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To: Dillon S. Myer, Director

Atten: M. M. Tozier, Chief of Reports WRA

Subject: Special Field Reports of Allan Markley

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There are a number of evidences that various groups in the West Coast area are organizing to oppose the return of the Japanese Americans to their former homes. Some of the organization work is being done under cover. ~~Two~~ notable moves are under way in certain districts of Southern California:

(a) Organization of land owners pledging themselves not to sell or lease land to people of Japanese ~~origin~~ ^{origin}.

(b) Organization of housewives in certain areas pledging not to do business with merchants or others of Japanese ancestry.

The publication of the news stories to the effect that an official of the State Welfare Department had been "approached and asked to sound out feeling by a WRA representative", has done immeasurable harm. For the most part it has tended to confirm the feeling on the part of a great many people that WRA is actively promoting the return of these people.

The fact that General Bonesteel has been issuing a considerable number of individual passes to persons of Japan-

46,000

ese ancestry to return to the coastal area is becoming more generally known. Despite the fact that this is being done by the Western Defence Command WRA is being blamed for it by the large section of the population which is opposed to their return. The increasing number of these permits is complicating the project administration problems at Manzanar and doubtless the same is true at the centers in Arizona. It was necessary this week for Ralph Merritt to issue a statement to the Owens Valley newspapers explaining the status of several of these persons who have been in the valley with special permits and have visited relatives at the center.

For the benefit of our own public relations on the Coast it seems imperative that we do something to break the "under cover" attitude of the War Department with respect to the issuance of these passes, and that some press release or other statement on the subject be issued either from Washington or from San Francisco. (I make this statement with the full knowledge that a few weeks ago the War Department indicated that ~~they~~ would not at that time make any such statement .)

The situation which caused some trouble this week at Manzanar was one growing out of the return of three boys who had medical discharges from the Army. No one will question that they are entitled to a pass to give them the right of free movement in the excluded area because of their

service in the armed forces of the United States. However, as soon as they are discharged they no longer wear the uniform of a soldier. They are anxious to exercise the right of free movement and not desirous of establishing themselves in a given community and taking a regular job.

It is not, however, the returned soldiers who alone are being given passes, but a number of other people who apply. WRA has no control over who is given these passes except that the project director is required to certify that an individual is eligible for indefinite leave, or in the case of persons already relocated, the Relocation Officer to certify to that fact. This is mentioned not because of any feeling that it is desirable for WRA to have any control (we should not have any if we are to maintain our attitude that we have no responsibility). However, as soon as or if there are undesirables released in this manner we will receive the blame in the minds of the people at large and not the Army.

The release of individuals to return to the exclusion ~~xx~~ area is , of course, in line with the President's letter to the Secretary of War in which he indicated that the return of individuals might be stepped up if it was done " with discretion". I am merely questioning the volume of such releases so long as there is no statement issued by the War Department assuming responsibility. As the situation stands today people generally believe that WRA is responsible.

Generally speaking I am of the opinion that a great

deal more advance educational work should be done by the WRA in southern California and in the Northwest area before any postive steps are taken by the Army authorities to change the present status of the Japanese American people. Hundreds of community leaders and many civic organizations and trade bodies in the southern California area are still violently opposed to the return of any of the Japanese people until the end of the hostilities with Japan. They can only be won over by careful educational work and well directed public relations efforts.

At present (in the absence of any statement from the War Department even admitting that individual permits are being given in any number) much of this educational work must be done subtly or by indirection working through cooperating agencies. However, I think we should step up the tempo of such work and have well defined plans for an active and open campaign to be inaugurated as soon as it seems expedient for us to move in openly on the job. To this end I suggest that the Field Assistant Director in San Francisco working with his information specialist, prepare plans for such a program.

The use of the movies and radio transcriptions in the San Francisco area where it has been possible for a WRA representative to accompany the films to each showing, give a talk and answer questions, has apperntly been successful.

On the other hand the system followed in the Southern California district -- that of making the films available to the cooperating committees for their use --- apparently is not producing the desired results. Mr. O'Day tells me that it is difficult for him to even get reports concerning the volume of attendance at the meetings where he understands the film has been shown.

If it seems inadvisable at the present time to assume any more active and direct role in the educational work than to keep on with these showings along lines similar to that used at San Francisco, I would recommend the following steps be taken:

(a) Get a Reports Officer at Seattle.

(b) Provide a suitable person or persons both at Seattle and at Los Angeles to make personal appearances and present these pictures, transcriptions and give talks, to as many groups as possible, along the lines of approach which have been developed in the San Francisco office.

(c) Have prepared and ready to motivate as soon as it seems expedient a more comprehensive plan of public relations work to be done BEFORE any change is made in the status of the Japanese American people.

Relocation Resistance

While not a part generally speaking of this report, I want to add certain comment regarding the matter of resistance to relocation.

At both Minidoka and Manzanar I noted that there seems to be increasing resistance on the part of the alien Japanese to relocation. The recent successful efforts to get large numbers of persons signed up for the Army depots jobs and the Seabrook Farms, is in spite of this increasing resistance and partly due to the fine job offers with assured housing and community acceptance plus good pay.

