiently strong for the denunciation of those irresponsible hoodlums on the West Coast who, without a thought of the principles for which young Americans have been giving their lives all over the globe, have been terrorizing other loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry whose only desire is to return to the homes from which they were so rudely evicted after Pearl Harbor.

As Secretary Ickes points out with justified, righteous anger, many of the Nisei homes into which shots have been fired have American service flag stars in their windows. Many of their sons fought bravely in Europe, contributing to the destruction of the once mighty Nazi menace which was founded in racial hatred. Others are fighting and dying in the Pacific to help prevent the land of their ancestors from ever again threatening the peace and security of America.

We have been proud in the United States that we did not repeat our behavior of the First World War, when thousands of loyal American Germans were harrassed and terrorized by official and unofficial persecutors. It will prove to have been a false pride if we do not as a nation rise up in protest against similar treatment of the Japanese Americans.

If we are to retain our self-respect the public officials of California, Washington and Oregon especially must act vigorously to end this terrorism and give the Nisei the protection which is their right as unoffending residents or citizens of a free country.

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The following editorial appeared in the Washington Post on May 17, 1945:

PLANNED TERRORISM

Secretary Ickes habit of calling a spade by its commonly accepted name was never put to better use than in his characterization of the recent West Coast attacks on American citizens of Japanese ancestry. These constitute, he said, "a pattern of planned terrorism by hoodlums." He also pointed his finger squarely at their ugly purpose--to set up "an economic beachhead on the property of the evacuees. This is precisely what all the recent frenzy, all the talk about spies and saboteurs, boils down to. Some people who want to take over farmland owned by the evacuees have hired gunmen and plug-uglies to frighten these citizens away from their homes. The technique differs in no essential respect from that employed in Germany by those who coveted the property of the Jews.

Mr. Ickes is quite right, too, in his assertion that these "Storm-trooper tactics" are "a matter of national concern." Hoodlumism is never more contagious than when it is practiced against a racial minority. Let the tactics succeed in California and they will find imitators elsewhere. Their success in Germany led inevitably first to the obliteration of all minority elements and then to the enslavement of the entire nation. That they have been pursued in California is due to the fact that their practitioners have masked their real motives by appealing to the prejudices of unthinking people. This, too, was the pattern in Germany.

The remedy is forthright exposure of the sort Mr. Ickes has initiated. He should be supported by the public officials of California who understand "quite well as he does the nature of this sinister racket. And those public officials should have the vigorous backing of all responsible citizens of the State who care about preservation of the democratic process. Terrorism is incompatible with a free society."

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The following editorial appeared in the New York Times on May 16, 1945:

RIDERS IN THE NIGHT

In the early days of the war, when invasion was a haunting fear, the military authorities decided upon wholesale removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast. More than 100,000 of them, men, women and children, were placed in eight relocation centers and held for thirty months. During their exile other Japanese Americans of military age who had gone into the Army voluntarily or by induction proved their valor on the battlefields of Italy, winning the commendation of General Clark. Others died as Americans fighting Japanese in the Pacific. Meantime, the danger of invasion passed, and last December permission was given to loyal Japanese Americans to return. About one-third headed east. The others gradually went back to their homes on the West Coast.

For months now riders in the night in California have been spreading terror and applying the torch to the homes of many who went back at the request of their government and in abiding faith that they would be left alone to work their land for most were farmers. No fewer than twenty-four instances of "violence or open intimidation" have been recorded by the War Relocation Authority, and Secretary Ickes charges that in not one of the shooting cases has a suspect has been put on trial. Yet there have been fifteen such cases, in addition to three arson cases, five threatening visits and one attempt at dynamiting. Obviously, our law enforcement officers are making no effort to enforce the law. That policy will merely encourage excesses that should be stopped.

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The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Record on May 17, 1945:

WEST COAST STORM TROOPERS

Among glorious pages of the American war record is one shame. It will recount the injustice, hoodlumism and native terrorism practiced upon native Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Once again going to bat for a racial minority, Secretary of the Interior Ickes has denounced the "Nazi Storm-Trooper tactics" of lawless elements on the West Coast.

There have been 24 incidents of violence and intimidation in the last four months against Japanese Americans who have returned to California from relocation centers. That is bad enough, but most frightening is Ickes report that no suspects have been brought to trial in any of 15 "shooting attempts" in rural California areas.

State and county enforcement agencies are either conniving with the terrorists or condoning their vicious behavior.

Two-thirds of the 110,000 Japanese Americans in this country were born here. They have the rights of any other American under law. Japanese Americans have fought valiantly in our armed forces. They have a splendid bond buying record. They have given their blood to the Red Cross.

Now they are going home--only to be confronted with the night riders torch, bullets from ambush, curses and threats. Before the eyes of the visiting diplomats of the nations of the world at San Francisco this constitutes a national disgrace. We believe with Ickes the West Coast terrorism is the work of a small minority but it's about time that the decent humane majority put an end to this persecution.

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The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Sun, May 15, 1945:

PROTECT THE NISEI'S RIGHTS

To the "24 incidents" cited by Secretary Ickes in charging organized terrorism against relocated Japanese Americans in California, two others have been added.

Three revolver shots were fired into the home of Setsugo Sakamoto, whose adopted son is now fighting with the American Philippine armies and whose son-in-law also is in the services. A girl, Mary Masuda, is staying with a Caucasian family. One of her brothers was killed at Cassino, another wounded fighting to rescue a U.S. unit trapped in the Vosges Mountains. Miss Masuda two weeks ago was called upon by a threatening group and warned to "get out".

Governor Warren and Attorney General Kenny of California have been diligent, according to all reports, in attempting to suppress anti-Nisei hoodlumism. But the Federal Government also has an obligation to protect all its citizens against organized violation of their rights. An FBI inquiry and Federal Grand Jury indictments probably could halt the shootings, the arson and the dynamitings by putting some of the thugs and night riders into Federal prison.

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The following editorial appeared in The Philadelphia Bulletin, May 15, 1945:

A BLAST AT INTOLERANCE

Secretary Ickes denunciation of the planned terrorism against persons of Japanese descent in West Coast states is very much in order. Much as the Secretary is given to popping off, this is once when nobody who thinks twice can dispute with him.

The outrages against returning evacuees are contrary to every cherished American principle. The victims are loyal citizens, entitled by every right to the same protection the law affords their neighbors. Not one of the hoodlums has yet been caught.

It doesn't seem reasonable that law enforcement agencies could accidently be that blind. But if there is sympathy for the hoodlums on the part of constituted authorities, it is time a higher power stepped in to show them that there is no room anywhere in this country for the philosphy this terrorism reflects.

There was a time when every person of Japanese ancestry was suspect. But that time has passed. Those permitted to return to their properties have been carefully investigated and given a clean bill of patriotic health. Big as this country is, it isn't large enough to fight a war against tyranny and oppression and tolerate them at home.

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The following editorial excerpt is from the News-Press, Santa Barbara, California, Tuesday, May 15, 1945:

THE $64 QUESTION - IN GERMANY AND CALIFORNIA

A speaker representing the California Youth Authority was asked, following his talk on youth problems before a women's organization recently, "What can be done about the re-education of youth in Germany, to rid them of their Nazi philosophy?"

It was, as the speaker confessed, "the $64 question," and he admitted he did not have the answer. Nor are there many Americans who can feel confident they have the right answer to this problem.

But Santa Barbarans, and Californians, might make a start toward discovering the right answer by looking at a similar problems right in our own back yard.

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Secretary Ickes has focused national attention on the "planned terrorism by hoodlums" against persons of Japanese descent in certain sections of California. He lists shooting attempts, one attempted dynamiting, three arson cases and five threatening visits. And he said the only instance in which arrests were made and a trial held, a case listed by the War Relocation Authority as a dynamiting attempt, resulted in acquittal by the jury of three defendants.

Here is a problem primarily of law enforcement and law observance, right in our own State. We cannot, as California citizens, do much about safeguarding representative government and democratic freedom in Poland, in Greece, in Spain or in Argentina. But we can demand that our State Government and our various County officials observe and defend the letter and the spirit of the American Constitution in regard to minority groups of American citizens.

We cannot, as Californians, do much about cleansing the minds and hearts of German youth of Nazi cruelty, arrogance, intolerance and sadism. But we can, if we really desire, exert an influence on the youth and the adults of California against hoodlumism, arrogance, intolerance and cruelty.

If in this state which stands high in education, culture and enlightenment, we cannot cure our own ills of bigotry, hatred, greed and "know-nothing" mob spirit, then heaven help us in trying to set up a world organization for peace and justice.

The $64 question is aimed at California, as well as at Germany.

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FOR RELEASE - Thursday, June 14, 1945

Southern California War Relocation Authority facilities are to undergo the inspection of Dillon S. Myer, national director of the agency handling west coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry, it was announced today.

Myer will spend three days here beginning June 18, going to Fresno for a conference of key personnel from Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco on June 22.

His one scheduled appearance in the Los Angeles area will present him as speaker before an open meeting in Thorne Hall, Occidental College, at 8 p.m. June 19 under auspices of the Eagle Rock chapter of the Friends of the American Way.

Southern California WRA Supervisor Paul G. Robertson disclosed that more than 50,000 citizens and aliens of Japanese ancestry, all listed officially as eligible to move any place in the nation and screened for loyalty by the War Department, still remain in WRA's eight relocation centers.

Government offices and staffs for assisting that portion of the eligibles who of their own volition decide to make their homes in Southern California are now in operation in Los Angeles, San Diego, El Centro, Santa Ana and Santa Barbara.

In announcing the Myer inspection, Supervisor Robertson made public the latest government estimates on returned evacuees, showing that since January 2, when the Army lifted the mass exclusion ban, to May 31, a total of 1022 persons relocated in the nine Southern California counties. Of these, 911 settled in Los Angeles county.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Accomplishments of the Y.W.C.A. in helping Japanese-American evacuees from the Pacific Coast to cope with personal and social problems arising from their removal to relocation centers were summed up today in a report from the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. made to Robert B. Cozzens, Assistant Director of the War Relocation Authority, Department of the Interior.

Recalling that the Y.W.C.A. dealt with the problems of civilian evacuees in many parts of the world since the outbreak of the present war and long before the United States was drawn into the conflict, the board's progress report tabulates efforts made by the Y.W.C.A. to cope with problems brought about by mass uprooting of both citizens and aliens of Japanese ancestry.

With establishment of relocation centers, staff members of the national board were assigned to survey the situation and determine how the Y.W.C.A. best could serve the evacuees. Conferences were held with Government officials and leaders among the Japanese-Americans.

As a result, programs were formulated and put into operation. The program in each center has been directed by Japanese-Americans, most of whom are former Y.W.C.A. secretaries, board and committee members, club members and students.

Particular stress has been laid on meeting the real needs of the women and girls in the centers through recreation, group activities, service work and preparation for resettlement. Problems of family relations, preparations for marriage, juvenile delinquency, etiquette, vocational education have been met. In some instances U.S.O. programs have been organized for visiting service men who return on furlough to visit their families or friends.

In one WRA center, the Y.W.C.A. has equipped a dormitory and a club hall which are used by many groups in the center for discussions, parties, weddings, and meetings of various kinds.

In all centers club rooms have been fully or partially equipped through activities of the Y.W.C.A.

Special projects to promote friendship and understanding between girls inside and outside the relocation centers have been tried with success and a "letter-friend" project arranged for the Girl Reserves now includes 57 Girl Reserve groups in 21 States who correspond with Japanese-American girls in seven centers.

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Local Y.W.C.A.s have cooperated in the resettlement of Americans of Japanese ancestry, often employing Japanese-American girls in their offices, residences and food service departments. In addition, Japanese-American men have been employed as maintenance men, thus helping to solve the manpower problem and at the same time affording an opportunity for resettlement. No small part of the success of such resettlement projects is due to the community understanding created through the efforts of the locals.

Says the report:

"The National Board believes that its work in the centers is helping to prepare loyal Japanese for resettlement and that its work through local Y.W.C.A.s is helping prepare communities for the reception of the new residents. The Y.W.C.A. believes that in helping Japanese-American citizens and their families to take their places again in normal community life it is rendering significant service to this nation in the struggle to preserve the values long cherished as the American way of life."

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MEMORANDUM TO: Newspaper Editors

I am herewith submitting to you the proof that State Senator Jack Tenney of Los Angeles misinformed West Coast newspapers and in turn newspaper readers in a statement accredited to him on June 5, 1945, during the recent sessions of the Legislature in Sacramento.

The proof is in an amended anti-Japanese-American resolution presented to the Legislature by Senator Tenney and Senator Hugh Burns of Fresno. This resolution passed the Senate in its amended form but did not get out of committee in the Assembly so was finally repudiated.

After giving voice and publication to fearless fictions and falsehoods the Senators amended their resolution and struck out the "charges" which made newspaper copy. They did this amending behind closed doors and made no public announcement that they had been in error. Their original statements have appeared as authoritative in a number of editorial columns on the West Coast and have been accepted as the truth by both editors and readers.

By their amendments, the Senators in essence actually have done this:

Rescinded their statement that the F.B.I., Navy and Army Intelligence has not been consulted on the character and integrity of persons of Japanese ancestry returning to the West Coast.

Rescinded their statement that there is a lack of care exercised by the War Relocation Authority in its relocation work.

Rescinded their statement on "the fact", as they called it, that of the first five Japanese returned to one California county all have a history of espionage.

Rescinded their statement that Japanese-Americans and Japanese aliens "with an open and notorious and well known disloyal attitude" are being released.

The original resolution was a shabby contribution to further discrimination against a minority group. The proof that the authors couldn't swallow their own fictions on Japanese Americans is a documentary record which I believe should be called to your and your readers' attention.

Attached is a copy of the amended resolution.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Cozzens

R. B. Cozzens,
Assistant Director

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 15, 1945

Senate Joint Resolution No. 30

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS TENNEY AND BURNS

June 4, 1945

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 30—Relative to requesting the President and Congress to obtain from the office of Navy Intelligence, the office of Army Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports on all Japanese aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry released or to be released to the West Coast, and to make such reports available as a public document.

WHEREAS, The problem of release to the West Coast of Japanese aliens and American-born Japanese is one bewildering in its complexity, delicate in its ramifications, and of vital concern to the well-being of this area, demanding the utmost caution by the United States Government in proceeding with such release; and

WHEREAS, An equitable and just solution of the problem lies somewhere between the vigorous opposition to release as expressed by anti-Japanese groups, alleged to be motivated in some instances by racism and prospects of economic gain, and the naive acquiescence to release as evidenced by pro-Japanese groups who, on peacetime constitutional principles, opposed even the original evacuation, without consideration of the duty of the military authorities to take such action as they deemed militarily necessary in a state of extreme emergency; and

WHEREAS, It is apparent to the people of California that a true balance between these extreme pro and con views has not yet been attained in the releases heretofore or now being effected and that greater care should be exercised in determining which of these Japanese are unquestionably loyal to this Country and, as such, may be returned to the West Coast without endangering its safety and security; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes and the War Relocation Authority hold forth that Japanese now being released from concentration camps have been thoroughly investigated by the F.B.I. before being released; and

~~WHEREAS, It is common knowledge that the F.B.I. or office of Naval Intelligence or office of Army Intelligence has not been consulted in reference to the character and integrity of the persons being so released, or their loyalty to the United States; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Indicative of the lack of care now exercised by the War Relocation Authority effecting such releases is the fact that of the first five Japanese returned to one California county, all have a history of espionage; and~~

WHEREAS, The Federal civil service is employing Japanese-Americans against whom counterespionage cases may be filed at any time; and

~~WHEREAS, Japanese-Americans and Japanese aliens with an open and notorious and well known disloyal attitude are being released to work in war plants and on wharves and docks; and~~

WHEREAS, Japanese-Americans and Japanese aliens are now being released, thus enabling them to work in war plants and on wharves and docks; and

WHEREAS, The releasing of the Japanese into the West Coast is attended by the dangers of sabotage to their own property and persons; and

WHEREAS, In view of the inscrutability of the Japanese people and their non-assimilibility into American life, there is extreme difficulty in determining between the loyal and the disloyal, for which no conclusive method is known; and

WHEREAS, It is common and record knowledge that literally thousands of both American born and alien Japanese have demanded to be expatriated and returned to Japan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the President and Congress are respectfully requested and urged to obtain from the office of Naval Intelligence, the office of Army Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation ~~reports~~ *all pertinent and dependable information available* on all Japanese aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry released or to be released ~~to the West Coast, and to make such reports available as a public document, causing it to be widely distributed throughout the West Coast area; and be it further~~ *to the West Coast, and, on request, to make such information available to the several governors, attorney generals and district attorneys throughout the West Coast Area; and be it further*

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

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(The following is a copy of a story printed in the Sacramento Bee, June 5, 1945)

TENNEY CHARGES
JAPANESE SPIES
RETURN TO STATE

Senator Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles County, chairman of the legislative interim committee on unAmerican activities, charged in a resolution introduced in the senate the War Relocation Authority is permitting Japanese with a "history of espionage" to return to California.