There seems to be a process of thinking on the part of some of the alien Japanese that as our armed forces close in on the Japanese armies and we polish off more and more units of the Japanese Imperial fleet, relocation is less desirable.

This may be attributed to several reasons among them being:

(a) Unwillingness to contribute to the American war effort even their own services to relieve manpower shortage in this country.

(b) A desire to make themselves appear martyrs because of their Japanese citizenship.

(c) Greater fear of the outside as the public resentment in this country grows as a result of the American victories.

It would be interesting if the Community Analysis section would furnish some studies on this subject. However, the fact remains that there are evidences of increased

resistance to relocation on the part of the alien residents in the centers which I have visited. A concrete illustration was given me at Minidoka, where the project newspaper is published by the Co-op at a financial loss. The Co-op board which is dominated by the older aliens vigorously opposes the use of the columns of the newspaper to support relocation news. Shortly after I arrived (while acting as reports officer) I was served with notice that the Co-op wanted to reserve half of the space in the Japanese section of the Irrigator for its own use. I promptly refused the request on the grounds that no space would be available to the Co-op unless the copy was edited and passed by the Japanese section editor of the newspaper who is paid his wages by the WRA. I also pointed out that any abuse of the use of the newspaper to print any material detrimental to the policies of the WRA would result in imposing again the rule that nothing be published in the Japanese section except the material which is printed in the English section. (We had agreed at Denver Reports Conference that a modification of the regulations would be made giving the Project Director power to impose such restrictions if he finds it necessary to do so .)

While the request from the Co-op at Minidoka was clothed in the statement that its purpose was merely to present certain information to the readers of the Irrigator about Co-op business, I am firmly convinced that this was merely the

excuse and that the ulterior motive was more serious. While the Co-op representatives let the matter drop at least for the present, it will become an issue again and will be one of the problems for John F. Graham, our new Reports Officer at Minidoka.

Allan Markley

CALIFORNIA INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM INVOLVING
PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY
(January through April)

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SHOOTING ATTEMPTS

- 1/23/45 CRESSY, Merced County, Calif.: T. Andow home shot at and rifle bullet found in kitchen wall. No one injured. Those shooting sped away in a car at night. Law enforcement officials investigating, San Francisco WRA office checking.
- 1/3/45 CRESSY, Merced County, Calif.: Similar attack repeated against T. Andow family.
- 2/2/45 REEDLEY, Fresno County, Calif.: George Kimura's farm home, tenanted by Mr. Mitchell, was subjected to the intimidation of night riders in auto shooting at the building. No one was injured. George Kimura, whose father was also living on the premises, had returned to say goodbye to his father before being sent overseas. Night riders re-appeared at Kimura home the next night, though no firearms were discharged on the second visit. Case still under investigation.
- 2/5/45 CRESSY, Merced County, Calif.: Four shots fired into tank house occupied by Bob Morimoto, his wife, Grace, and brother Tetsu. Sheriff's office investigating but to date no suspects located.
- 2/10/45 FOWLER district near Fresno, Fresno County, Calif.: Frank Osaki home fired at by unknown night assailant. Shots hit the house, but no one was injured. Osaki says he is not frightened. Few clues. Case checkup still continuing.
- 2/15/45 PARLIER, Fresno County, Calif.: S. J. Kakutani home subjected to six shotgun blasts from farm vineyard about 60 yards away, by evidence of footprints. Only one blast struck the house. Kakutani and wife at home but unharmed. District Attorney believes it the act of hoodlums.
- 2/26/45 OROSI, Tulare County, Calif.: Sam Uyeno's home was subjected to shooting on two successive nights. No one was injured. Suspect two Orosi High School boys who quit school the day evacuee Ben Shiba came back from Gila River Relocation Center and re-entered school. That same evening shooting occurred. Eleven evacuees are staying on Uyeno's ranch. Investigation continues.
- 2/27/45
- 2/26/45 LANCASTER (rural 10 miles northwest), Los Angeles County, Calif: Fred Kobayashi, wife and her son, John Shirokari, were fired at in their home, two of six shots entering the house. No one injured. Family staying on temporarily. Their property and personal effects not stored in the home during evacuation, but had been placed in custody of one Gus Eliopulos. On return they discovered home had been looted of some 50 articles, valued at over \$800. But Eliopulos remembers house was looted night after evacuation, and so to prevent further losses he says he took much property from home to store it among friends and relatives for safekeeping, yet he has forgotten where some things are. Shirokari willing to file criminal charges against Eliopulos. Sheriff Keating of Lancaster indicated there was no violation of law involved in shooting of

firearms from a distance of more than half a mile away from a dwelling.
Case continuing.

- 2/26/45 ROSAMOND (rural two miles west). Kern County, Calif.: Henry Kobayashi home fired on at night. No one injured. Henry and wife fled to Los Angeles, living there at Friends Hotel, 506 North Evergreen. Mr. Williams had leased Kobayashi farm for \$2000 year with provision for his purchase of farm implements. Williams defaulted first two years' rent and paid only \$1100 reduced \$1400 third year's rent: was refused bill of sale for farm implements by Kobayashi son-in-law, Mr. Giraud, and so moved to another farm five miles west taking farm implements with him. Mrs. Giraud once was refused room reserved for visits to their Kern County farm home by any member of the Kobayashi family and was ordered to get off the place, since "no Japs are allowed here, besides the American government is going to give this farm to us." Kern County Sheriff John E. Loustalot is willing to protect life and limb, but feels that removal of farm implements calls for civil action by Kobayashi, WRA investigator reports.
- 3/6/45 SAN JOSE, (rural three miles east), Santa Clara County, Calif.: Joe Takeda's home subjected to 1:50 AM shooting and attempted burning by men in unidentified sedan, who cut telephone wires and set fire to house and sheds by pouring gasoline under the house. No one injured and family of 10 evacuees put out fire, the danger of which was lessened by rain. One shot fired from car slowly cruising on highway 75 feet away. Two shots were fired as it passed on the fourth trip by the house. One revolver slug went over the heads of 2 children on the porch and lodged in the bedroom wall. First incident case in Santa Clara Valley. Sheriff Emig's office notified, and 3 deputies arrived within 15 minutes.
- 3/26/45 MADERA, Madera County, Calif.: The home of Minoru Ohashi, PO Box 187, located 8 miles south of Madera, half mile east of intersection of Ripperdan and Madera Avenues, was shot at but bullets did not strike any member of the family. However, they entered room where family was sleeping, just missing them by a few feet. The five shots were fired by unknown persons. Investigation under way by sheriff's office.
- 4/1/45 CRESSY, Merced County, Calif.: T. Andow home subjected to attack by shooting again, the last incident having taken place on January 31. Family reported on Sunday morning of April 1 bullet holes in porch uprights. Shots apparently fired from road about 100 yards away during the night.
- 4/4/45 CORTEZ, Merced County, Calif.: George Morisuji and N. Kajioka, living in a shack behind a Japanese church on the edge of Cortez reported to sheriff's office that at approximately 9:30 PM, April 3, a bullet discharged from a 38-55 rifle penetrated the shack. Morisuji reported the bullet just "Missed by a foot." Sheriff's office now investigating the case.
- 4/22/45 CRESSY, Merced County, Calif.: Second attack against Bob Morimoto. The shots this time made two holes in walls three feet above second floor. Present at time of shooting were Bob and Grace Morimoto, Frank and Tets Morimoto. Incident was reported to Mr. Hull of WRA, who notified the sheriff's office and met deputies there. Authorities, after investigation, expressed opinion

that probably the gun was the same as one used in another attack the same evening, against the Kishi family in Livingston.

4/22/45 LIVINGSTON, Merced County, Calif.: Four shots fired into home of Chiyeko Kishi, Route 1, Box 318, Livingston. Property damage consisted of broken chandelier; four holes in plaster; two holes in davenport; three holes in cabinet. Shots believed to have been fired from moving car on highway 100 feet from house, by high powered rifle. Present at time of shooting were S., Chiyeko, Mayme, Lucy, Tajiro Kishi and Shige Kawasaki. Sheriff of San Joaquin County investigated.

DYNAMITING ATTEMPT

1/18/45 AUBURN, Placer County, Calif.: Two civilian brothers and two brothers AWOL from army held in case before Superior Court for attempted burning and dynamiting and scare shooting at Sumio Doi ranch home. Doi family has son in army unit which rescued Lost Battalion. No one injured.

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- 2/16/45 SELMA, Fresno County, Calif.: Robert Morishige's home destroyed by fire believed to be of incendiary origin. Home unoccupied at time, but furniture in it belonged to four evacuee families; belongings valued at \$2000 to \$3000. Safe opened and looted.
- 2/23/45 DELANO, Kern County, Calif.: Japanese Hall or church was destroyed by 10:30 PM fire believed to be of incendiary origin. Place since evacuation had become hangout of bums, it is reported. Estimated loss, \$4000. Pastor Yoniyama notified.
- 4/21/45 NEWCASTLE, Placer County, Calif.: Barn, property of T. Kaneko and leased to Gene Fowler, mysteriously burned down destroying Fowler's truck and other property. Mr. Hatch of WRA is investigating and intends contacting Ray McCarthy of the State Department of Justice.