The charge is made in a concurrent resolution, SJR 29, which would memorialize President Harry S. Truman and congress to obtain detailed reports on all Japanese aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry released or to be released to the west coast and to make such reports available as a public document.

The resolution reports the information could be obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, naval and army intelligence.

"It is common knowledge that the FBI and offices of naval and army intelligence have not been consulted by the WRA," the resolution reads, "in reference to the character or loyalty, or integrity of the persons being released."

As "indicative of the lack of care now exercised by the WRA," the resolution sets forth:

Of the first five Japanese returned to one California county, all have a history of espionage. The federal civil service is employing Japanese Americans against whom counter espionage cases may be filed at any time and Japanese Americans and aliens with an open and notorious and well known disloyal attitude are being released to work in war plants and wharves and docks and this is attended by dangers of sabotage.

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RELOCATION UPS AND DOWNS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The third returnee-operated business in Los Angeles' Bronzeville, formerly "Little Tokyo", is MRS. KAYO KIMOTO'S Union Knitting Company at 101 Weller Street, corner of East First Street.

Before the war Mrs. Kimoto employed 30 people there at peak seasons, 15 at other times, knitting wool sweaters.

She, her husband KINZUCHI and their children ALICE and HAYATO returned from Heart Mountain 28-6-B early in June. While preparing to re-open the knitting company they have been staying at a nearby relocatee-operated hotel, at the same time searching for a house.

Mrs. Kimoto expects to have as many employees as in the old days, after the business is well re-established. Within half a block of her firm are Bronzeville's two other relocatee businesses: KIICHI UYEDA'S Bronzeville 5-10-25¢ Store, and next to it the second company to open in this district, TARO KAWA'S Enbun Company Fish Market, which started late in June.

Around them are crowded Bronzeville's 40,000 of Los Angeles' war-swollen Negro population. So far no returnees are living in their own homes in this district, although several relocatee-operated small hotels on the outskirts of Bronzeville are open.

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From 1924 to the time of the ban, TSUMA ICHIMURA and her husband JISAKICHI operated their "Pioneer Grocery" at 4312 Floral Drive, East Los Angeles.

On February 15th these two Issei returned from HEART MOUNTAIN 17-21-F and re-opened the grocery. They have their living quarters in back of the store.

The neighborhood trade, which is Caucasian, Mexican and Negro, calls them "Mary" and "Jose".

Sales are good, old customers are back, and there is a fair supply of hard-to-get items as well as the usual canned goods and vegetables. Their bright new refrigerated meat counters are pretty well stocked -- but bring your red points!

Son-in-law SGT. RICHARD SUENAKA's handsome photo is on a counter. He is an interpreter at Camp McCoy, Wis., where his wife, MARY HARUYO, is also living. She is the Ichimuras' only daughter; they have no sons.

"It is good to be back in Los Angeles", Mrs. Ichimura said with a big smile. Her husband nodded assent.

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Four Nisei girls from POSTON attended the San Gabriel Valley YWCA camp in the southern California mountains this summer, one of them as a counselor.

The campers were MARGARET MURAKAMI, MAY HOKAMA, MIYO SUNAGO; the counselor, MIKO NAKAMURA. Also GRACE NAKADA of the "seven soldier sons" Nakada family living in Azusa joined the campfire.

At the closing "International Banquet" the Caucasian girls in a cabin shared by one of the Nisei chose Japanese costumes and table decorations, including a miniature garden with little arch bridge and mirror lake.

At the last campfire, according to custom, each girl told what she had learned at the camp as she laid a faggot on the embers. One Caucasian girl said: "I learned appreciation of others. I did not have tolerance when I came."

LUCILLE DAY, the director, says "All four of the Poston girls made a very great contribution to the camp, and it will go even beyond those who have come to know the Nisei as friends here. We had an interview with these Nisei girls at our Sunday evening campfire, and the reaction of the other 100 campers was that they would like to assist the YWCA at Poston in any way they could."

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Getting a job in Hollywood pictures was no trick for 20-year-old IWAO TAKAMOTO. He left Manzanar May 11, and by June 4 was on the payroll at Walt Disney's cartoon studio as an apprentice animator.

Lack of experience or special training didn't stop him from applying direct for the job. First he 'phoned the studio and got an appointment. He had taken incidental freehand sketching at Thomas Jefferson High School, Los Angeles, where he graduated in 1942, and had talentfor pen-and-ink drawing.

Then he went to Burbank for the interview -- showed samples of his work -- filled out employment forms and went home to await word. A week later he was notified to report to begin work.

"I like it fine," Iwao said, "even if the apprentice pay was only $27.50 a week to start; there are regular pay raises."

Iwao was born in Los Angeles, but as he is single and alone he finds Evergreen Hostel a convenient place to live while looking for more permanent lodging. He hopes to have his father CHITOSHI, mother KINO, brother NORITO (10) and sister KIMIKO (16) come from Manzanar before too long.

Disney's had a good number of Japanese-Americans on their payroll before the 1942 exodus from California, but Iwao is the only Nisei on their employee list now. Just what he's doing for Donald Duck and Disney's other technicolor characters is another story.

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RELOCATION UPS AND DOWNS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

New WRA Reports Officer for Southern California Area. -- Paul G. Robertson, Southern California Area Supervisor of the WRA, today announced the transfer of Earle O'Day, Reports Officer, to the new post of Special Relocation Officer.

Eddy Eckels of Los Angeles, advertising executive and press representative, was appointed Reports Officer.

O'Day will serve directly under Robertson in liaison work with organizations assisting return of evacuees to the nine counties comprising the area.

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Returnees Eligible for New Housing Construction. -- The National Housing Agency has told its field offices to give returnees applying for H-3 housing priorities ("personal hardship" cases) the same good attention as applicants of other races. The H-2 program takes care of Nisei veterans as well as other veterans who wish to build, alter or improve housing. Los Angeles contractors say shortage of materials holds up completion of many homes, so merely getting a priority doesn't assure housing -- but it's worth trying.

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Nisei Operating Co-op. -- Joe Nawa is running Sierra Co-op Service Station & Garage, 250 Mary Street, Pasadena, since his partner John Oshima was called to active Army duty in June.

Joe left Rohwer in 1943, going to Chicago and then to Detroit, where he worked as a motor mechanic. Up to 1942 he lived in Norwalk.

Sierra Co-op is affiliated with The Cooperative League of U.S.A., a nation-wide organization well known to evacuees for its branches in the Centers. Non-discrimination is one of its basic principles.

Joe and John soon expanded after opening the service station in March, adding more tools and equipment and then taking on as helper Raoul Reynolds, USC man of the same race -- and build -- as Joe Louis.

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DISGRACING SANTA MARIA

(From "The Church Call", published by The First Methodist Church, Santa Maria, California, January 29, 1945. This editorial on Page One.)

"You folks with your boycott are running Hood River a close second in disgrace. And if the lapel tag goes over in your high school Hood River Legionnaires will have to take a back seat in the Hall of Bigotry . . . Your high school kids should shame their parents as young Legionnaires have shamed theirs."

So wrote a southern California observer. We want him and all others to know that while the disgrace of planning a boycott of American citizens has been fastened upon us by a sorry group of selfish interests, the lapel tag disgrace must not be charged to Santa Maria's high school students. It was brought in from the outside and was delightfully short-lived. Students quickly reacted as true Americans. They recognize with Justice Murphy that 'Racial discrimination in any form and in any degree has no justifiable part whatever in our democratic way of life'.

But while this fact removes the stigma of disgrace from high school students, we must regretfully admit that it blackens the more the name of one of the fairest cities in California. It is bad enough to have a small minority of citizens spurn the plea of the War Department and the official proclamation of the governor of the state, and push aside the Constitution of the United States as only recently interpreted by the Supreme Court of the land; but to have grown men devise an instrument with which they seek to transfer the virus of hatred and racial prejudice from their sickly spirits to the minds of not only high school youth but to mere children in the grade schools makes all sensitive Americans ashamed for them.

Using a Nazi Instrument

The most serious phase of the matter is that here in beautiful Santa Maria we are having an exact reproduction of the Nazi technique toward the Jews of Germany where, before slaughter, came social ostracism of fellow citizens on racial lines.

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Herewith the 2x2 lapel tag which adults are using to poison our children's minds:

MY PLEDGE

IN MEMORY of the victims of PEARL HARBOR, BATAAN, CORREGIDOR, and ALL OTHER JAPANESE ATROCITIES and, because there is no proof of Japanese loyalty to my Government, ON MY HONOR AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN I pledge not to TALK TO, PATRONIZE, ASSOCIATE, or FRATERNIZE WITH ANY JAPANESE.

_____(Signature)

The essential dishonesty exhibited here, as in all the talk about "Jap-lovers", is the designation "Japanese". Any adult with more than a child mind knows full well that for the duration no American will be permitted to "patronize, associate, or fraternize with any Japanese". Such conduct would be treasonable. The only issue before us is what Governor Warren declares is "A Test of Our Patriotism" -- the protection of the constitutional rights of AMERICANS and the maintaining of an attitude that will "discourage friction and prevent civil disorders".

For anyone to intimate that there is any question as to the loyalty of returnees is to set himself up against the combined judgment of the F.B.I., Army and Navy intelligences and the W.R.A. Someone evidently did not take time to read the War Department's announcement of December 17, 1944, rescinding the mass exclusion order. This agency of our government specifically states that those to be returned "have been thoroughly investigated from the standpoint of loyalty, probably more thoroughly than any other segment of our population. . . The outstanding records which these men (volunteers and draftees from relocation centers) have made fighting for the United States in Italy, in France and in the Pacific has shown conclusively that it is possible to make sound judgments as to their loyalty." If any Santa Marians have knowledge to the contrary they will play the part of good citizens by conveying their information to the F.B.I. rather than to school children.

What kind of honor is "honor as an American citizen" which ignores the judgment of all Federal agencies, the plea of the governor of our state, and the decision of the United States Supreme Court, while thrusting aside all Christian principles involved in the situation?

What and Who Are Back of This?

Developments of the past few weeks would seem to indicate that the tag idea was a part of a larger strategy to "create a situation"

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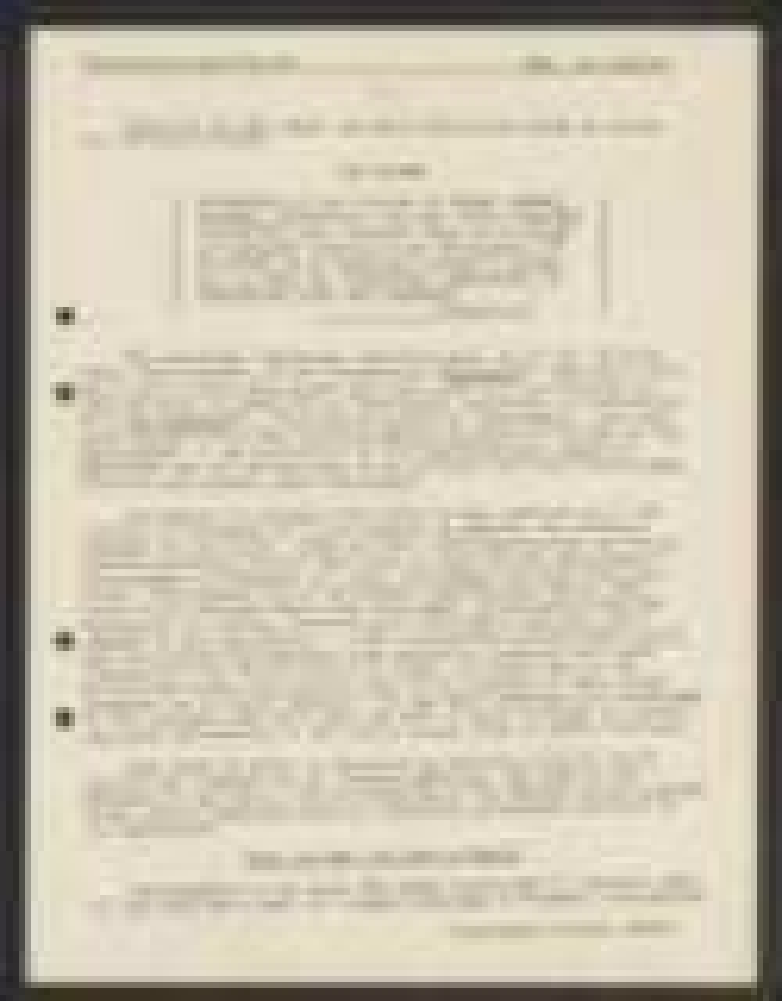

in our schools for the lowest of political purposes. There seems to have been cheap snooping and encouragement of student reporting for other than constructive purposes. Now that the "Japanese" venture has flopped it seems that someone outside the schools is encouraging prejudice against another minority group. Why?

Selfish, political meddling in the affairs of our public schools is only a degree less reprehensible than the attempt of outsiders to interfere with the right of ministers to proclaim what they believe to be the will of God, or to violate our homes. And the immorality of such action is compounded when appeals are made to racial prejudice on the very "training ground of democracy".

Californians gave a fine account of themselves in relation to racebaiters in the recent elections. Costello, Carter, Rolph and Poulson are no longer in Congress. Governor Warren and Mayor Bowron are among those who have recently seen the light.

"A wise man knows when to quit", is an ancient proverb not without point for Santa Maria politicians. However longsuffering the community may have been, we have faith that it will not countenance the defiling of its schools by our notorious political machine.

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SPEAKER OPEN FOR BOOKINGS (WITH OR WITHOUT FILM)

(No charge)

Raymond P. Hartney of the W.R.A. can fill speaking engagements in or around Los Angeles between now and August 15th, perhaps later also.

Subject: Timely, vital --

"RETURN OF THE JAPANESE TO CALIFORNIA"

Background: Hartney is a veteran of both World War I and World II, and served overseas in this war as a Major of U. S. Army Air Corps.

He has lived in California 28 years, and recently has been working on the actual relocation of Japanese-Americans in Southern California.

Timeliness: Thousands of Issei (Japanese-born residents of U.S.) and Nisei (American-born of Japanese descent, and therefore American citizens) will return to California -- because W.R.A. relocation centers must close this year. These Issei and Nisei are free to leave the relocation centers any time, and go wherever they wish. They are approved for loyalty by the War Department.

Special: Two motion picture films, in black-and-white 16-mm. sound, are available. One is about 8 minutes, showing Nisei in action with the U. S. Army. The other is about 15 minutes, showing the relocation centers. Either or both can be shown, if desired, in connection with the talk; projector and screen furnished by W.R.A. together with operator -- gratis, of course.

Book Now -- Telephone PRospect 4711, Extension 100, and ask for Mr. Eckles or his staff.

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HOLLYWOOD GIVES STRONG RECOMMENDATION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL ACTION TO RE-ESTABLISH JAPANESE-AMERICANS ON COAST

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. -- Mrs. William Dieterle, wife of the motion picture director and chairman of the Executive Board of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, discloses a resolution approved by the Committee which declares:

That in view of the careful screening of evacuees, and the antagonism displayed by certain interests toward their return to California, the Committee recommends the following action program:

1. Wholehearted support of the War Department's action in permitting the return of loyal Japanese-Americans, and condemnation of those who are attempting to divide the American people by developing and stimulating racial prejudices.

2. Cooperation by all public officials -- national, state, county and municipal -- in doing everything in their power to assist the War Department and War Relocation Authority in readjusting these relocatees to community life.

3. Proclamation by the Western Defense Command of the United States Army that acts of violence will not be tolerated, and that it, as a prime mover both in the evacuation and in the return of the Japanese-American people, will hold itself responsible for the peaceable re-establishment of these loyal Japanese-Americans to community life.

4. Action by the Department of the Interior to secure all agencies of the Government in a collaborated movement to aid in clearing up all inequitable conditions, particularly in regard to Japanese-American service men and their dependents.

5. Administrative rulings by Federal, State, County and Municipal Governments in matters of employment and of licensing by Boards on applications for business permits and all other matters of this kind, so that there shall be no discrimination whatever.

6. Investigation by the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, of a conspiracy of certain California officials and the heads of various organizations to violate the civil rights of citizens of Japanese-American ancestry.

7. A statement of position by Governor Warren.

8. Thorough investigation by State Attorney General Kenny, of all acts of violence, and proceedings to punish those guilty of such acts.

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"THE OLD CURMUDGEON."
San Diego Journal, July 27, 1945
"What the Editor Thinks" Section

For the umptysteenth time since Mr. Truman became President, Harold Ickes is reported about to step out of the cabinet. This time the report has the convincing feed box label on it.

Nevertheless, we shall withhold belief until it is official. And then we shall be saddened. Taking Ickes out of the cabinet will be like dealcoholizing a cocktail. For 12 years he sat there, the national screaming meanie, whose picturesque denunciations made political and economic tycoon flinch and fume.

He was a master of political Billingsgate, the all-American mudslinger, but there was merit in his mud, and his choice of targets was wonderful. He enriched the lexicon of vituperation with such priceless gems as "barefoot Wall street lawyer". He called the turn on more scoundrels and phonies than any man in his period. Someone coined the term "Old Curmudgeon" in tribute to his ability to dish it out.