THREATENING VISITS

- 1/22/45 OROSI, near Fresno, Tulare County, Calif.: Group of Orosi ranchers and businessmen appeared and threatened evacuee owners of fruit and vegetable ranch with a set deadline for them to leave. Deadline has passed without untoward incident. Local offices and State Department of Justice watching the case.
- 2/12/45 SANTA ANA, Near Los Angeles, Orange County, Calif.: Nick Nitta warned by unidentified man to leave county on threat that a group of men would return and "pull some rough stuff." Nitta advised to notify officials if men appear.
- 3/11/45 FRENCH CAMP, Stockton, San Joaquin County, Calif.: Kaname Fjushige and his sister, Mrs. H. K. Minami, threatened with bodily harm by Filipino of nearby farm, reported to Stockton sheriff by Mrs. Roscoe Ross, friend of evacuees. Sheriff sent two deputies to investigate and Filipino was warned. WRA Relocation Officer John R. Robertson verbally notified at office 10:00 o'clock next day. Mrs. Minami's address: 2223 Fullerton, Detroit; Fjushige's address: 1150 W. Ferry, Detroit 2, Mich. Threat occurred at French Camp residence.
- 3/? / 45 FRESNO, Fresno County, Calif.: James Owada, residing at corner of Dinuba and Brawley Avenues, reported being intimidated by a sailor and two civilians.
- 3/24/45 FRESNO, Fresno County, Calif.: James Owada, reported being intimidated again, believed by the same people. Sheriff's office and Shore Patrol were notified and are following the case.

Add to list of incidents substantiating May 14 release.

CALIFORNIA INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM INVOLVING
PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

(Since May 14 release)

THREATENING VISIT

5/4/45 TALBERT, Orange County, Calif.: Mary Masuda visited by five identifiable men who demanded that she leave the community. Same men have warned several others away from the area during the past few weeks, among them George Iwakashi, Zantaro Sato and Mrs. Louis Dischner. Miss Masuda was staying at the home of a Caucasian family named Trudeaux. Her parents are at Gila River. She has four brothers with service records: One was killed at Cassino. One wounded during the rescue of the Lost Battalion. One on his way to visit her on furlough. One with a medical discharge.

SHOOTING ATTEMPT

5/8/45 FRESNO, Fresno County, Calif.: Setsugo Sakamoto, 61, 608 E. Street. First shooting attempt to occur in a city, took place at 10:30 p.m. At home at the time were Sakamoto's daughter and her husband, James Collier, honorably discharged from the Navy. Three shots from a .38 revolver struck the house, one entering the bedroom wall one foot from the head of Mrs. Collier. Sakamoto has a son-in-law, Hoagy Ogawa, at Snelling, and an adopted son, Eddie Aburaman, now fighting in the Philippines and with the army in the Pacific for 26 months.

SHOOTING ATTEMPTS (Reported by Secretary Ickes May 22, 1945)

5/20/45 SELMA, Fresno County, Calif.: Four slugs from a high powered rifle entered the home of Masaru Miyamoto at 12:10 a.m., Sunday, May 20. One slug went through a blanket on the bed on which Miyamoto was sleeping. A second went into the bedroom wall, having passed within six inches of the crib of his three-year-old son, Edward. Wife and daughter, Susie, five, also were in the house. Miyamoto's brother, Noboru, member of the 442nd Infantry, has several decoration including the Purple Heart. The family returned to a 75-acre vineyard in February from the Gila River Relocation Center, Rivers, Ariz.

5/20/45 CARRUTHERS, Fresno County, Calif.: Six slugs from a high powered rifle entered the home of Mrs. Nobuye Masada at 1 a.m., Sunday, May 20. Mrs. Masada, a widow, has five sons and three daughters. She returned to the family's 20-acre home April 20, 1945 from the Rohwer Relocation Center in Arkansas.

NOTE: This brings the total number of shooting attempts in Fresno County to six, one lower than Merced County's seven. This brings the state shooting attempts to 18 since January 2, 1945.

INTIMIDATION

Early May, 1945

TALBERT, Orange County, Calif.: Same five men who called to threaten Mary Masuda (see previous listing) also called to warn three other returnees to get out of the community. These are considered three additional cases of intimidation. They involved Mrs. Louis Dischiener, George Iwahashi and Zentaro Sato.

SHOOTING

5/22/45

REEDLEY, Fresno County, Calif.: At 10 p.m. four shots were fired at the home of Charles K. Iwasaki, 36, Route 1, Box 384. Sheriff was notified immediately, and his men were at the scene within a few minutes. No one injured, no one apprehended. It was believed the shots were fired from a shotgun. In the house with Charles Iwasaki were his father, Charles' wife and their three children. Mrs. Iwasaki's brother is in the Army.

SHOOTING

5/24/45

OROSI, Tulare County, Calif.: At 10 p.m. two shots were fired from a moving automobile into the home of Kaudy Mimura, 38, a citizen. With him in the house were his wife, his son, 9, and three relatives. No one was injured, although the shots were shoulder high. One went into a bedroom and one into the front room. Mimura asked protection of Sheriff Sherman. (20th shooting attempt). A brother of one of the three relatives present, Ray Kunitake, has a brother with the 442nd and another being inducted June 26.

Added list of incidents

Intimidation

6-27-45

SANTA ANA, Orange Co., Calif.,: The family of Nobu Matsumoto, living in the vicinity of Santa Ana, were subjected to threats and vile language by a Filipino named Daniel (last name not known.) The Filipino came to the Matsumoto home the first time at 2:30 p.m., called the Matsumotos obscene names and finally left.