With it all, Ickes was able and incorruptible in discharging the vast responsibilities put upon him. His department was a model of administrative efficiency in a regime where administration was supposed to have been the Achilles heel.

He kept the public plunderers, who once found rich hunting in the Interior Department, at super-safe distance. When President Truman was casting about for a successor, he asked several men in high places who was the "best man for the Interior". The reply he got was: "The best man is in there now."

So here's to the Old Curmudgeon. He is crusty. He is tough. He is a name-calling soandso. But he is a man -- and an honest one.

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ROHWER RELOCATEES ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES. -- After a tedious trip, 96 out of 417 who embarked at Rohwer, reached the end of the line at Los Angeles 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, the others having left the train at points enroute for northern California and elsewhere. Reporters from the daily press were generous in their write-ups, and also the papers carried photos of groups going through the depot. The throngs passing through the station gave hardly a second glance to the returnees.

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NOTE: Special circular attachment herewith on "STORY OF THE NITTAS", by Milt Phinney.

This is a potent human document which could possibly serve you well in many channels.

We have just received 5,000 copies. How Many Do You Want? Rush reply.

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THE ARMY TALKS TO ITS TROOPS
ON RACIAL PREJUDICE.

(Excerpts from the 8-page printed bulletin "Army Talk" Orientation Fact Sheet No. 70, issued by War Department, May, 1945, and no longer restricted -- may be reproduced.)

....About a week after Pearl Harbor, the Japanese were broadcasting: "How can America be fighting for racial equality when it does not exist in America?" During the 1943 race riots in Detroit, the Japanese propagandists had a field day broadcasting the news to hundreds of millions of non-whites in Asia and throughout the world.

Japan's "championing" of the Negroes in the United States had only one purpose -- to divide us. Negroes, forming as they do about one-tenth of the American population, are an important minority, and Hitler has shown how minority problems can be exploited to the advantage of fascism.

"The man who spreads rumors", ASF Manual M-5 declares, "particularly race rumors, about any group -- racial, religious, or national -- is doing Hitler's or Tojo's work. The Nazis assumed that in this country they would find antagonistic groups who would spend their time fighting each other instead of the German armies. Goebbels said to one of his confidants: 'Nothing will be easier than to produce a bloody revolution in America. No other country has so many social and racial tensions. We shall be able to play on many strings there'."

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Any American who "plays on these strings" by spreading prejudices against minorities -- Catholics, Jews, Negroes, foreign-born, and others -- is, whether he knows it or not, playing the Axis game....

In the 18th century, a large colony of French Hugenots lived in England. They were accused of being dirty, of reducing the standard of living, of depriving Englishmen of jobs, and of reducing their wages. A flood of pamphlets issued against these Hugenots was reprinted a hundred years later with the word "Jew" substituted for "Hugenot".

In Hitler's Germany the Nazis began by persecuting the Jews, but eventually they turned upon Catholics, Protestants, Czechs, Poles -- and the entire world....

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S O C I A L D E P A R T M E N T .

LOS ANGELES. -- International Institute's monthly social on the evening of July 23 brought out the best crowd yet. Harry Tashima, Kow Maruki, Thomas Amano, Duck Mayeda and others of the "Manzaknights" made the girls take off their dark glasses -- just like old times....Nobuko Toda (Gila), Mary Toya and Hisao Shishido (both Heart Mountain) were really stepping....Jimmie Yamamoto and Harry Yamani (both Poston) ping-ponged a bit...Who was that classy lassie at the reception desk? Elva Shinozaki (Tule Lake), now secretary to Council for Civic Unity....Multiply "boy meets girl" by 100 and you have a good idea of this evening of refreshments, dancing, entertainment AND yoo-hoo....Heard more than once: "What! Are YOU here in Ellay too?" Well, what are YOU waiting for?

AND -- our snooping reporter opines that the social held at Evergreen Hostel July 27 was in the groove -- and there's no such thing as manpower shortage, for the gals were outnumbered 3 to 1, lucky femmes! How's about some of you gals relieving this womanpower shortage, hey, hey!

-- "Nisei Suzie".

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RELOCATEES IN CALIFORNIA TOP 5,000 MARK!

Week ending July 21 brought total number of relocatees now in California since first of year to 5,298. Since Jan. 1, figures show that 28.4% of all relocatees have chosen California. Illinois is second. Last week Heart Mountain and Gila River led in number of relocatees leaving from the centers for all points -- and at the bottom of the list was Manzanar!

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F A S C I S M !

Excerpts from "Army Talk"
Orientation Fact Sheet 64
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by the War Department, March 24, 1945

Could fascism rise in the United States after it's been crushed abroad? What can we do to prevent it?

If we don't understand fascism and recognize fascism when we see it, it might crop up again -- under another label -- and cause another war.

Fascism is a way to run a country -- it's the way Italy was was run, and the way Germany and Japan are run. Fascism is the precise opposite of democracy. The people run democratic governments, but fascist governments run the people.

> Fascism is government by the few and for the few. The objective is seizure and control of the economic, political, social, and cultural life of the state..... Anyone who is not a member of the inner gang has to do what he's told.

Fascists maintain themselves in power by use of force combined with propaganda based on primitive ideas of "blood" and "race", by skillful manipulation of fear and hate, and by false promise of security. The propaganda glorifies war and insists it is smart and "realistic" to be pitiless and violent.

Fascism came to power in Germany, Italy and Japan at a time of social and economic unrest. A small group of men, supported in secret by powerful financial and military interests...promised the people that fascism would bring them great power and prosperity.

> The fascists promised everything to everyone.... They asserted it was their right, as a "superior people", to rule the world.

As soon as these methods had won them enough of a following

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to form their Storm Troops, the fascists began using force to stifle and wipe out any opposition. Those who saw through the false front of fascism and opposed them were beaten, tortured, and killed.

The fascists knew that all believers in democracy were their enemies. They knew that the fundamental principle of democracy -- faith in the common sense of the common people -- was the direct opposite of the fascist principle of rule by the elite few. So they fought democracy in all its phases. At the same time that they proclaimed the "superiority" of the Germans, the Italians, the Japanese, they proclaimed also that the German, the Italian, the Japanese peoples were really unfit to rule themselves. It became "Heil Hitler" in Germany, and "Believe, obey, fight" in Italy.

HOW FASCISM WORKS

It was easy enough for the fascists to promise all things to all people before they were in power. Once they were actually in power, they could not, of course, keep their contradictory promises.

As soon as the fascists were in control of the government, the torturings and the killings were no longer the unlawful acts of a political party and its hoodlum gangs. They became official government policy....The concentration camps and graves filled with the opponents of fascism.

The fascists "solved" unemployment by converting their nations into giant war machines.

> Every last detail of life was regulated, with the death penalty often imposed for slight violations. One unhappy victim complained: "Fascism is a regime under which everything not prohibited is compulsory."

We have seen that the people of a fascist state earn less and less, and so are able to buy less and less of the goods they produce with their slave labor.

The people were taught that their race was "superior". No scientist in Germany could safely deny it when Hitler told the Germans that they were a "Master Race" entitled to the land and possessions of lesser folk. The Italians were told in fake "scientific" terms that Latins were born to rule. The Japanese were taught that as "Sons of Heaven" it was both their right and their duty to conquer and rule the world.

Once their people were sold on the "master race" idea, it was easy for the fascists to make them feel that other people were of no more consequence than vermin. They were encouraged to think nothing of killing unarmed and defenseless

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men, women and children. Many even got to enjoy it. Hence Rotterdam, Lidice, Maidanek.

CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

In a good many European nations, the people felt the same way some of us do: that fascism was foreign to them and could never become a power in their land....In France, which was considered a leading democracy of Europe, the betrayal was spearheaded by a powerful clique of native "100 percent French" fascists....The United States also has its native fascists who say that they are "100 percent American".

We have had our hooded gangs, Black Legions, Silver Shirts, and racial and religious bigots. All of them, in the name of Americanism, have used undemocratic methods and doctrines which experience has shown can be properly identified as "fascist".

> Can we afford to brush them off as mere crackpots? We once laughed Hitler off as a harmless little clown with a funny mustache.

An American fascist seeking power would not proclaim that he is a fascist. Fascism always camouflages its plans and purposes. Hitler made demagogic appeals to all groups and swore: "Neither I nor anybody in the National Socialist Party advocates proceeding by anything but Constitutional methods."

Any fascist attempt to gain power in America would not use the exact Hitler pattern. It would work under the guise of "super-patriotism" and "super-Americanism". Fascist leaders are neither stupid nor naive. They know that they must hand out a line that "sells". Huey Long is said to have remarked that when fascism came to America, it would be on a program of "Americanism".

> Pitting of religious, racial, and economic groups against one another in order to break down national unity is a device of the "divide and conquer" technique used by Hitler to gain power in Germany and in other countries. With slight variations, to suit local conditions, fascists everywhere have used this Hitler method.

Interwoven with the "master race" theory of fascism is a well-planned "hate campaign" against minority races, religions, and other groups.

With this goes hatred and suspicion toward the people of all other nations....The fascist doctrine of hate....creates disunity -- it weakens democracy. By getting men to hate rather than to think -- it prevents men from seeking the real cause and a democratic solution to the problem. Only by democratically solving the economic problems of our day can there be any certainty that fascism won't happen here. That's our job as citizens

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LOS ANGELES. -- Seiichiro Nagamori from Heart Mountain took his life yesterday at his residence, 3060 St. George Ave., in the Silver Lake district of Los Angeles.

Mr. Nagamori owned his own home but had found it difficult to re-establish his insurance business, as former clients were now scattered.

He was well known at Heart Mountain, where he handled Center insurance. He was considered one of the outstanding Issei business men of Los Angeles before the war, and had many friends. His wife Kei was grief-stricken.

Despite the Herald-Express, this was not a case of "hara-kiri". Other Los Angeles newspapers the following morning did not make any reference to "hara-kiri".

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BREMEN, Germany. -- Bob Hope in today's "It Says Here" column writes: "We are billeted here (Bremen) on a street called Marcus Allee. We have the whole house with a guard, Private Shig Morishige, who was wounded three times while fighting with the tough Japanese-American 442d Regiment in Italy. In between keeping us safe, Shig spends most of his time talking about what a great place his home town of Denver, Colo., is."

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WRA HELPS Y. CHIKASAWA FROM MANZANAR CASH IN ON CELERY CROP

VENICE, Calif. -- Mr. Y. Chikasawa has sold his celery -- six acres of it -- and has made a net profit of about $15,000.00.

This crop, which he planted in his "home town" here after returning from Garland, Utah, where he first went on leaving Manzanar, produced 9,500 crates. For a while it looked as if he might not be able to harvest it; and then as though no one would buy it. But WRA went into action and the produce firms took it. One of the largest seed companies, which had watched the crop with interest, then said to other relocatees: "Now that we know you can sell your crops and the government is standing back of you, and that you are coming back from the centers, we won't hesitate to do business with you and sell you what you need."

Roy Sakioka from Venice planted two acres of spinach in the Venice district. He harvested and sold it, and his net profit was over $1,200.00.

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AFTER LENGTHY DELAY, RFC APPROVES BUSINESS LOAN TO FLORENCE MURAOKA

LOS ANGELES -- One of the first RFC loans has now been approved for an evacuee, Mrs. Florence H. Muraoka of Rohwer 32-5-D. Mrs. Muraoka expects to return to her home in Southern California late in August.

She applied to RFC by mail last year for a substantial loan on her greenhouse business in Orange County.

Months went by. But finally after WRA had contacted Washington headquarters of RFC again, the loan was at last approved by RFC's Los Angeles office.

It is believed that RFC will from now on consider loans to other relocatees on same basis as loans to all its applicants.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS .....SUBTLY

LOS ANGELES -- "Why, I had no trouble finding a nice place to live, and a job with it, out in Beverly Hills too," she said at WRA today. "But don't use my name -- some of my friends in the Center think I should be working as a steno. Well, I like this maid job better, right now. It pays $100 a month clear -- also my own room and really good meals, which are something these days. Everyone's very agreeable; all high-class people. Lots of jobs like that and easy to get -- jobs where people really want us back.

"Until the war's over, this kind of work is good as a means of getting in circulation again," she added. "And you don't have to bother with any availability certificates on household employment. Oh, yes -- I'm brushing up on shorthand at night school."

The Los Angeles Times and the Examiner carry many help-wanted ads for singles, couples and even at times for couples with one or two children. "Wanted, Couple, cook and handyman" -- so reads an ad in Sunday's Times. "In beach cottage, 2 adults -- cheerful surroundings. Comfortable quarters. $200 per mo. Malibu 7253, reverse toll charges."

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FIVE SOLDIERS

ONE DEAD...ONE IN HOSPITAL
ONE ON FURLOUGH...ONE IN COLLEGE...ONE WORKING

The Short Stories of Five Southern California Nisei

TANOUYE

Harry Tanouye is a civilian now -- working for WRA district office in Santa Ana. Until recently it was S/Sgt. Harry Tanouye, of the 522d Field Artillery (one of the 442d Regiment's 3 battalions.) Harry has a Purple Heart -- and he has to use a cane. He has 3 campaign stars -- and had a brother, James Tanouye, killed in action with the 442d in Italy. He has a bronze star for a suicide mission behind enemy lines -- and before the war was a prosperous marine brokerage salesman in L.A. His folks are at Heart Mountain. Well, he's glad to be back, and to go to bat for his fellow Nisei on his new job.

OSAKI

Harry A. Osaki, while still at the veterans hospital in West Los Angeles, was invited to join American Legion Post 322. He hesitated, but they insisted, so he's a regular Legionnaire. Harry is finishing a fine arts course at U.S.C., and this summer has been a paid counselor in charge of campcraft at the YMCA summer camp near Lake Arrowhead. He was offered 8 summer jobs, but took this one because he is one of the outstanding former boy scouts in the nation, having won 103 out of 106 possible merit badges. He volunteered for the Army in 1943 from Gila River, trained with the 100th Battalion, and in 1944 was medically discharged. His "girl friend" is Chinese. His plans on completing U.S.C. lead to a technical job in Hollywood.

OKITSU

Home again, on furlough, is Pfc. Joe Okitsu, glad to be back in Brawley after 6½ months in a German prison camp. Joe has already put back 30 of the pounds he lost in Hitler's custody. Before he reports again for active Army duty on August 15, he is doing everything he can to help the fight against Fascism (American style) on the home front. He visited his father, Ekichi Okitsu, at Poston -- a happy reunion. Joe entered the Army in March 1941, over 8 months before Pearl Harbor. He served overseas with the 442d Infantry for 12 months in Italy and France. His decorations include the Purple Heart, (he was wounded in Italy July 4, 1944); bronze star for outstanding bravery in action; pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Presidential Unit citation ribbon, combat infantry badge, and others.

SAKATO

Pvt. George T. Sakato has just received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in combat. It was awarded him at Mitchell Convalescent (Army) Hospital, San Diego, by Col. Joseph E. Campbell.

This next-to-the-most-important military tribute was earned at Biffontaine, France, for disregarding heavy enemy fire and making a one-man dash that encouraged his platoon to charge and destroy a strong enemy point.

With his honorable discharge, Sakato now plans to study diesel engines under the GI Bill of Rights.

He was born at Colton, California. In addition to the DSC, his service with the 442d Infantry Combat Team brought him the Purple Heart, ETO Ribbon with 3 Battle Stars and Distinguished Unit Citation.

MASUDA

Staff Sgt. Kazuo Masuda of Santa Ana has been awarded, posthumously, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action during the Italian campaign.

Several weeks after the action that earned him this Army distinction that so seldom is awarded a soldier, he was killed while single-handedly protecting members of his patrol. Five yards from the Germans he fired his sub-machine gun until he was overcome by sheer force of numbers.

The DSC citation was for repelling repeated German counterattacks on the 442d Infantry. Enemy shells had cut communication lines. Unwilling to risk the lives of members of his mortar crew, he obtained a mortar tube, 20 rounds of ammunition and an extra helmet. With this heavy load he walked 200 yards through enemy fire.

Using the helmet packed with dirt as a baseplate, he went into action when the enemy attacked, firing all 20 rounds and repulsing the Germans. The Nazis located his position and poured on mortar and artillery fire, but he returned to his lines for more ammunition. His fire was so effective another attack did not even threaten the company line.

Kazuo was the brother of Mary Masuda of Orange County, well known for the incident wherein she was threatened by vigilantes in spite of the fact that she had several soldier brothers serving in the United States Army. However, the public resentment against the so-called "citizens committee" that called on her was so great that today there is very little objection, if any, in the Santa Ana district to returning Nisei and Issei. Mary Masuda won out -- but her brother, Kazuo, is not here to know that. The Army knows, however, that he served his country with distinction, and gave all he could -- his life.

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BANNING OF NISEI SOLDIER BY V.F.W.
AROUSES COLONEL (A U.P. Item from Rome, Aug. 6)

Pfc. Richard H. Naito of Spokane was turned down by VFW Post 51 of that city, despite having been wounded while fighting in Italy with the Fifth Army's 442d Regiment.