At 4:30 p.m. Toad Patterson (whose name has been given to the sheriff on previous occasions including the Mary Masuda case, for threatening evacuees) dropped in and told the Matsumotos they shouldn't have come back until after the war. Mr. Matsumoto spoke of his sons in the Army, Kay and Takeshi, and Patterson was more restrained than usual.

Later the Filipino returned, picked up a pop bottle and then a wrench in an attempt to frighten Fred Matsumoto, 13. Grumble (WRA officer) called the office of Sheriff Jess L. Elliott. Two officers came out in a car. The officers, W. H. Jones and E. M. Henson found the Filipino still on the Matsumoto place. They did not bother to get out of their car, or to question anyone. Grumble found he had to gather all the facts and present them himself. The sheriff's officers indicated it was just an incident and didn't mean anything. Daniel left. Before the officers departed they said they would be willing to arrest Daniel if Mr. Matsumoto would file a complaint.

Add list of terrorism incidents. (35th)

Intimidation ——— First California arrest to result in actual jail sentence.
July 13, 1945 (Involved attempt to incite to riot.)

WALNUT GROVE, Sacramento County, Calif. (30 miles from state capital):
On the evening of July 13, Mrs. Wilma Insigne, alias Kitty Ferguson, 36, wife of a Filipino and occupant of a house in Walnut Grove owned by an evacuee, Sugi Koga of the Granada Relocation Center, visited the home of a recent returnee of Japanese ancestry at Walnut Grove, Harry Matsuoka. Present at his home were: his son, Pvt. Yoshio Matsuoka, on furlough after 10 months in a German prisoner of war camp, other members of the family, and the family of K. Sasaki, a neighbor, and also a recent returnee from the Granada Relocation Center. One son in the latter family, Sgt. George Sasaki, is serving overseas with the U.S. Army.

Mrs. Insigne used vile and abusive language in threatening the two families. She told Private Matsuoka, who wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge and two Bronze Stars, "You are not an American soldier. You are a Jap soldier." She told the families that she would go get a group of Filipinos and they would return and either burn down the house or drive out the returnees.

Telephoned by Mr. Matsuoka, Harry Knowles, assistant to the sheriff of Sacramento County had the Walnut Grove constable arrest Mrs. Insigne. When she was arrested she was in a Filipino poolroom, drunk and trying to get up a crowd of Filipinos aroused against the Matsuokas.

The following morning, Milo Dye, Justice of the Peace at Walnut Grove, prepared a complaint which was signed by Private Matsuoka. Judge Dye set bail at \$500 cash or \$1,000 bond and set the hearing for the afternoon of Monday, July 16. Mrs. Insigne remained in jail because bail was not met.

At the hearing in Dye's office she pleaded guilty to having wilfully and unlawfully disturbed the peace and to having used vile and abusive language before women and children.

Before passing sentence Dye spoke of the necessity for protecting the rights of the evacuees, basing his remarks on the fact that both the courts and the Army have approved their return. He told Mrs. Insigne that because she had attempted to incite riot which might have resulted in bloodshed or death, and because of her 14-year record of many convictions, her sentence would be 90 days in jail, the last 60 to be suspended upon her agreement to leave the county for a period of one year. She is in the county jail.

Received by telephone from Walter Mores of the Sacramento office of
WRA at 11:30 a.m., July 18 by Arnold M. Serwer

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War Relocation Authority
July 24, 1945

Add list of terrorism incidents. (36th)

Arson
July 22, 1945

GARDENA, Los Angeles county, Calif.
Cheese cloth coverings for a half acre of chrysanthemums in a nursery belonging to Joe Kobata, 1445 West 139th Street, returnee from Granada in March, were set on fire on Sunday, July 22. The flowers were burned and the crop may be ruined. L.A. county sheriff's office has a suspect, a Mexican youth. L.A. Herald Express news story dated July 23 gives estimated damage as \$400.

Received by telephone from Hal Choate, Los Angeles WRA office.
at 2:30 p.m., July 24 by Arnold M. Serwer

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WEST COAST INCIDENTS INVOLVING
PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

1. 12/20/44 Pescadero, San Mateo County. Fire, which police said was of incendiary origin, destroyed the home of the son of Mitsugoro Moimoto.
2. 1/11/45 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Harley Oak rejected on application for Post Office job on basis of discrimination. Oka recently admitted into membership of Hollywood World War II American Legion Post 591. Investigation continuing.
3. 1/16/45 Mayhew near Sacramento, Sacramento Co., Calif. Fire of suspicious origin destroyed Mayhew Sunday School building in which was stored property belonging to groups of persons of Japanese ancestry. County officials consider case closed; WRA investigators still working on it.
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1/19/45 Local police described it as malicious mischief. No one injured.
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8. 1/22/45 Florin near Sacramento, Sacramento Co., Calif. Night fire destroyed Fumi Mukai Fujimori ranch house and barn. Arson suspected though evidence is lacking. Incident caused short-term leave evacuee to become undecided about returning. No one was injured. Local officials apathetic about fire. WRA continues to work on case. S.F. Area Office checking.
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1/31/45 in the kitchen wall. No one injured. Those shooting sped away in a car at night. Law enforcement officials investigating, S.F. WRA office checking.
10. 1/27/45 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Okira Susuzki fired from job with Kinney Aluminum Co. which discharged him when 50 employees threatened strike. WRA Office in Los Angeles called meeting with representatives of WMC, FEPC, Army Air Force, Kinney Company and WRA -- company warned against permitting discrimination. Susuzki has two brothers in Army.
11. 1/27/45 Vashon Island in Puget Sound, King Co., Wash. Three evacuee homes and a
2/8/45 Caucasian home were destroyed by set fires. Homes were vacant. Seattle WRA Office investigating and pressing public officials who showed amazing lack of knowledge about incidents. However, three boys arrested as suspects, confessed.

12. 2/1/45 Seattle, King Co., Wash. Masako Takayoshi, Seattle nurse, reported that when she returned to Seattle Harbor View County Hospital, where she was training supervisor before evacuation, some nurses extended friendly welcome, but 21 out of 85 signed petition against her return (not a strike threat).
13. 2/2/45 Reedley, Fresno Co., Calif. George Kimura's farm home, tenanted by Mr. Mitchell, was subjected to the intimidation of night riders in auto shooting of firearms toward building. No one injured, but Mitchell was intimidated by their arrival second night although weapons were not discharged on second visit. George Kimura returned to say goodbye to his father being sent overseas with Army unit. Case still under investigation.
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19. 2/16/45 Tacoma, Wash. Japanese Buddhist Church, 1719 Fawcett Avenue, broken into for second time (note date on first time) pilforage and vandalism committed. Goods of approximately 160 evacuee families, a few now relocated and the others at five relocation centers, looted, damaged or disturbed. Boy vandals apprehended by police about 3/16/45. Cases pending.
20. 2/19/45 Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif. Kakuichi Sadamune received 2:30 a.m. telephone call threatening him if he did not leave. Sadamune is father of three boys in Army.
21. 2/22/45 Los Angeles Co., Calif. Group of 8 to 10 war workers beat and kicked a middle aged unidentified Oriental said by Inglewood police to be "unmistakenly Chinese" who had been pushed off a shreetcar by conductorette on his refusal to pay required second fare. Mob considered him Japanese. He refused to later sign a complaint.
22. 2/23/45 Delano, Kern Co., Calif. Japanese Hall or church was destroyed by 10:30 p.m. fire believed to be of incendiary origin. Place evacuation had had become hangout of bums, it is reported. Estimated loss \$4000. Pastor Yoniyana notified.

23. 2/24/45 San Francisco, San Francisco Co., Calif. Nisei professor and wife discouraged to rent upstairs room in Andrew Bachel home by meeting protest of 50 neighbors at the home who claim it would "depreciate property value" in neighborhood. Observers at meeting were San Francisco Dist. Attorney Thomas Lyney and Mrs. Josephine Duveneck of S. F. Council on Civic Unity.
24. 2/24/45 Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Kay Kunisaki former owner one of Hollywood's market, received two unsigned letters by mail threatening him unless he left Los Angeles. He wishes to return to his market but decided to wait few more weeks before venturing to meet the public.
25. 2/24/45 Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Howard Otamura, despite some unpleasantness, has returned to his flower market.
26. 2/24/45 Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. A.J. Holzman was threatened by telephone because of employing the Mitomas. Mr. Holzman was told by his grocer the Mitomas were not welcome at his store. The Los Angeles Times ran the threat story resulting in several neighbors asking for domestic Japanese help,
27. 2/26/45 Lancaster (rural 10 miles northwest), Los Angeles County: Fred Kobayashi, wife and her son, John Shickari, shots fired at night over home, two shots entering house. No one injured. Family staying on temporarily at home. Their property and personal effects not stored in the home at the time of evacuation had been placed in custody of one Gus Eliopules. On return they discovered home had been looted with list of 50 articles, valued at over \$800, missing. But Eliopulos remembers house was looted night after evacuation and so to prevent further loses he says he took much property from home to store among friends and relatives for safe keeping, yet has forgotten where some things are. Shickari willing to file original criminal charges against Eliopules. Sheriff Keating of Lancaster indicated there was no violation of law involved in shooting firearms, from a distance more than one-half mile away from a dwelling. Case continuing.
28. 2/26/45 Rosamond (rural 2 miles west), Kern County: Henry Kobayashi home fired on at night. No one injured. Henry and wife fled to Los Angeles, living there at Friends Hotel, 506 N. Evergreen. Mr. Williams has leased Kobayashi farm for \$2000 per year with provision for his purchase of farm implements. Williams defaulted first two years' rent and paid only \$1100 of reduced \$1400 third year's rent; was refused bill of sale for farm implements by Kobayaahi son-in-law, Mr. Giraud, and so moved to another farm five miles west taking farm implements with him. Mrs. Giraud once refused room reserved for visits to their Kern County farm home by any member of Kobayashi family, was ordered to get off the place since "no Japs are allowed here, besides the American Government is going to give this farm to us." Kern County Sheriff John E. Loustalot willing to protect life and limb but feels farm implements removal calls for Kobayashi's civil action, WRA investigator reports.
29. 2/26/45 Orosi, Tule Co., Calif. Sam Uyeno's home was subjected to shooting on two successive nights at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. No one was injured. Suspect two Orosi High School boys who quit school day evacuee Ben Shiba came back from Gila River Relocation Center and re-entered school. That same evening the first shooting occurred. Eleven evacuees are staying on Uyeno's ranch in Tulare County. Investigation continues.