Col. V. R. Miller, Commander of the 442d, promptly wrote the VFW Post Commander asking him to "correct this grave injustice to an individual and to a great American tradition." He added:

"When supposedly reputable organizations such as yours violate the principles and ideals for which we fight, these young Japanese-Americans are not the only ones to wonder about our war aims. Millions in Europe and Asia, too, will learn of your action and question the sincerity of American policy and ideals."

Pfc. Naito too wrote the VFW, saying: "Twelve months ago on a hot day I was lying in the fields near Pisa, my right leg shattered by a German bullet....That day I didn't know whether I would ever return. Today on American soil, thousands of miles from Pisa, I have been wounded again by another weapon -- hypocrisy or prejudice, call it what you will. Little did I expect that upon my return home to the people for whom I fought and suffered I would be repudiated."

The Stars & Stripes published the Colonel's letter to the VFW, Pfc. Naito's letter, and Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott's praise for Nisei soldiers, across 5 columns at the bottom of page 1.

Gen. Truscott, Commander of the Fifth Army, said: "You have demonstrated conclusively that no matter what the racial background is, you are as good as the best soldiers in this American Army -- which in my opinion is the finest in the world. You have shown, too, by your exemplary conduct that in being good soldiers you are also fine American citizens."

In connection with the news as disclosed in the U.P. dispatch, WRA Director Dillon Myer said August 7, as reported in the press: "The great majority of Americans and of VFW members everywhere will, I feel sure, repudiate this act. I hope that the few men responsible for this regrettable piece of discrimination will consult their own consciences, carefully examine the fighting record of Japanese-Americans in all theaters and reconsider their decision in the light of well known facts and established American principles."

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IT'S AN ILL WIND....
Atomic Bombs!... Russia!... Opportunity!

LOS ANGELES -- Employment cutbacks continue in Southern California but they're largely in shipyards and aircraft plants. Almost no Nisei were employed in those industries, so relocatees aren't directly affected. There are still lots of other jobs.

Many California war workers are returning to Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and as they do, housing eases. The situation hasn't reached that point where vacancies are advertised, for they fill too quickly with those who happen to hear that this apartment or that home will be unoccupied after such and such a date.

Still, there are signs of improved living conditions for relocatees. And, as everyone should know, organized opposition to the return of both Issei and Nisei is negligible as compared with the general attitude of a few short months ago.

Now suddenly comes a green light: the war may end much sooner than expected before atomic bombing and the Russian participance occurred.

That means the "why-don't-they-wait-until-the-war's-over" crowd will no longer pack much of an argument.

But to those who stay in the centers too long, the green light may change to red.

The time to relocate is NOW. Every day's delay may be unfortunate.

With its newly enlarged staff including a good many former evacuees who are intimately acquainted with relocation, WRA is waiting to find the spot you seek. WRA will help you -- when you get here.

LOS ANGELES -- California jumped into the "over-50%" group of returnees for the first time during last week in July. WRA figures show that 51.3% of all relocatees leaving the Centers during that week chose California. For the year to date, only 30% went to California from the Centers.

SAN DIEGO -- Complaint was made to City Council that tall weeds on lots were a fire hazard, so the City Manager investigated and found the owner, Mr. Arakawa. "I wrote him that he must clean the weeds off his lot," the city manager reported. Just like that -- and the owner, Mr. Arakawa, is in an Arizona Center!

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ORDER What You NEED . . .

NEW "MYTHS & FACTS"

There are still 600 of the new multilithed booklet-style "Myths & Facts" left. Not enough to fill large orders, but if you need some more of this new edition, let us know now.

An EDITORIAL That Ranks Well Up
In THE BIG PARADE For RIGHT THINKING!

From "North Islander", publication of the U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego.

"RACIAL HATRED is foreign to the ideals of Americanism.

--- IT'S TRUE that the Japanese nation has brought dishonor and distrust upon members of that race.

--- BUT AMERICANS SHOULD be able to distinguish between the Japanese nation, and those members of the race who do not concur in their vicious thinking nor in their barbarous practices.

--- WE, AS AMERICANS, nurtured on the principle of freedom and individual liberty, should learn hatred of principles instead of individuals.

--- A NISEI SOLDIER, who served in the U. S. Army in Europe, and received numerous commendations and a Purple Heart for fighting fearlessly and well in the cause of democracy, arrived back in America after his battle experiences.

--- BECAUSE OF HIS evident racial characteristics people overlooked his ribbons and medals.

--- AND YET he wrote to a cousin urging him not to renounce American citizenship:

--- "I am disappointed in your attitude," he said in this letter to his cousin who had considered affirming allegiance to the Japanese government. "You have permitted yourself to become embittered, when there should be no place for bitterness in your heart. You will live to regret your action (more)

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if you leave America, the land of freedom, of opportunity, of promise and of EQUALITY."

--- COMING FROM ONE who had given so much, and who had received so little in return, those words are worthy of careful study by those of us who profess to believe in the principles upon which our nation was founded. They should cause us to re-examine our own attitudes and see if they are in conflict with the ideals of democracy.

--- HATE THE SYSTEM that created the Japanese war machine? Yes, by all means. But, because we despise the twisted ideology that gave birth to such evil, is no reason at all why we should permit hatred to encompass all those who were born with Japanese blood in their veins.

--- THERE ARE FEW AMONG US who can claim pure blood. Drawn from the veins of many races, and fused together in the cauldron of America's great melting pot, our 'race' derives from all corners of the earth.

--- THAT BEING TRUE, then what right have we to point the finger of scorn at any person -- whether he be an American of Japanese descent, or of Jewish or Negro or Irish or English? It matters not what our parentage or our ancestry, but it matters much that we have the right attitude toward those who believe in democracy, and who would fight by our sides in upholding the principles of our democracy.

--- OTHERWISE our democracy is a sham and our protestations of Americanism are base hypocrisy."

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L E T'S G O H O M E . . . . .

If ever the evacuees needed a slogan it is now.
The time is ripe for relocation, as ripe as it ever will be.
The selfish politicians have discovered little profit in antagonism against returnees.
The few remnants of the "anti" press are groggy and swinging wildly.
Prejudices are few and boycotts are diminishing daily.
The many co-ordinated groups of fair play and unity have already won a great battle.
The pendulum has swung back toward better understanding.
Of course, there are still isolated cases of Fascism (American style), but the Japanese-Americans are far from being on top of the hate-list against which these enemies of democracy wage their war of bigotry. (more)

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As a matter of fact, a vast majority of the prattlers have dropped their evacuee argument entirely. Almost as a unit, they have switched to Communists and more "profitable" entries.

In short, the gates are swinging open -- comfortably wide enough for you to stop and ponder a slogan. . .

So why not -- LET'S GO HOME!

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. . . . .

IT TAKES SOME PEOPLE with their deadly poisonality to get all the luck. You heard about Mr. Bean Takeda (Rohwer)? Yes, he found that house in two hours after arriving in this City of Angels. It shows that it's not impossible to find the impossible.

WENT TO EVERGREEN HOSTEL only to be greeted by complete silence (OH! -- except for the few muttering sounds of the Issei folks talking.) It seems that the bobby-soxers and the socks (male interpretation) all went to hear Frank Sinatra at Hollywood Bowl. I could mention a few of those who went -- but that would take ages. Uh huh, there were that many of the youngah set there to hear Frankie. Howzabout coming back to Ellay and joining in the fun?

SEEN MOTOR BOATING Sunday at the very famous Hollenbeck Park (famous at least to the Boyle Heights gang) were two Manzanar gals, M. I. from Chicago way and M. S. from Marvelous Manzanar in the Mountains direct. Sure seems to be a swell way to spend a cool summer week-end don't you think? Or don't you think?

-- SNOOPY SUZIE.

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THEY'RE BACK...

CAMP BEALE, Calif. -- (UP) -- A group of 68 Nisei veterans of European action, all from Hawaii, arrived here for release on 30-day furloughs. All were members of the 442d Regimental Combat Team. They will reassemble here following the furloughs.

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PREJUDICE.....
DISCRIMINATION.....
EXPLOITATION.....

(The Answer)

"With full employment, we can be good neighbors;

--- With unemployment, we can neither be friendly and cooperative with other nations, nor can we here in our own country be decent, fair, and democratic toward each other.

--- Just as among ourselves, depression produces fear, discrimination, hate, and division among classes, groups, races, colors, sexes, and ages, so world depression leads down the same road to war."

So says Representative George E. Outland of California in asking that America carry out the commitments of "full employment" entered into at the San Francisco world conference. "We must eliminate in America the cycle of boom and bust," Outland thinks. And he believes it must be done here and now.

Toward this end, in a practical, specific way, the WRA office at 1031 South Broadway in the city of Los Angeles has set up a special employment section. Another section handles housing. Still another, public relations; and a fourth, welfare.

Getting a job is not difficult -- right now -- but that is subject to change, in the light of the events happening in the world this very moment!

Getting the right job takes some thought. What can the job-seeker do best? Who needs such services most? How can he let them know his abilities are available? WRA can help answer these questions.

There is no prejudice, no discrimination, no exploitation on the part of most of the intelligent employers in Los Angeles.

They know that Nisei and Issei are really good workers.

But few employers have the time to hire "sight unseen". You have to be here in person.

Get in circulation -- the jobs will then seek you out!

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THREE
NISEI
APPOINTED
TO WRA STAFF
IN SANTA ANA

"Who Better Than the Relocatees Themselves Can Help Other Returnees to Resettle?"

Mrs. Sally Tsujimoto;)
Miss Kimiko Tanaka;) THESE 3 ---
Harry Tanouye))

* Are now on the job in Santa Ana to assist relocatees.

* Sally is the wife of Pfc. George Tsujimoto, and has had 1½ years experience with WRA, including Washington, D.C. Previously she worked for the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

* Kimiko is a native of Orange County (Santa Ana's in that county). She recently returned with her family to the home on Verano Road from Poston. She has four brothers in the nation's armed services, one fighting in the Pacific, two stationed in Italy and the other at Ft. Snelling.

* Harry we told about on Aug. 7. He was thrice wounded in action, for until very recently he was S/Sgt. Tanouye of the United States Army. He has a number of outstanding military decorations, including the Purple Heart, which he never talks about. Before the war he was a successful L. A. businessman. (He knows his way about Hollywood.)

* The Santa Ana Register of August 9 carried a good story including picture of these three Nisei....When you get to Santa Ana you will, we hope, meet them in person. They are on the job to serve you. They know the ropes.

"MIRA IS LIVING IN A NEW WORLD"

"KK-KLUXISM ON THE WEST COAST"

"NO JAPS WANTED?"

READ THESE 3 "FEATURE CLIPS" ENCLOSED WITH THIS RELEASE -- JUST ISSUED!

Only a few extra copies are available here.
If you need some of them, call on us for them.
We suggest you use them where they can be read by all.

Hitler rose to power on "Down With the Jews".....
There are some in this country who say "Down With the Japs".....
War's End means an open field for demagogues.....
Don't let them get started. Keep posted and know the answers!

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H O U S I N G

Difficult? Yes!

Impossible? No!

ALREADY over 6,000 evacuees have returned and successfully settled in California. (30% of all leaving Centers this year)

ALMOST 2,500 of these relocatees are in the nine counties that comprise Southern California. (2,000 in L. A. county.)

AND all of them are living under roofs --

YES, they have found "housing".

PROBABLY 1,000 more will find housing in the next few weeks, here in Southern California.

THOSE that come after that may be disappointed, because the war-workers leaving may be offset by service men returning.

NOT that relocatees will displace service men. They won't. But the housing situation will tighten generally.

"FIRST come, first served" is the way it works.

WHEN winter comes, housing opportunities may go.

"NOW" is a hackneyed word, but it is full of meaning!

"JOB OPPORTUNITIES will grow scarcer as time goes on. A gradual reconversion to peacetime industry has begun. It is certainly opportune to get out of the Centers quickly and get in on the ground floor of employment while you can. Don't put it off."

THE EMPLOYMENT ANGLE AS SEEN BY REV. NISHI

(Rev. Shunji Forrest Nishi, from Cleveland)

FIRST COACHELLA VALLEY NISEI WINS COMMISSION --

Robert Sakai, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sakai who are returning to the Valley from Poston, has been commissioned a 2d Lieutenant. He is the first of the Coachella Valley Nisei to receive a commission.

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"M I S U N D E R S T A N D I N G S"

Everyone, regardless of race, is up against some touchy situations in these days of war shortages -- which are bound to continue for some time through the days of peace.

Relocatees shop and do business and mix with the public -- hardly a soul gives them as much as a second glance....people are too busy with their own problems, and anyway it's hard to distinguish between the various races of the Orient. Who can say this man is a Korean, that a Chinese, that a Filipino?

Yes, it is true that some misunderstandings will arise, for everyone is a bit on edge. But those misunderstandings are individual -- not racial.

Those away for over 3 years will find it takes a little time to get the swing of every-day life again.... But be objective in viewpoint!

Misunderstandings arise daily with all of the citizens. Laugh them off!

IF YOU KNEW SUZIE . . .

IT'S A COMMON SIGHT these days to see some of the old pioneer returnees look at a newly arrived one and speculate -- my, how time flies! There were only ?? evacuees when I journeyed back to Ellay, and now you see them in all the familiar dives. (Welcomed too!)

Seems the Tong King Low chop suey eatery is the mecca for most evacuees every week-end. From one table to another, people recognize each other (after 3 years), yelling "Oh -- when did you come back?" -- "What camp were you in?" -- and the conversation continues. The aftermath of which is that each one is convinced they were in the BEST camp. . . . And also glad to be back in Ellay!

NATURALLY I'm inclined to believe Manzanar can't be beat, yup! it's that good. Oh come on now, I know your camp MAY be better, but how's about letting Snoopy Suzie put in a plug for her own terrain?

-- SNOOPY SUZIE.

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NOW --- LET'S WIN THE PEACE!

* "After all we were fighting a war against racial theories -- and it wouldn't make much sense if we won it over there and lost it over here."

-- Frank Sinatra.

* "I believe now the soldier is coming back as a world citizen, and he is going to take a different attitude toward the provincial way of life which discriminates against people of other races."

-- Lieut. Jackie Coogan.

* "Fascism is an all-encompassing thing -- found all over the world, I mean. Nazism is just one branch of fascism depending mainly on stirring up hatred between races."

-- Bill Mauldin.

* "What is religious and racial understanding but getting along with your fellow man -- the other fellow? Let's make 'the brotherhood of man' more than a pretty phrase. Let's make it work!"

-- Bette Davis.

* "The German people believed in 'race superiority' and were out to murder everyone who didn't agree with them. The Germans figured that if enough of us talk this race-bunk, we'll get to fighting among ourselves. That'll weaken us so much we'll be easy pickings next time."

-- Humphrey Bogart.

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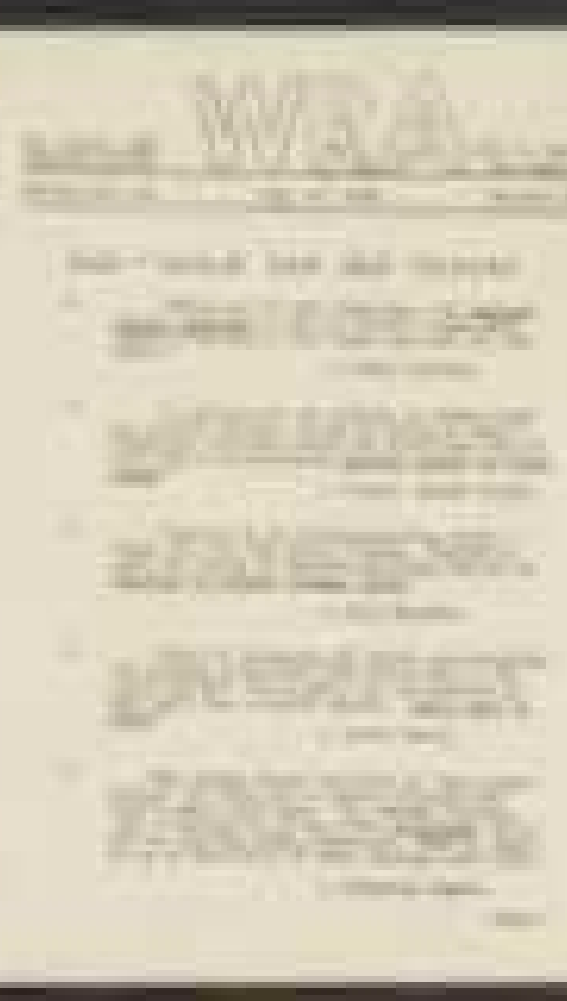

* "The militarists of Japan were our enemy -- not the people of Japan. We should not seek revenge on the people of Japan who are innocent."

-- Chiang Kai-shek.