30. 3/1/45 Newcastle (rural nearby), Placer County: K. Kubo Placer Farm ranch home destroyed by 5:30 p.m. fire believed to be of accidental origin. Considerable evacuee property stored was destroyed. Kubo is relocated to Penryn, Placer County and knows about fire; expects wife and two children to open Penryn home with him about 10 days hence. Kubo organized Placer Farms Company prior to evacuation. His tenant of fire-destroyed house uninjured.
31. 3/6/45 San Jose (rural 3 miles east), Santa Clara Co. -- Joe Takeda home subjected to 12:50 a.m. night shooting and attempted burning by men in unidentified sedan who cut telephone wires and set fire to house and sheds with gasoline poured under home. No one injured and family of 10 evacuees put out fire with aid of rain. One shot fired from car slowly cruising highway 75 feet away, 2 shots fired as it passed on 4th trip past. One revolver slung went over heads of 2 children on porch, lodged in bedroom wall. First incident case in Santa Clara Valley, Sheriff Emig's office notified, 3 deputies arrived within 15 minutes.
32. 3/6/45 Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., Calif. Home of Dr. Linus Pauling was plastered with signs: "We Love Japs Here," "Jap Lovers"; also a big Japanese flag was painted on house. Dr. Pauling recently figured in the news as developer of glucose substitute for plasma. He recently employed Nisei boy who will enter Army within the month. Boy at present is in enlisted reserves and is employed at gardening pending his induction.
33. 3/7/45 Davis, Yolo Co., Calif. Shigeki Murasaki, student at School of Agriculture, University of California, Davis, encountered difficulty when a druggist in the town refused to sell him any goods. Dr. Robbins, a professor at the college (also District Governor of Rotary International) interceded for Murasaki and the other druggist in town assured him he would be glad to serve him at any time.
34. 3/11/45 Sanger (rural 8 miles south), Fresno County: T. Nakamoto farm safe allegedly robbed by farmer-employee T.E. Pierce who was arrested by Fresno County Sheriff and placed in County jail at request of property and farm custodian Henry A. Harr on March 12th. Charge was theft and pilfering with trial set before Justice of the Peace Officer of Sanger for March 13. San Francisco WRA Area Office notified by Paul J. Fischer at 2:00 p.m. March 12th and custodian notified Nakamoto at Gila River Relocation Center.
35. 3/11/45 French Camp, Stockton, San Joaquin County: Hanamo Fujichige and his sister Mrs. H.K. Minami, threatened with bodily harm by Filipino of nearby farm, reported to Stockton Sheriff by Mrs. Roscoe Rose, friend of evacuees. Sheriff sent two deputies to investigate who warned Filipino. WRA Relocation officer John R. Robertson verbally notified at office 10:00 next day. Mrs. Minami's address -- 1150 West Ferry, Detroit 2, Michigan. Threat occurred at residence at French Camp.
36. 3/14/45 Seattle, Washington: Takuhisa Matsudaira, his wife, nine children and 89 year old Issei arrived, having been brought to Seattle by Father Clement, Maryknoll priest, from Minidoka. Found former home stripped of furniture, making it necessary to call in welfare people. Both state and King County agencies cooperated.
37. 3/14/45 Seattle, King Co., Washington: Report has been made that Mamoru Norman Shiota and Satoshi Jack Shiota, ages 23 and 22 respectively, have been charged with making "abusive remarks, threats and insults" in the presence

of Ralph L. Erwin; Mr. and Mrs. Langley; and Miss Helen Lee (Chinese) because Mrs. Langley refused to sell one of the boys a box of cough drops." After proper investigation (in view of the fact that Norman Shiota offered to leave town not later than Easter Sunday and Jack Shiota offered to sign papers for voluntary induction into Army) Mr. Erwin, proprietor of Erwin's Pharmacy, 1724 Yealer Way, in whose store the incident occurred (who is believed to be a member of the Remember Pearl Harbor League -- an anti-Japanese-American society) dropped charges. News of this incident as well as another by one of the Shiota boys was picked up by Lt. Hull of Naval Intelligence; Mr. George Greenwood, Chairman of the Mayor's Committee. Through investigation was made by all, including Mr. Claude C. Walker.