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MATT WEINSTOCK'S COLUMN, Los Angeles Daily News, Aug. 15, 1945:

"THE SANEST, most selfless approach we've heard to this uncertain future came, oddly enough, from a marine major, a flyer who has been in combat since Guadalcanal. It's up to the men who have done the fighting, he said, to bring the lessons of cooperation and unity they've learned in battle to those at home, and thus break down the selfishness they find on their return home."

LOS ANGELES EXAMINER (Hearst paper), News Story, Aug. 15, 1945:

"FIVE YOUNGSTERS with unmistakable Japanese faces are down there (celebrating with the crowd on Broadway, Los Angeles), having as good a time as anybody, and nobody pays the slightest attention to them. This is America!"

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FOR MEN ONLY -- I guess you fellas know that gas rationing has been lifted. Well -- what are you waiting for? I hope you haven't forgotten those griefs about not having enough gas to take your gal on a real date with a car. (PS -- any fellow with a car is nothing less than POPULAR down here. It seems everyone wants a car but insists on waiting a little longer for a BETTER BUY -- but when they see a "Boochi" with a car passing by, you can hear their groans a good mile away!)

IF YOU KNEW SUZIE

To give you a good description of the transportation facilities we have now: They're just wonderful...On V-J Day, it took me exactly 45 minutes to travel from 11th & Main to 6th & Main! Traffic isn't all that bad, but I'll admit if 2 streetcars pass you up and you're able to get the third, you're doing OK!

-- SNOOPY SUZIE.

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WAR'S END . . .

BACK TO NORMAL !

NOW that it's all over 'over there,' it's good to see Japanese-American children again walking hand-in-hand with their American schoolmates.

NOW, most generally, the public is aware of the facts . . . that the evacuees did everything in their power to cooperate with the U. S. Government; that they willingly turned in everything the Government asked for; that they have proved loyal wherever trust has been invoked.

THIS awareness has also broadened the American understanding of the Japanese born here, and of their Issei parents who left Japan years ago to come here so their children might have a greater, democratic opportunity.

YES, the public is beginning to realize fully that we are all of one cause; that the American-Japanese belong; that they are a definite part of the U.S.A.

IN a vast majority of cases, returnees will find with little effort that they can again make themselves a part of the American community. With the war over, the doors are opened wide for this effort.

THAT does not mean that the highway ahead is not beset with obstacles. Housing, employment and definite world-peace are three steep hills ahead for all classes regardless of race, creed or color.

MERELY keep this thought uppermost in mind: YOU ARE AN AMERICAN. THINK AND ACT AS AN AMERICAN.

AND, as one who is loyal and true to the very cause for which you sacrificed so materially, remember that tolerance of others' misunderstanding is one of the very strongest virtues of REAL Americanism!

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NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Offered By Reconversion

THOUSANDS of new jobs will be created by public needs in Southern California as reconversion sets in.

AS WAR JOBS in aircraft and shipbuilding are cut down, new fields will open -- and most of them will be very suitable for relocatees! Here are some of the lines offering the greatest job opportunities:

Service Industries;
Small Retail Stores and Shops;
Apparel and Garment Manufacturing;
Furniture Making;
Household Equipment;
Home Construction;
Automotive, Tires, Service Stations;
Radio Retailing and Service;
Fruit and Vegetable Growing & Marketing;
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate;
Trucking and Small Transportation;
Household Maintenance & Gardening;
Wholesaling & Jobbing of Household Goods;
New Industries Making Small Civilian Items;
Highway Construction & Maintenance;
Household Employment.

Most of these jobs will fill a vacuum created by the war. In home building, for example, construction has been dormant for over 10 years. During the depression there was no money to build. During the war, no materials were available.

For returnees, the job opportunities will probably be better than during the war. That is because most of the war industries did not employ Nisei or Issei.

And for the relocatee wishing to go into business for himself, willing to start in a small way, work hard and build up, the Opportunities were Never Better.

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. . . Just Fiction, But Sometimes

Fiction Speaks Louder Than Facts.

SOLDIER ASLEEP

A short-short condensation of
a feature in "Classmate" Magazine
for August 12, 1945

By Margaret Leighton

When Lissa, the blonde counter girl, arrived at Ed's Crossroads Lunch Room the place was empty except for a little soldier asleep on a bench in the corner.

"He come in about a hour ago an' said he was to meet some buddies here," said Sam, the big Negro who worked nights cleaning up. "He seemed all tuckered out -- but I'll get him out if you say -- ?"

"Leave him sleep," Lissa said, surprised at the note of anxious apology in Sam's voice.

She looked at the sprawled figure. The newly risen sun gleamed on the row of bright ribbons across the breast of his tunic. His arms thrown upward covered his face entirely.

"Dead to the world, the poor little guy!" said Lissa. "From the looks of them ribbons, he's earned it!"

"I didn't know -- with Mr. Ed talkin' like he does --" Sam said.

"Say, what's got into you?" Lissa asked indignantly. "He's a soldier ain't he? Since when did Ed start turning a soldier out? Let him alone!"

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Lissa went about her work serving the incoming truck drivers. "Imagine old Ed putting a soldier out of the place!" she said to one of them. "Why, there ain't a more patriotic man in this county. Can't do enough for the boys in uniform, he can't. Many's the free meal he's handed out....maybe you didn't know it, but his youngest boy, Johnny, was on Corregidor and died in one of them Jap prison camps. Ed takes it awful hard."

"So that's it," Mac, the truck driver, said. "I wondered why he lit into me so hard when I come through from carrying a load to the Jap Relocation Camp up beyond here."

Ed himself had come in. He took up the conversation. "Some says to send 'em all back to Japan after the war. But I says, why wait until then?" Ed's voice was feverish in its intensity. "Just mow 'em down there at the camp and shovel 'em under!"

Now Ed had spotted the sleeping soldier, whose face was still concealed. Ed's face softened. "I'm glad he can sleep," he said. "Look at all them ribbons! Flyin' Cross! Purple Heart! Silver Star! That boy's seen action! I'll give him a special steak dinner on the house."

Brakes squealed outside. Two stalwart soldiers came in. "Say, any of you seen --" one of them began anxiously.

"It's O.K. -- here he is," the other said. He shook the sleeper vigorously. "On your feet, Taka, boy. It's us, Mike an' Slim."

The little soldier stirred and sat up. A stifled gasp ran through the room. Unmistakably he was Japanese!

"I'm sure glad Taka found a place to wait here with all you right guys," one of the soldiers said. "I don't mind tellin' you he's had it pretty bad since we got home. He wanted to visit his folks at the Relocation Camp." He paused. "I don't suppose you-all can imagine it, but there's people in this country can be awful mean to a fellow who looks Japanese. It don't seem like America. Honest, it's made some of us wonder what we been fightin' for." The room was very quiet.

It was Ed himself who broke the spell. A flush had risen to his face. He drew a long breath. When he spoke his voice was low.

"Don't you worry, son," he said. "It's the same country, all right. Folks make mistakes sometimes, that's all. Now, you boys got time for some breakfast? Okay? . . . Three steaks, on the house, Lissa!"

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V-J DAY PLUS ONE WEEK --

CHECK-UP SHOWS "O.K."

Housing -- Certainly it will improve as war-workers return to the mid-west.

Employment -- Civilian employment opens as shipyards and aircraft (which never offered relocatees jobs anyway) are sharply cut down.

Acceptance -- Any antipathy caused by the war has been forgotten. When the war ended, returnees celebrated along with everyone else, and no one paid any special attention to them.

CHILDREN FINE AS PLAYMATES WELCOME THEM AT ORPHANS HOMES IN L. A. AFTER LEAVING CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, MANZANAR.

From Children's Village, Manzanar, 45 orphans departed, 10 of them destined for Los Angeles.

On Aug. 17 the 8 girls entered Frances De Pauw School, and the 2 boys Spanish-American Institute. Both of these homes are operated by Methodist affiliations, but have no racial or religious restrictions though most of their young charges are of Spanish-American descent.

"The Nisei children from Manzanar are getting along fine," both homes report. "They are just the same as the other children to both their playmates and their teachers."

Before accepting the responsibility of these Manzanar girls, the Frances De Pauw heads called the older girls together and asked them how they felt about it. The girls voted "yes" -- unanimously.

HERE'S HARRY TANOUYE AGAIN! The James V. Gresham Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hollywood, accepted him as a member August 16. Incidentally Harry spoke at a meeting of Hollywood Lions Club at the Garden of Allah, Hollywood, August 15.

"VFW UNANIMOUSLY VOTES TO ADMIT NISEI WAR HERO" -- Headline in Hollywood Citizen-News, Aug. 17, 1945.

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SOCIAL WELFARE

Public and private welfare agencies in the 9 counties of Southern California do not discriminate (with the possible exception of Imperial County, which so far has held up requests.)

As time spent in centers is not counted one way or the other in figuring legal residence, both Nisei and Issei are eligible for "resettlement assistance" funds, aid to dependent children, aid to blind, general county relief, and other aid from public and private agencies.

However, Issei, due to lack of citizenship, are not eligible for old-age assistance (but are eligible for general county relief.)

County aid requires residence of 3 years in the state, and the county responsible is the one in which applicant last lived for one year.

Social Security Board "resettlement assistance" funds, administered by counties, take care of emergency needs.

WRA case summaries help determine legal residence. Then, on arrival in the county, personal application is made, with assistance of WRA district offices.

Those having social welfare needs should not hesitate to inquire. Remember -- there is no discrimination on the part of social welfare agencies, either public or private.

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UNCLAIMED REWARD

"NO ONE has yet come forward to claim the reward. Perhaps our offer has deterred hoodlums and those backing them from pulling any more of the rough stuff."

So says the American Civil Liberties Union in its publication, "The Open Forum", August 18. A month ago they offered $1000 for arrest, conviction and incarceration in a state penal institution of anyone attacking returnees.

"Anyhow", they add, "almost no unseemly incidents of the kind that took place previously in the San Joaquin Valley have occurred during the past 30 days."

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REV. KENJI KIKUCHI PAVES WAY FOR SAN DIEGO RELOCATEES

"San Diego is favorable to the returnees. Not a single incident of anti-Japanese feeling has been recorded. I'm most anxious that you tell those in the centers that they will receive friendly treatment when they come home. They should make every effort to leave the centers now."

So declares Rev. Kenji Kikuchi, pastor of the Japanese Congregational Christian Church at 431 Thirteenth St., San Diego. For he is glad to be back. And so is his family -- his wife Yoshiko and their children Anna, Elizabeth, Marian, David and Thomas. They live in the church building (which has also been used to store evacuees' goods), and have accomodated 117 persons with meals and lodging -- not more than a dozen at a time -- since they came home June 19.

Back in 1942 Dr. Kikuchi sold his car for $40 half an hour before the evacuation train left....on his return this year he paid $70 for a bicycle!

His church is a real "community center" for returnees. The San Diego Congregational Churches have helped out financially, and a hostel is assured. But Dr. Kikuchi is devoting all his time to helping relocatees get adjusted. On Sunday afternoons he holds church services too.

"Yes, I'm proud of our young Americans of Japanese descent who have helped win the war," the Rev. Kikuchi declares. "Of the 139 Nisei from the San Diego district who are serving or served in the United States armed forces, 58 are members of this church."

Both Dr. Kikuchi and his wife graduated from the American Mission School in Japan. Now 46, he came to the United States in 1924, and his children were all born in Orange County.

At Santa Anita Assembly Center and then at Poston he continued to hold church services. From Poston he went to Chicago, where he spent a year on the staff of the United Ministry Federation aiding evacuees.

He calls attention to the many of his congregation who received the Purple Heart award. Three San Diego families each have 4 Nisei sons in the armed forces. There are four cadet nurses from San Diego, all members of Dr. Kikuchi's church -- and also one WAC.

A few days before V-J day he sent out his 200th church bulletin to church members throughout the nation. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of obtaining his master's degree in theology at Princeton. A year of peace -- to a man of God.

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AMPLE LEGAL COUNSEL -- FREE!

WRA provides experienced legal service through John S. Meaney, Area Attorney in the Los Angeles office here. He is prepared to advise Nisei and Issei on any and all legal matters. Mr. Meaney formerly was in the San Francisco office, and for a while acted as project attorney at the Granada Center.

Also, the Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles has 11 attorneys who volunteer to act gratis for Japanese-Americans. Their address is 229 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, phone MIchigan 2641. Morris Cohn is chairman.

For some time the American Civil Liberties Union, 257 So. Spring St., Los Angeles, phone MIchigan 9708, has had an offer of free legal representation on behalf of Japanese-Americans. Now they add that they are especially interested in cases of discrimination in securing sales tax licenses.

The Legal Aid Foundation, 106 W. Third St., Los Angeles, phone MUtual 9126, offers its services without fee to people of all races, including of course those of Japanese descent.

JOE MOODY -- American Employer

OUT OF 110 employees of the A. Moody & Co. mattress manufacturing firm in Los Angeles, 28 are Nisei and Issei.

General Manager Joe Moody is in the top brackets of those genuine Americans who do practical deeds on the right side.

When one of the first returnees he hired met with some opposition from other employees, he gave the staff the real facts about Americanism, fair play, cooperation, unity -- and won their whole-hearted support.

Ex-S/Sgt. Harry Tanouye stresses a real point with his view of the Moody initiative: "I hope the returnees will remember to show their appreciation of his work."

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AWARDED FIRST PRIZE
AMONG ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES

7th War Loan Drive
Brings 100% Participation from Nisei

"All of the Japanese-Americans connected with the War Relocation Authority here subscribed to the 7th War Loan.

"This was revealed yesterday by Wright L. Felt, regional coordinator (of the War Loan Drive), as he had presented employees with the 'outstanding accomplishment award'. The award was in the form of an inscribed photograph of Admiral Ernest J. King.

"Paul G. Robertson, area supervisor for WRA, who accepted the award, said his staff had over-subscribed its quota by 621%." (And won first prize among all the Federal agencies.)

-- L. A. Daily News, August 24, 1945.

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EDDIE KITOW BACK IN IMPERIAL VALLEY -- Jess Worley in his column "Good Afternoon" says in the San Diego Tribune-Sun: "Eddie Kitow and his wife, both Stanford grads and universally accepted before Pearl Harbor as highly Americanized...were a definite part of Imperial Valley business and social life. As a broker at Calexico, Kitow was respected on both sides of the border...He was always the same friend of Americans...After the government said he could legally return, he determined to first visit and consult his old friends...He asked frankness, and received it."

YETSU E. OTSUKA AWARDED BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- He left the safety of his foxhole to aid wounded comrades caught in a heavy barrage of German artillery and mortar fire in France. Of his own initiative he dashed through an intense fire to carry a fellow soldier of the 442d Infantry to cover. For this Pfc. Yetsu E. Otsuka of Santa Ana was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

FRED I. KOBAYASHI COMMISSIONED -- This son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kobayashi of Santa Ana was recently commissioned an Army 2d Lieut. at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is a graduate of Santa Ana Jr. College, and was a Tech. 5th Grade before his commissioning.

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HUMOR ITEM -- Gracia D. Booth, well known for her deeply sympathetic work with returnees, was in a new beauty shop when she noted a girl, face wrapped in towels, who looked like a returnee. "Is she Chinese or Japanese?" she inquired of the beautician. Mrs. Booth was speechless when the operator answered "If it makes any difference to you, get right out of here and get out quick!"

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"HATE AND INTOLERANCE

DO NOT BELONG IN A DEMOCRACY" -- Rep. Samuel Dickstein

Congressional Hearing on Immigration Laws
Held in Los Angeles with Dickstein as Chairman) Highlights

For 2 days, Aug. 27 & 28, Congressman Dickstein (Dem., N.Y.) and several members of his House sub-committee on naturalization heard pros and cons on citizenship of both Issei and those Nisei who asked for expatriation some time ago. Coming to Los Angeles from San Francisco hearings, the Committee sounded out the public (or at least interested organizations) of Southern California for the benefit of Congress.

To the Native Sons of the Golden West, whom he referred to as "super-restrictionists so far as the oriental is concerned", he said: "I think your organization should study more closely the democratic principles of equality."

It was surprising how many civic leaders appeared to speak on behalf of the people of Japanese descent in the United States. Then of course there was opposition too. But it did not seem very impressive.

The Native Sons, who had stressed unassimilability on inter-marriage grounds, hedged the second day by declaring then that inter-marriage was only a minor consideration in the question of unassimilability.

"Certain members of Congress make me sick," Chairman Dickstein said. "They fight to keep the front door closed against aliens, yet leave the back door open for them (referring to 50 or 100 thousand Mexican nationals believed to be here illegally) to pour in."

The testimony of the "pros", which seemed to meet with the general approval of the committee, was that no persons now legally resident in the United States should be deprived of naturalization solely because of race or ancestry. Persons of Japanese descent now living in the continental U.S., who are loyal, should be allowed to become citizens on the same basis as anyone else -- especially those Issei who have sons or daughters in the U. S. armed forces. They -- both Issei and Nisei -- should not be discriminated against because of racial origin.

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(Dickstein Hearing cont.)

No aliens of Japanese descent, particularly those in the U. S. for some years, should be deported against their will, the "pros" contended, unless there is evidence of disloyalty. "Democracy has nothing to do with the color of one's skin."

Returnees are being accepted in Southern California communities and are fitting well into the industrial world here, it was testified by those who have personal knowledge.

The "antis" tried to show that their position was not one of "prejudice".

When Congress gets back on the job next week the whole matter will have its early attention -- though it may be some time before action of any kind is taken.

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D O N 'T S I T T O O T I G H T . . .

Strange, the rapidity of the change. . . It seems only yesterday we faced those "No Japs" signs. . . Now they read: "Japanese Wanted." . . . And this in the face of the jobless thousands perpetrated by reconversion. . . . The phone rings and a man says he'd like to get a Japanese couple. . . The husband as a gardener, the wife as a housekeeper. . . We try to consummate the deal only to find from the district office there are scores of such requests that cannot be filled until more returnees arrive. . . Jobs with the housing problem solved, and yet not enough returnees to meet the demand! . . . The crop-help situation also beckons the Japanese with a similar good-feeling of "come on, let's go". . . But the housing problem isn't so easily solved in this field without help from WRA and its affiliated groups. . . All of which brings to mind the possibility of real news in this direction shortly. . . News of housing solutions that may tend to break the bottleneck on the home-problem that's been facing the public at large. . . There is one thing for sure, however, and that is something for the sit-tighters at the centers to ponder: Those who delay return just a bit too long will be LAST. . . in the line of opportunity!

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SNOOPY SUZIE SAYS

AN OPPORTUNIST is one who knows that he who hesitates is LAST. Well, I guess we have plenty of them here among the returnees who are flowing back into So. Calif. areas slowly -- but surely!

Did you ask "what about HOUSING"? As far as I know, it's still "puka puka" but that doesn't prove anything. Last January conditions were -- you know -- but where in the world have these 5,000 returnees settled all during the time since? Did you say hyaw, hyaw! -- ??? -- Well hyaws to your housing problems -- war workers are trekking home, hundreds per day!

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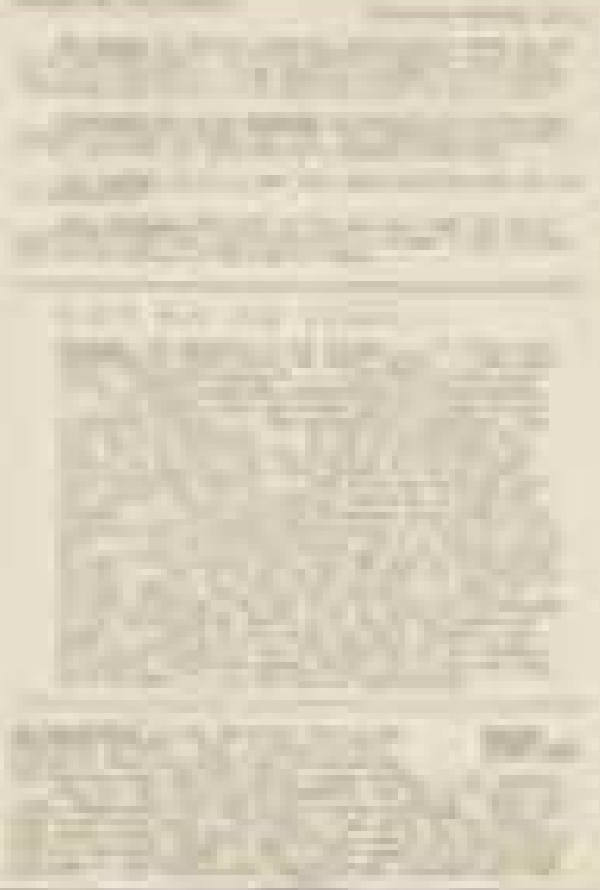

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WE DON'T MIND YOUR LOOKING

OVER OUR SHOULDER - - - - -

. . . . . As We Read the Morning's Mail

From the Santa Barbara office, District Relocation Officer Eric Thomsen writes William Huso, Relocation Program Officer of the Gila River Center, Rivers, Ariz.:

". . . frequently the daily correspondence recites just such human interest stories. Here are a couple more of such incidents:

"Mr. and Mrs. Tokumatsu Shiosaki recently brought their family from the Center under the impression that he had housing for them. It turned out to be a misunderstanding on his part. Meanwhile, he was left with a wife and two children and no place to go. A Mexican couple with five children immediately took them in as guests in their own cramped quarters, and they ate and slept and lived there for the next week and the week after that.

"When we caught on to this combination, I complimented the Mexicans on their neighborliness. They dismissed it with an embarrassed grin and said with genuine conviction, 'After all, they had no place to go. People must live somewhere. We are glad to have them.' When I protested that their own resources were slender and they weren't in a position to extend unlimited hospitality, the man and wife both gaily waved their hands and said, 'Oh sure, but some day when you have no home, we take you in too!'

"This incident may not be representative of all Mexican families; but when the Japanese recently returned to Oxnard and went to the Buddhist Church, there was a considerable number of Mexicans waiting for them as a friendly neighborhood committee bidding them welcome home. They had done this entirely voluntarily of their own good-heartedness and we were delighted to see it."

Thomsen continues that there is one angle to this "Shiosaki experience and that is the unadjusted Issei group should be warned against making independent arrangements without making quite sure of their ground. For here is a distressed family that need not have been in that position; nevertheless we are doing all we can for them..."

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Just how Thomsen tackled this situation seriously is attested by another letter that same day to Al Dryer, General House Manager of the Federal Public Housing Authority at Oxnard. It reads:

"In a few days I'll be in Oxnard to give you the application of Mr. Tokumatsu Shiosaki for a 2-bedroom apt. or its equivalent. He, his wife and two children (age 12 and 14) recently arrived in Oxnard, which has been their home for the past 30 years or more. They've looked in vain for a place to live. At present they are sleeping on the floor of some makeshift house occupied by a Mexican family that includes 5 children.

"We are prepared to document their condition as constituting the sort of 'unusual hardship' which will classify them as a 'distressed family' under provision of NHA Reg. 60-14 effective July 13 on Public Regulations -- Housing for Distressed Families of Veterans and Servicemen.

"Mr. Shiosaki has two sons serving with the United States Army in Europe.

"The object of this note is chiefly to acquaint you with our intention to qualify this family under your regulations."

Still more human interest creeps into the mail with such other incidents as . . .

"A day or two later Taki Asakura and I went to Saticoy and Santa Paula. As we stopped in Santa Paula for gas, the local Standard distributor was just delivering another tank load. Looking over my shoulder he noted my credit slip signature and said 'Oh, you're the WRA guy. Gee -- that's great! How are the Kimuras?'

"It so happened that Alice Kimura had written expressing misgivings about her parents returning. No family has yet come back to Santa Paula, so this was our first sample of community sentiment. The Standard man's name was Hall, and it turned out he was next door neighbor to the Kimuras for many years. He said: 'Why, the Kimuras have nothing to worry about. They were one of the finest families we ever had in Santa Paula. Everybody knows that and any number of people will be glad to see them back. They won't have the slightest trouble in Santa Paula.'"

Well, there are many more...they depict the timidity of evacuees and their surprise when they find the world they return to is not hostile at all -- indeed it goes out of its way to be friendly!

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THE ROMANCE OF A BETTER WORLD . . .

Based Upon You And "The Other Fellow."

In one of those letter-to-the-editor items, appearing in the Sacramento Bee Aug. 23, "Mrs. B. G." uses as her theme "Now we love you, now we don't."

She proves up by citing that in 1756 we loved the British and hated the French, but that in 1776 we hated the British and loved the French. . . again in 1799 we hated the French again. . . and so on and so forth. . . until in 1900 we loved the Japanese and hated the Chinese because of the Boxer Rebellion. . . but in 1936 we loved the Chinese and started to hate the Japanese for picking on them. . . with a growing animosity that culminated in the big hate based upon Pearl Harbor. The war's over. What now?

Mrs. B. G. signs off with "It does not take brains to hate, but it takes plenty of all you've got to love."

Evidently it's about time we got our hates and loves straightened out for a better world. Hate breeds war. Love breeds peace. The answer is rather plain.

Every nation must learn to get along with. . . other nations.

Individually, everyone must learn to get along with . . . the other fellow. . . to respect his rights, ambitions, and even recognize his frailties with an uplifting understanding.

And, right now, an excellent example of "the other fellow" is the evacuated person of Japanese descent who is returning to Southern California to resume the normal living to which he is entitled under the law. . . the very principles for which we fought what we hope is the last war. . . Americanism in mind and heart.

With somewhat that thought in mind, Manchester Boddy, publisher of the L. A. Daily News, recounted on Aug. 29 some of his own earlier mental problems. He writes of a sort of "discovery" he made. It's a swell formula for you and this nation of yours. Here it is:

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"I discovered that if I wanted to get anywhere in a tough, competitive life, I would have to get along with people; that people didn't have to get along with me. People, I learned, don't like a fellow who is mad at the world. They kid him along, humor him, agree with him -- but when it comes to a showdown, they just don't want him on their ball team.

"Another thing I found out was that people like appreciation. Not trade-last swapping or hypocritical apple-polishing, but a genuine, intelligent appreciation. It's really surprising how many unsuspecting talents that fellow right next to you possesses. Almost everyone has a special talent for something. What I mean by appreciation is finding out about the other fellow's talents and giving them the appreciation they merit.

"One can usually see what he is looking for. Some who want to enlarge upon their own good points, do so by exaggerating the other fellow's bad points. That may, temporarily, bolster one's faltering self-confidence, but it is not the way to get along."

All of the returning Japanese are PEOPLE of America. The big majority of them are Americans by birth. "The other fellow" referred to above might easily be one of them.

AMERICANS, ALL...

Tuesday morning 2 coaches of Japanese-Americans returning to the West Coast from Poston arrived at Union Station, L. A., pulling alongside a troop train of GI's.

One coach was destined for L. A. and vicinity. The returnees disembarked in good order. The other coach was to be connected for Salinas and Monterey.

While awaiting the train hook-up, the inmates suffering from the intense heat of L. A.'s record-breaking Indian Summer left the coach to seek rest and shade on the lawn. Many, however, were ill. One fainted.

The GI's never hesitated. They came to the rescue of the returnees with ice-packs and stimulants that dispelled all doubts about race feeling...The Infantrymen were Americans -- all.

It has happened that certain newspapers' photographers have at times attempted to show troops "glaring" at returnees in "bitterness" -- actually they didn't notice the returnees as far as could be seen in such photos. Well, this time those photographers were conspicuous by their absence!

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Sept. 7, 1945 Afternoon
Editions -- or Later.

Japanese-Americans
Will Help Army
Straighten Out Japan

Now it can be told that Nisei (American-Japanese) in the United States Army, trained at a secret U. S. Army school at Fort Snelling, Minn., are being dispatched to General MacArthur's command to join many other Americans of Japanese descent already doing intelligence and interpreting work for the U. S. Army of Occupation in Japan.

Few Americans speak Japanese; many Nisei soldiers are among those that do. A special group of them trained for responsible work in the Pacific, has been one of the Army's top secrets. Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell has revealed the operation of this school and according to the War Relocation Authority has declared "the loyalty of these men is unquestioned. They are doing a magnificent job -- not a one has gone sour."

These American-Japanese will be the language bridge through which the United States will carry out its occupation of Japan. They are part of 20,000 men and women of Japanese descent serving with the American armed forces.

"The most important responsibilities left to us hereafter are the awakening of defeated Japan from her delusions of militarism, and properly guiding her down a path of democracy," says T/5 Shigekazu Sakaguchi, who spoke for the graduates of the class at this Army school. "Only when the bell of freedom tolls throughout the world is our mission accomplished."

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RETURNEES FIND FRIENDLY ACCEPTANCE IN PASADENA -- BUT HOUSING IS A PROBLEM REGARDLESS OF RACE

At Pasadena Junior College there are 33 Nisei -- and 200 war veterans of other races.

"At first the Nisei kept together in groups," says a story in the Pasadena Star-News about the opening of school, "but the groups soon broke up and there was a mingling with other students and friends at the school as in prewar days."

> And the same paper had a photo of Helen Morita from Gila River being welcomed by Jane Pedley, former aircraft worker who is now a fellow student.

No trouble at Pasadena J. C.! Nor are there "incidents" anywhere in Southern California any more.

> Another story in the same Pasadena paper told of 3 Pasadena Nisei being decorated. The D.S.C. was awarded posthumously to Pvt. Joe Hayashi, whose sister Kiyo is at Heart Mountain. And 1st Sgt. George Tageo Noguchi and Pfc. Henry Hideo Noguchi, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Takejiro Noguchi, both received Bronze Star medals.

What is the "other side" of the picture for relocatees? A reporter sent out by one Los Angeles paper called at Evergreen Hostel and wrote a story headlined "Nisei Look for Jobs, Homes -- Evergreen Hostel Lends Hand, But Getting Re-Established Isn't Easy."

This reporter found that the Teamsters Union is closed to returnees; they can't get auto or fire insurance at the usual rates; housing is a problem to everyone regardless of race; and while the hostel is swamped with demands for gardeners and household workers who can live on the place, "from servant-starved families in Beverly Hills," employers in non-service trades may show a reluctance to hire them.

> "But," the reporter continues, "the schools have done a good job, with the children obviously prepared to receive the newcomers with friendliness."

As the Star-News quoted Miss Helen Morita: "IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE BACK!"

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ON THE AIR

THURSDAY
SEPT. 27, 1945

7 - 7:30 p.m., Pacific War Time

DON LEE - MUTUAL NETWORK
(Coast to Coast)
originating KHJ, Hollywood

TUNE IN:	*	LOS ANGELES	KHJ	930 k.c.
	*	SAN DIEGO	KGB	1360 " "
	*	SANTA BARBARA	KDB	1490 " "
	*	SANTA ANA	KVOE	1490 " "
	*	EL CENTRO	KXO	1230 " "

"THE FAMILY NAGASHI"

(THE ARCH OBOLER SHOW!)

A Radio Dramatization
of a Nisei Soldier
Returning from Italy
To the Home Front
And How He Meets
the Problems He Finds

ARCH OBOLER is Hollywood's foremost radio writer-producer. He has written "The Family Nagashi" at our suggestion, as his contribution toward fighting racism in this nation.

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NOTE TO HOSTELS, COMMITTEES, Etc.:

You may wish to post this. If so just clip on dotted line and put the above part on your bulletin board. We feel confident you and your friends will enjoy this dramatic program.

NOTE TO WRA DISTRICT OFFICES:

Please give each member of your staff a copy of this. Your reaction to this broadcast, and also theirs, will be very helpful. We would appreciate your sending us these comments.

REPORTS OFFICE, W. R. A.
9th floor, 1031 S. Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

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RELEASE No. 74	Sept. 21, 1945	PROJECT PAPERS

BUILDING BOOM REPORTED TO START OCT. 15.

WITH ALL federal restrictions and curbs on new construction lifted effective Oct. 15, including WPB's famed order "L-41" which limited building, it is expected that the construction of thousands of new homes will get under way immediately.

LANGDON W. POST, west coast head of FPHA, believes also that California can start a tremendous slum-clearance program under its present state laws.

NEW BUILDING, the experts agree, is the only real and definite answer to housing. Lumber stocks are being replenished.

ANOTHER NEW DEVELOPMENT is that six months is now required to evict a tenant.

OPA IS WORKING on a measure to control prices of new homes and lots, to prevent inflation.

AND, AS A MEANS of immediate housing for the returnees, housing projects formerly used exclusively for war workers have been made available to relocatees, especially those who are veterans and have families, during the past two weeks.

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RELEASE No. 75	Sept. 24, 1945	PROJECT PAPERS

R E L O C A T E E

B R I E F S !

* * * * (Reports Just as
They're Received
From Our Staff Correspondents)

HUNTINGTON BEACH -- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Akiyama returned to their goldfish farm several months ago and have had no trouble of any sort. He drives a fine Buick super-8. He bought 50 chickens of me today. He employs several returnees and says his business is good.

EL CENTRO -- The big Barbara Worth Hotel now has a Japanese second cook, working with Filipinos.

WESTWOOD HILLS, L. A. -- Howard Kato, Nisei, has been elected by his fellow students as president of the 9th grade class in social living at Emerson Junior High School. He comes from Manzanar.

LOS ANGELES -- Thousands saw the film, "Army-Navy Screen Magazine", depicting Nisei in action against the enemy on the Italian front. It was shown by a continuous 16-mm. motion picture projector, in sound, from behind a translucent screen in the "Americans All" booth at the annual Industrial Exposition at Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Sept. 1 - 9. The booth was sponsored by several groups of inter-racial, inter-cultural and religious problem committees. Hundreds expressed their satisfaction that such an exhibit was given, and took away many thousand pieces of literature on Nisei and other minority-races. Less than half a dozen evinced criticism. General Mark Clark's citation of the Nisei, and his stirring speech on Americanism, seemed to register deeply with those watching the picture. WRA's stock of literature was depleted at this booth.

HUNTINGTON BEACH -- Mr. and Mrs. Kanno's 20-acre asparagus ranch did well; there was a good market, and the harvest was without trouble. Their son George is now back from the Army. The Methodist minister took the Kannos to church; they sat with the minister's wife and daughter.

LOS ANGELES -- With 16 hostels now operating, more are opening up, and in addition many returnee-operated hotels are here.

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Press Release No. 48
FOR IMMEDIATE USE
Oct. 2, 1945 afternoon
editions or later

(W.R.A. CENTERS
CLOSING ON
SCHEDULE)

War Relocation Authority evacuee centers are closing on schedule, according to Paul G. Robertson, area supervisor for Southern California. He announced that the two camps of the Colorado River Center at Poston, Ariz., scheduled to close Oct. 1, actually shut down two days ahead of time. These were the first on the closing list.

The remaining camp of the three at Poston goes out of business Dec. 1. All of the other eight centers scattered throughout western states, except Tule Lake, will be "ghost towns" when the last one is boarded up Dec. 15.

Although most of those leaving the centers early this year went east, 69% of those leaving Poston in the last ten days of September headed for California. In addition it is expected that a good many now in the east will decide to come to the west coast.

There have been no serious difficulties except on the problem of housing, in the closing of these camps, Robertson said. "Cooperation has come from many sources," he added. "The Los Angeles Association of Congregational Churches & Ministers, for example, unanimously voted at their recent annual meeting:

"'Resolved that the churches of our association recognize with gratitude that the way is now open for the return of the Japanese-Americans to California. We urge our churches to make every effort to welcome them home and assist them with their problems of readjustment.'"

Robertson also pointed out that the closing of the WRA centers is mandated by Congress under WRA's appropriation. After all the centers are closed, WRA itself will wind up its affairs.

"Housing, our biggest problem, is one that calls for cooperation of southern California communities, because these relocatees lived here before and were moved out through no fault of their own," he added. "There is a community responsibility for re-housing these Americans of Japanese descent."

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RELEASE No. 76	Oct. 2, 1945	PROJECT PAPERS

IMPERIAL VALLEY AGRICULTURISTS FORGET BOYCOTTS) As They View Returnees Now, In Light Of --- "G O O D B U S I N E S S"

Prejudice vanishes with personal knowledge of facts.

So reasoned Roy C. Wright, WRA District Officer at El Centro. He brought together leaders in agriculture, farm bureau and farm labor circles for a heart-to-heart talk in the court house.

The problem was put squarely before them: They couldn't ask Washington for continuance of Mexican labor -- unless they first unanimously accepted responsibility for using Japanese-American returnees wherever possible. A boycott merely meant they themselves would lose financially!

Result: a clean sweep of objections to returnees in agriculture. Public acknowledgment of this was made by officials. They will place relocatees in farm management positions; voluntary offers are coming in.

"The hatchet has been buried," Wright reports. "And the immediate response from Postonians is encouraging."

Imperial Valley papers say the return of the evacuees has been marked by "not a single unpleasantness."

Thus has the Imperial, long noted for feudal policies, done an about-face as changed conditions drove the facts home.

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"OLD BUYERS" CAN STILL EVICT ON ONE MONTH'S NOTICE TO O.P.A. --

The 6-months eviction notice now required by OPA is for "new buyers." "Old buyers" (those who owned prior to November, 1942) can apply to OPA for a 1-month eviction notice. Also, "new buyers" who are war veterans or "hardship cases" may apply for a reduction from the 6-months eviction notice on homes; OPA will decide each case of this kind on individual merits and may reduce the time necessary for eviction to as little as 1-month.

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HANK GOSHO (Radio!!!)

ON MUTUAL NETWORK SUNDAY

"OPINION REQUESTED" Oct. 7, 1945

BROADCAST 4 - 4:30 PM (PST)

* Notice of this has just reached us by wire.

* This broadcast is Sunday the 7th.

* Please tune in.

Los Angeles, - - - - - - - KHJ - - - 930 k.c.
San Diego, - - - - - - - - KGB - - -1360 "
Santa Ana, - - - - - - - -KVOE - - -1490 "
Santa Barbara, - - - - - - KDB - - -1490 "
El Centro, - - - - - - - - KXO - - -1230 "

AND ALL MUTUAL STATIONS COAST-TO-COAST NETWORK

"Horizontal Hank" (S/Sgt. Henry H. Gosho) served 16 months in Burma-India theatre attached to Army Combat Intelligence with General Frank Merrill's Marauders until April, 1945.

As you know he is one of the top-publicized Nisei soldiers . He volunteered for duty while at Minidoka Center. He wears Presidential Citation, Bronze Star, Pacific Ribbon with 3 campaign stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and the shoulder patch of Merrill's Marauders.

General Merrill said to his Nisei outfit, "I don't know how we would get along without you boys."

Doctors had declared Sgt. Gosho to be flat-footed and physically not qualified for combat -- despite which he wore out 4 pairs of shoes in walking 1030 miles and contracted malaria 7 times in addition to other tropical diseases, leading to a medical discharge. He is from Seattle.

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FLASH

RADIO PROGRAM

Mutual Network

7 - 7:30 PM (Pacific Standard Time)

Tuesday Evening, October 9

(Notice just came to us today by wire)

A BRIEF DRAMATIC TREATMENT OF

SPOKANE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

REJECTION OF Pfc. RICHARD NAITO

OF THE 442d COMBAT TEAM

On the Program "RETURN TO DUTY"

TUNE IN: Los Angeles.....KHJ 930 kc
San Diego.....KGB 1360 kc
Santa Ana.....KVOE 1490 kc
Santa Barbara...KDB 1490 kc
El Centro.....KXO 1230 kc
(AND ALL MUTUAL STATIONS
COAST-TO-COAST NETWORK)

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VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II GO TO BAT FOR RETURNEES IN FORMAL RESOLUTION SENT PRESIDENT TRUMAN CALLING FOR VIGOROUS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Hollywood Chapter, American Veterans' Committee, on September 24 passed a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS a new outbreak of threats, intimidations, prejudice, discrimination and violence has taken place in Northern California Communities against returning Americans of Japanese descent; and

WHEREAS these incidents have taken the form of shootings, incendiarism and vandalism; and

WHEREAS one of the latest victims is a family whose one son fell in battle and which has two sons still serving overseas; and

WHEREAS these incidents may be the prelude to a program instigated by the residuary legatees of the late Adolph Hitler's followers in the United States; and

WHEREAS public officials -- city, county, state and federal -- in certain localities are loathe to invoke laws that will stop such un-American persecution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Hollywood Chapter of the American Veterans Committee ask the President of the United States to call upon public officials, by proclamation, to immediately institute vigorous prosecution under the law of all such violations, so that such officials may recognize the necessity of enforcing the law without fear or favor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be sent to the following: President Harry S. Truman, Secretary Harold L. Ickes, Attorney General Tom Clark, State Attorney General Robert W. Kenny, Governor Earl Warren, and various chapters of the American Veterans Committee.

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SIX RECOMMENDATIONS --

FOR EMPLOYMENT

Passed by Los Angeles County Committee for Interracial Progress,
139 North Broadway, Los Angeles 12, Calif.

*** (1) THAT the non-discriminatory employment policy established during the war period be continued, to the end that all citizens of this community of all races and creeds may have equal opportunity for employment.

*** (2) THAT schools and other educational institutions which offer vocational courses be urged to adapt these courses to meet current employment needs for special skills.

*** (3) THAT the schools and other educational institutions inform minority groups about such courses and give these courses publicity through the minority press.

*** (4) THAT all agencies of public information continuously urge upon minority groups the fact that employment will largely depend upon the skill possessed by the individual, and that each person seeking employment should, therefore, avail himself of opportunities offered for the acquiring of such skills.

*** (5) THAT minority group organizations be urged to intensify their educational programs to the end that members of their group may be trained to meet the demand for skilled workmen.

*** (6) THAT members of minority groups be urged to identify themselves with social agencies, churches, labor unions, and other organizations which are assuming responsibility for securing employment for all.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PERMITS

NOW ISSUED TO ALL -- IMMEDIATELY

Court Action by A. L. Wirin and Daniel G. Marshall Forces Complete Reversal of Board Policy on Issei!

DR. KENZO SUGINO, Issei, now has his sales tax permit to engage in the optometry business in Los Angeles.

And 15 Board of Equalization permits that had been held up, have now been issued.

Furthermore, the Board agreed in writing at the court hearing Oct. 15 to hereafter grant all permits without any delay.

Checking with this state Board by 'phone at this time, we were told that all an Issei has to do is walk in and file -- his permit will be handed him at once, just as it would be to anyone else.

This is the result of petition for writ of mandate filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Catholic Interracial Council, both of Los Angeles, on behalf of Dr. Sugino.

The Board of Equalization issued Dr. Sugino's permit before the case came to hearing, not desiring to meet the issue in court, apparently; but this did not relieve them of court appearance.

So, in court Oct. 15, the Board agreed to reverse its policy. This policy had been based on member William G. Bonelli's desire to discourage returnees by making them wait indefinitely for these business licenses, even though they could not legally refuse to issue them. The State Attorney General had previously advised the Board it had no legal authority to delay these permits.

The A.C.L.U. and the Catholic Interracial Council are actively championing the cause of returnees on several other fronts as well. And it might be noted that this court action was taken by Attorney Wirin and Attorney Marshall entirely without fee.

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REPORT TO THE AREA

Release No. 2. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE Nov. 5, 1945

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Copies of this Report on the Progress of the Human Relations Committee's work in coordination with all outside affiliated groups are mailed to every name on all Reports Office Lists.

For all District Relocation Officers, samples of all newly created mailing pieces and circulars are attached.

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SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S.E.S. HIGHLIGHTED BY LECTURES, FILMS AND SPECIALIZED LITERATURE

Lt. Col. Wallace H. Moore has made several gripping addresses to So. Calif. groups, including two to U.S.E.S. (Pasadena and L. A. offices.) The latter talk was taken down by a stenographer and is available in mimeographed form. It emphasizes the need of considering Japanese-Americans and other racial minorities for all jobs, on a basis of ability, especially for skilled jobs where they are qualified -- instead of referring them to just domestic jobs and other unskilled work.

Accompanying Col. Moore's talk was a 16-mm. sound film of 20 min. length combining the "Army-Navy Screen Magazine" (depicting Nisei in action in Italy against the Germans) and "Challenge to Democracy", the latter cut, thus being condensed to shorter length. "Challenge to Democracy" portrays evacuation in 1942, life in the WRA centers, and relocation. This reel was prepared especially for USES.

A mimeographed introduction was passed out to the audience at U.S.E.S. to give the background of Col. Moore's talk.

FIRST OF SERIES OF SPECIAL POSTERS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION; EXCELLENT EYE-GRIPPER FOR LABOR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT BULLETINS

"AMERICANISM Never was a Question of Race or Ancestry" -- "We Welcome ALL AMERICANS." So reads this new poster, size 20 x 27 in., printed in red and blue. It is "Sponsored by The American Veterans Committee and The Committee on Christian Democracy."

It is the first of four posters.

Telephone your order to PR-4711, Ext. 757. As many posters as you can use will be sent on request, no charge of course. They are excellent for windows, bulletin boards, and other displays.

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RETURNEES THEMSELVES WILL PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING BY ACTING AS LIAISON NEWS "RELAYERS" BETWEEN WRA AND HOSTEL RESIDENTS

One of their own who has been through the mill of evacuation, camp life and relocation can best present the message of cooperation to Japanese-Americans now in Southern California.

Toward this end, each of the 27 hostels in greater Los Angeles has just appointed a Nisei or Issei (in most cases the hostel manager) to regularly contact WRA for specific news on housing, employment and other matters that concern returnees.

Then by heart-to-heart talks with their fellow hostel residents, these liaison representatives can put the facts before them in their own way, and personally answer their questions explicitly and clearly.

The first meeting of this group has been called by the hostel committee for Nov. 7 at the Evergreen Hostel at 506 North Evergreen Ave., Boyle Heights.

Then, by personal visit and phone and mail, each member will be kept constantly posted on current conditions.

Those who have news to put before returnees can get it to them by phoning Mr. Selsky, at PR-4711, Ext. 763 in L. A.

"HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP" --

NEW MIMEOGRAPHED LEAFLET FOR USE AT TALKS

A brief outline of 12 specific, constructive suggestions on "preventing racism, defeating discrimination and clearing the fog of prejudice" is available for speakers to pass out to the audience as a reminder of how they may cooperate.

This 2-page leaflet suggests what each citizen can do toward promoting inter-racial harmony. No special race is mentioned; it applies to all.

Let us know how many you can use. Gratis, of course!

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Release No. 3. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE Nov. 19 1945

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CONCENTRATED EFFORTS TOWARD CONCENTRATED AREAS

Much of the progress during the past week had to do with concerted public relations plans for those areas where the returning American-Japanese are being given temporary shelter in Army barracks.

This means special lines of procedure in the Harbor district, El Segundo, Santa Monica and Burbank. If you have any ideas which will alleviate the situation in these or similar areas, phone PR-4711 Ext. 757. Or write WRA, 1031 So. Broadway, L. A. 15 (Reports Office)

LT. COL. WALLACE H. MOORE'S TALK BEFORE U.S.E.S., L. A.

The mimeographed copy (10 pages) of the talk mentioned in previous issue of "Report to the Area" is now being distributed. If you haven't had a copy and would like one, contact us as above.

1,000 NEW WINDOW CARDS NOW BEING PRINTED

Here is the message on the 11x14" black-on-white, dignified window cards sponsored by Council for Civic Unity:

"We believe that
In Tolerance there is Progress...
In Good Will there is Prosperity....
In Unity there is Strength.....
We Welcome All Americans"

These are excellent for windows, counters, bulletin boards. How many can you place? Phone or write as above.

KIT AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVE CONTACTS

Here is a new aid, especially fine for placement of window cards mentioned above, and for other contacts. It's a neat little folder-type kit giving the story on anti-discrimination. You will find it enables you to get over your message by simple visual presentation. It backs up your calls and provides ready reference. A few are available to those who can give their time to making a concentrated campaign toward mass placement of the window cards and "slug copy" for cooperative advertising. Phone PR-4711, Ext. 757.

U.S.E.S. COOPERATES WITH NISEI INTERVIEWER FROM W.R.A. ON STAFF

A successful new experiment now under way at U. S. Employment Service's home service division in their Los Angeles main office, 11th & Flower Sts., may be extended to other cities.

Helen Hirata, Nisei employment interviewer on WRA staff, has been loaned to U.S.E.S. to interview Japanese-American job seekers. She helps the regular U.S.E.S. interviewers a few hours each day in placing Nisei and Issei in jobs. You may wish to bring this plan to the attention of your local U.S.E.S.

"FLASH -- FOR RADIO USE!"

That's the head on a new service the Human Relations Committee is mailing to the 57 radio commentators and news analysts broadcasting from Los Angeles and Hollywood. It gives them pungent, brief items especially written for inclusion in radio news programs.

You may run across items that will fit in this. News on inter-racial harmony that is pointed and of general interest will be mimeographed and mailed immediately to all newscasters. Phone it to PR-4711, Ext. 757.

RELIGIOUS BULLETINS SERVICE AND CHURCH PUBLICATIONS PARAGRAPHS

In addition to reaching retail trade, radio news programs, employment offices and other contacts, a new regular release is being sent to all churches in and around Los Angeles.

This is a 2-page weekly mimeographed leaflet especially written for religious use. The first page is usually a "flash news" item of 10 or 15 lines suitable for church bulletin boards or pulpit use. The second page is made up of short, pithy paragraphs such as would fit well into printed church literature.

(The window cards described in preceding page are also suitable for church bulletin boards.)

Perhaps you have some suggestions for this -- Biblical quotations that are apt, relating to topics of discrimination or racial fair play, appropriate from the viewpoint of the church. . . or thoughts of your own.

Please write them and mail to The Human Relations Committee, Room 956, 1031 So. Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California.

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REPORT TO THE AREA

Release No. 4. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE Nov. 26 1945

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

B I G N E W S . . . BE ON THE ALERT FOR

MASSIVE AMERICANS-ALL RALLY IN SANTA ANA,

PEARL HARBOR DAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 7, AT 8 PM

Commemorating All Americans who perished at Pearl Harbor -- men of every race, creed and color -- there will be what doubtless may be classed as the biggest rally against discrimination and intolerance ever staged.

It will take place at 8 PM on Dec. 7th, the Anniversary of "Pearl Harbor". It is tentatively scheduled for the Santa Ana Bowl. There will be present nationally-famous celebrities from many walks of life. Almost every race, creed and color will be represented. The Army, Navy and Air Force will be on hand. Motion picture stars -- entertainment -- drama -- outstanding speeches -- all aimed at the surest route to World Peace by overcoming racism at home, will provide a program you won't want to miss.

And, as a great climax to this resounding rally, on the following morning, Dec. 8th, . . .

GENERAL JOSEPH W. STILWELL WILL MAKE MASUDA AWARD
POSTHUMOUSLY TO GREAT NISEI SOLDIER'S SISTER --
AT MASUDA RANCH NEAR SANTA ANA, SATURDAY, DEC. 8

. . . General Stilwell is flying from Washington for this special purpose -- to present the Distinguished Service Cross awarded Kazuo Masuda to his sister, Mary Masuda. Kazuo was cited for repelling repeated German counterattacks by firing a mortar tube braced against a steel helmet. At the time he was with the 442d Infantry Combat Team, operating from a forward observation post. Rather than risk the lives of members of his mortar crew, Staff Sgt. Kazuo Masuda went 200 yards through enemy fire with his mortar tube, and fired 20 rounds of ammunition against the Nazis, repulsing them. His single-handed action was so effective the enemy withdrew after subjecting him to intense mortar and artillery fire. Several weeks later in the Italian campaign he was killed as he emptied his submachine gun against the Germans, only five yards away.

C H E R R Y V I S T A S

The Herald-Express, Nov. 24; Times, Nov. 25; Daily News, Nov. 26, all gave good news coverage to "Cherry Vistas", a new Nisei veterans' idea to solve housing without taking housing away from others. (cont. on next sheet)

"Cherry Vistas" will consist of small ten-family bungalow courts (possibly prefabricated) in the vicinity of Van Nuys, Roscoe and Chino (these localities already optioned). Each unit will have garden-truck acreage and also small-business shops adjoining, so that residents may make a living right at home -- but work in agriculture outside, if desired, or in industry further away. The Nisei will finance construction themselves on the cooperative plan. The only Japanese touch will be cherry tree landscaping; houses will be American and modern, though not expensive. It is estimated that a family can purchase house and acreage for not to exceed $4,000 total. With several "Cherry Vistas" spotted around the valleys of Los Angeles there will be no concentration in a "Little Tokyo" section.

Doubtless you have some suggestions for consummating or enlarging upon this housing plan. You may know of some farm acreage or other suitable site. Please phone PRospect 4711, Ext. 757, so we may have the benefit of your ideas.

WINDOW DISPLAY CARD #2, ESPECIALLY ADAPTED TO BULLETIN BOARD USE, NOW PRINTING

"We Stand For The Practice of Democracy. . .
"FAIR PLAY, FAIR EMPLOYMENT, NO DISCRIMINATION."

That is the keynote of this new display card, sponsored by the Committee on Christian Democracy. Dr. Clarence S. Gillett has OK'd the copy, and as soon as printing is completed you may obtain some by phoning Human Relations Committee, PR-4711, Ext. 757. It is fine for windows, bulletin boards, counters and similar use.

POSTER #2 ALSO BEING PRINTED NOW

Similar to the Window Display Card #2 above, but larger in size, is this new poster. The display card is black & white; the poster is in red-white-blue. Like the display card, the theme is suggested by the creed of the American Veterans Committee. PR-4711, Ext. 757 will bring you copies of this poster -- gratis, of course.

CHRISTMAS IN EL CENTRO

The returning Japanese-Americans will not be forgotten in the border city. A real Christmas party will be staged by service clubs for the children. You can do this in your community. It's not a form of "charity" -- it's Christian good-will.

COOPERATION WITH THE CHURCHES

Much can be done in addition to what is already being done by church organizations. At a recent discussion at Human Relations Committee twice-weekly morning meetings, it was agreed that specific know-how is the key to effective understanding. Plans are under way to present definite programs to interested religious groups. What are your ideas? They will be welcomed by the Committee.

RELOCATION OF THE NISEI AND ISSEI SUCCESSFULLY DRAWING TO CLOSE

Poston and Manzanar have closed. Only one WRA center (outside of Tule Lake, closing Feb. 1) is still open -- Rohwer, Ark., which closes Dec. 1. But housing and employment are problems. More anon.

REPORT TO THE AREA

Release No. 6. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE Dec. 10, 1945.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

"UNITED AMERICA DAY" IN SANTA ANA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

You've probably read about it (Sunday L. A. Times, Dec. 9, first page of second section; late edition L. A. Daily News -- 10-star -- Sat., Dec. 8; late edition Herald-Express same date; and many other papers including daily front pages in Santa Ana).

There were four newsreel companies there; two broadcasting networks; and many reporters and photographers.

General Stilwell in a history-making little drama of modern democracy walked up to the weather-beaten front porch of the Masuda home and pinned the D.S.C. on Mary Masuda. She was poised and dignified but there were tears in her eyes, and we might add most of the audience felt a choke in the throat and a tug at the heartstrings.

"LIFE" magazine was there, and if you didn't see the front-page photo in Saturday's late Daily News, or Sunday's Times, you may see it in that magazine -- and others. Indications are that the story and photos went all over the nation.

You already know the story of Kazuo Masuda; how he so heroically saved his comrades on the Italian front as a sergeant in the 442d (Nisei) Infantry Combat Team; how later he was killed at Cassino.

And you know the story of his sister Mary, who on May 1 this year was threatened by another kind of Nazi -- not in uniform. She stood her ground. It was a fitting tribute from the hand of one of our greatest generals of all time that the Distinguished Service Cross earned by her dead brother should be given her.

> "I HAVE NEVER YET FOUND A NISEI WHO DIDN'T DO HIS FULL DUTY RIGHT UP TO THE HANDLE. I FEEL IT AN HONOR TO BE DELEGATED TO MAKE THIS AWARD." -- Said Gen. Stilwell on this occasion.

Before he flew back to Washington, "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell appeared at the great "UNITED AMERICA" Rally in the Santa Ana Bowl that afternoon (Sat., Dec. 8.) With him on the program were Will Rogers, Jr., who introduced the General; Louise Allbritton,

Robert Young, Ronald Reagan (three of Hollywood's most progressive young stars); Richard Loo, Chris-Pin Martin, Don Whedlin, Alex Havier and others were down from Hollywood on behalf of the Chinese, Mexican, Negro and Filipino peoples, respectively; Miss Mary Masuda, of course, was introduced and spoke; the church, local celebrities, veterans including the Spanish-American War Veterans' Fife & Drum Corps, were there; Maurice Hazan, Mexican-American leader, and Roque E. DeLa Ysla, Philippine Chamber of Commerce president, also made short talks; Dan Marshall, Ruby Berkeley Goodwin, and Walter Hilborn gave stirring addresses; the Boy Scouts opened the program and the Santa Ana Army Air Base Band (one of the three best military bands in the nation) gave out with stirring music. Army officers (Air Force) cooperated finely.

And, as Master of Ceremonies, Harry Flannery, well-known radio commentator, did a thoroughly capable job. He caught the spirit and held the crowd, and pointed out that four years before to the day America in one day, shocked by Pearl Harbor, achieved unity. And, he continued, on this "United America" day in Santa Ana, when "Americans-All" gathered in Santa Ana Bowl to honor General Stilwell after the occasion of his presentation of the D.S.C. to Mary Masuda, perhaps it was not too early to begin peace-time unity.

Too much credit cannot be given the people of Santa Ana who organized this rally -- Father John P. Callaghan, Rabbi Joseph Levine, and of course Dr. John N. Ashley, President of the Council for Civic Unity. Mrs. Roy A. Corry of Santa Ana, who as is well known was the friend of Mary Masuda in time of great need, spoke from the heart at the Rally. Space does not permit mention of the many others in Santa Ana and Los Angeles who cooperated so fully and finely. Rabbi Levine's address spoke for all of them.

Robert Young gave the Arch Oboler sketch, "I Have No Prayer". Louise Allbritton told how the Nisei of the 442d Infantry saved the Texas "Lost Battalion" -- Texas is her home state! Ronald Reagan spoke on behalf of the American Veterans Committee, of which he is an officer, saying:

> "BLOOD THAT HAS SOAKED INTO THE SANDS OF A BEACH IS ALL OF ONE COLOR. AMERICA STANDS UNIQUE IN THE WORLD, THE ONLY COUNTRY NOT FOUNDED ON RACE, BUT ON A WAY -- AN IDEAL. NOT IN SPITE OF, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR POLYGLOT BACKGROUND, WE HAVE HAD ALL THE STRENGTH IN THE WORLD. THAT IS THE AMERICAN WAY. MR. AND MRS. MASUDA, JUST AS ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF AMERICANS SPEAKING TO ANOTHER MEMBER, I WANT TO SAY FOR WHAT YOUR SON KAZUO DID -- THANKS!"

General Joseph W. Stilwell said at the Rally: "The real American is the man who calls it a fair exchange to lay down his life in order that American ideals may go on living. And judging by such a test, Sgt. Masuda was a better American than any of us here today. The color of one's skin is not a measure of Americanism!"

(see next page)

NOW THAT THE "UNITED AMERICA DAY" RALLY is over, new work begins.

But first it might be mentioned that the Santa Ana rally sets a mark for other cities to shoot at, for the nation-wide publicity will bring it to the attention of many leaders of anti-intolerance and anti-discrimination thought.

Surely it was the greatest gathering of its kind ever held in Southern California -- and perhaps the first one in which the minority races so effectively expressed themselves through a positive program with high entertainment value.

That General Stilwell should fly from Washington just to be able to present the D.S.C. to Mary Masuda, was in itself worthy of much news space throughout the country. The United States Army, which removed the Nisei and Issei from California in 1942, is doing noteworthy work today to make amends!

Let us follow through and capitalize on this event by building good-will for all minorities with other positive programs.

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NEW POSTERS

AND WINDOW-CARDS NOW READY...

NEW POSTER: Size 20 x 27 in. (same as Poster No. 1); Printed in Red and Blue on White Paper; This is Poster No. 2, headed: "WE STAND FOR THE PRACTICE OF DEMOCRACY -- FAIR PLAY, FAIR EMPLOYMENT, NO DISCRIMINATION" (Also features radio program mentioned below).

NEW WINDOW CARD: Same wording as poster above (including "Americans All -- Justice for All"), but size 11½ x 15 in., printed blue on gray paper).

ANOTHER NEW WINDOW CARD: Very slightly smaller than above, printed black on white, reading:
"We Believe that
In tolerance there is Progress
In good will there is Prosperity
In unity there is Strength.
"We welcome ALL Americans."
(Sponsored by Council for Civic Unity.)

PHONE PRospect 4711, Ext. 757, in L. A. -- or write Human Relations Committee, Room 957, 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15 -- and these window cards and posters will be sent you promptly. Gratis, of course! Excellent for bulletin boards, windows, counters, etc.....

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RADIO

TUNE IN KNX (1070 K.C.) 10 A.M. EACH SUNDAY for:
"MY BROTHER'S BLOOD"
Sponsored by West Coast Councils of Churches in connection with C. B. S. (Committee on Christian Democracy handling.)

HPC Fair Play Comm.

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REPORT TO THE AREA

Release No. 7. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE Dec. 19, 1945.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

FIRST CHRISTMAS "HOME AGAIN" IN FOUR YEARS!

HOME-COMING for millions of veterans -- and thousands of American Japanese -- finds "no room at the inn."

Relocation, from WRA centers to emergency shelter in hostels, barracks and trailer camps, has been completed except for a few thousand still at Tule Lake (to be relocated during January). But another job of relocation -- to permanent housing -- remains; and finding suitable employment along with it. That's WRA's task for its remaining months. To do this, "direct-action" Housing and Employment committees will be set up very soon.

It is good to see that TOLERANCE has been achieved in Southern California. There is no bitterness toward Nisei or Issei; instead, a genuinely friendly attitude prevails. Nor do the Nisei and Issei feel resentment toward those who removed them from California in the spring of 1942 -- removed them despite their being loyal Americans. . .

From these Americans of Japanese ancestry come the Nisei now in the U. S. Army of Occupation in Japan, helping bring about world peace, for they can show the people of Japan the meaning of Democracy. . . Thus your efforts here are bread upon the waters -- good-will in California may mean no World War III for the next generation. . .

After almost 20 centuries, the words of the Master take on a tremendously practical meaning. The New Year may see a new order of real Brotherly Love. . . Thank you for what you have accomplished toward this.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and yours -- and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, "regardless of race, creed or color!"

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AMONG THE MOST GRATEFUL -- Are the relocatees from the WRA centers, for many of them have only the barest necessities of life. The good folks of El Centro, recognizing this, are providing Christmas parties for Nisei children, and food baskets for needy families of Japanese ancestry. Perhaps you too can do something along this line. If you would like to know where, a list of hostels and also of barracks and trailer housing projects will be sent you promptly on request. Just telephone PRospect 4711, Ext. 757 in Los Angeles. ----oOo----

HDC Fair Play Comm

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REPORT TO THE AREA

Release No. 8. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE Dec. 29, 1945.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY, 1031 S. Bwy., L. A. 15 (PR-4711, Ext. 757)

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW PROGRAM...

HOUSING. . .
EMPLOYMENT. . . } WRA'S BIG TASKS FOR ITS REMAINING TIME!

Both Housing and Employment get more difficult every day as far as the general public is concerned. Housing is described in the press as a "catastrophe" -- Employment hasn't reached any similar stage as yet, but at its present rate, unless trends change, it may soon.

Yet both can be solved, we think. One solution to housing is our proposed "CHERRY VISTAS" plan. This would be several out-in-the-valley sites where Nisei and Issei (vets preferred) can raise vegetables and have their own little home on their acre of land, even running a small store or shop adjacent on the highway. At this time we are working out the details actively and can report more later. Despite construction difficulties, we believe homes can be put up at prices, including land, considerably under $5,000. Down payments will be very small indeed. WRA, of course, is neither financing nor building "CHERRY VISTAS" -- instead, the relocatees themselves are preparing to do it, with suggestions from WRA. YOUR IDEAS WANTED!

Employment too can be solved. So far there is little unemployment among the relocatees. They are resourceful in finding their own jobs; their friends help; and so, of course, do WRA and USES. But many have stop-gap jobs which must be replaced by steady employment. You can help by telling employers that Nisei and Issei are available for employment -- just phone WRA at PRospect 4711, Ext. 778 or 779.

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"RAFU SHIMPO" REBORN

New Year's Day will see the first issue of the Los Angeles Japanese daily newspaper, "RAFU SHIMPO" -- and it will again be a daily -- since 1942. (Translation: "Los Angeles Daily News.")

The address of "Rafu Shimpo" is 104 North Los Angeles St., Los Angeles 12. Phone VAndike 4745. Akira Komai is managing editor and publisher; Henry Mori (formerly of WRA Reports Office) is English-section editor.

"Rafu Shimpo" will be out every day about 4 p.m. Your subscription is welcomed. Also your news items. The editors ask that you call in, or mail in, your items -- they will be gladly received.

This will be the only publication of its kind on the Coast.

NISEI VETS OF THE 442d REGIMENT

Over 200 of them are now in So. Calif. -- Camps Haan and Anza near Riverside, and Fort MacArthur near San Pedro. Most of them are soon going back to Hawaii for discharge.

A Christmas party was given 125 of them at Evergreen Playground, L. A., Dec. 22. The L. A. Times, Dec. 24, had a good write-up and 3-col. photo on page 2 (most editions that date.)

Now a number of them -- around 200 -- are being invited to attend a sort of New Year's party Jan. 2, 3 or 4, before they return to Hawaii.

Plans are under way to get them a tour of the picture studios, a radio broadcast as guests, and perhaps a banquet.

Perhaps you have some ideas as to what can be done for these gallant men of the 442d Regiment who fought so valiantly in Italy. If so, phone PRospect 4711, Ext. 757, please. (WRA will be open Sat., Dec. 29; closed Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1; open again Wed., Jan. 2 and the rest of the week including Saturday, for to offset being closed the day before the holiday, WRA will stay open Saturdays the holiday weeks.)

LAUGHTER -- From an editorial in "Niland Newsboy", Imperial Valley:

"The preachments of Gerald L. K. Smith...are detestable... His every appearance in California has caused a great hubbub... efforts to prevent his speaking, and thousands of people picketing his meetings, have played into his hands...giving him freely a rabble rouser's dream of gratuitous publicity, and...the mantle of a persecuted martyr in the eyes of his deluded followers.

"It finally fell to the happy lot of a crowd of high school kids to handle Mr. Smith with a wisdom beyond that of their elders. Recently, he spoke in a San Francisco high school auditorium. The youngsters politely accorded him the right of free speech -- then laughed at him. The more he tore his hair and shouted, the more the boys and girls giggled...Under the fire of adolescent laughter he dwindled from an ominous, dangerous figure to a figure of the ridiculous...Mr. Smith said the meeting was most disappointing..."

RADIO --

"MY BROTHER'S BLOOD" is on KNX every Sunday at 10 AM. It is sponsored by The West Coast Council of Churches in connection with CBS. This half-hour anti-racism broadcast may also be put on transcriptions. If interested, phone Dr. Clarence S. Gillett, MA-2578, Los Angeles (Committee on Christian Democracy, 1052 W. 6th St., L. A. 14.)

MARY MASUDA --

"Pacific Citizen", issue of Dec. 15, had front page of photos of the Gen. Stilwell DSC presentation to Mary Masuda, and story on second page. If you don't get the Citizen, their address is Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City. It's published weekly. In Los Angeles their representative is at MIchigan 5820. Issue date is Saturdays. It's the official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League.