38. 3/15/45 Berkeley, California. Takeshi Nishida, returnee from Chicago, referred to Production Engineering Co., 9th and Dwight, by USES, returned to Chicago after some workers protested plant's hiring him. Harry Kingman, FEPC head, and DRO Tuttle addressed meeting of workers; trouble apparently straightened out. FEPC to arrange for USES to refer another Nisei for work at the plant.
39. 3/19/45 San Francisco. Georgia Cutler, 169 25th Avenue, received numerous threatening telephone calls because she had hired Japanese couple, formerly employed by her mother, and house them in rear. District Attorney, FBI, investigating.
40. 3/21/45 San Jose, California. Shigitaki Onishi, 175 Taylor St., was approached by a Filipino sailor as Onishi was planting a tree in his front yard. An Italian woman friend, Mrs. Cerucci, phoned sheriff's office. Deputies arrived, questioned sailor known only as "Montana" who claimed he had made no threats. Onishi said he had been told to "get out." Navy Shore Patrol responded reluctantly, could not find sailor.
41. 3/23/45 Early in morning Onishi heard clatter against his house, investigated, found three empty beer bottles had been thrown at his home.
42. 2/23/45 San Jose. Yoshinaga Taketa, 5th and Jackson, former Little Yokyo area, heard noises at front of store, discovered at daylight that window glass of store had been broken. On previous night had had gone to a Filipino grocery store across the street and was told, "We don't want any of your business." Police investigating.
43. 3/23/45 Portland. R. Tsubota suffered boycott at his produce on Portland markets during past week. Portland Citizens Committee promises to buy from Tsubota.
44. 3/24/45 Fresno, Calif. - James Owanda, residing at corner of Dinuba and Brawley Avenues, reported being intimidated by a sailor and two civilians. This is a second occurrence to Owada and believed to be by the same people. Sheriff's office and Shore Patrol were notified and are following up same.
45. 3/26/45 Maders, Calif. - The home of Minoru Ohashi, P.O. Box 187, located 8 miles out of Maders, 1/2 mile east of intersection of Ripperdan & Madera Ave. was shot at but bullets did not strike any member of family. However, they entered room where family was sleeping just missing them by a few feet. Five shots were fired by unknown persons. Investigation under way by sheriff.

46. 3/27/45 Fresno, Calif. - 23 tombstones (20 being markers of persons of Japanese ancestry and 3 persons of German ancestry) were overturned in Mountain View cemetery in the northwest section of that city. Damage is believed to have been done by a group of boys. Investigation being carried on by sheriff's office.
47. 3/28/45 Watsonville, Calif. - Tsuneo Sumida of Poston, Arizona was refused admittance to a Greyhound bus running between Chittenden Junction and Hollister, California by the driver. It was necessary for Sumida to hike part of the way before getting a ride into Hollister.
48. 3/28/45 Vacaville, Solano Co., Calif. - A. Kordi, 45, residing at Alameda Ranch, was refused service by two local restaurants. Kordi reported incidents to Chief of Police O. E. Alley.
49. 3/28/45 Tulare, Tulare County: Tulare Daily Times reported on 3/28/45 that late p.m. 3/26/45 a "self-confessed Jap" wielded a sharp knife and was routed after a short but bloody encounter with Henry Smith, owner of the Kern Street Market, 127 E. Kern St." The alleged encounter took place after Smith told the assailant he had no cigarettes and the "Jap" purportedly replied, "That's the trouble with you Americans, you won't sell anything to us "Japs." Paper's account makes it look like a "plant" or a phony.
50. 3/29/45 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif. - Fire swept through the offices of a Ration Board at 1641 E. 103rd Street, destroying most of the Board records. Property was owned by Shigeru Hirose. Investigation made by the police arson squad found that the offices had been ransacked before the fire and that same had been started by intruders during the night.
51. 3/30/45 Oakland, Alameda County, Calif. - John Yamashita reported some boys had thrown rocks into the windows of church (used as hostel) located at 10th and West Streets. Incident reported to Chief of Police who promised full cooperation and agreed to report findings. (10th & West Streets is an inter-racial district.)
52. 4/1/45 Woodbridge, San Joaquin Co., Calif. - Premises of Fred Sakoda consisting of house, shed, garage, cabin, packing house and Ford Sedan (leased by Mrs. Minnie Swafford) was completely destroyed by fire estimating to \$10,000.00. John R. Robertson, Relocation Officer, was verbally notified and is checking with Woodbridge Fire Department and Lodi Police Dept. to determine the fire's origin. 5/15/45 - Investigation by WRA official indicates fire was of accidental origin.
53. 4/1/45 Cressey, Merced Co., Calif. - T. Andow, Route 1, Box 204, Winton, Calif., reported on Sunday a.m. April 1, family discovered bullet holes in porch uprights. Shot apparently fired from road (about 100 yards) during the night. Previously in January shots had been fired on two occasions at their home.
54. 4/3/45 Oroshi, Tulare Co., Calif. - Sign "No Japs Wanted" erected at entrance to town. Reported to constable who said sign does not violate any local ordinance and that there was nothing he could do about it. Dist. Atty. Walter C. Haigh said the sign did not violate any county ordinance but that he would try to have it removed. Sign is posted on land owned by realtor, C.F. Schleicher. He claims to know nothing about it and intends doing nothing about removing it.

55. 4/4/45 Cortez, Merced Co., Calif. - George Morisuji and N. Kajioka living in shack behind a Japanese Church on the edge of Cortez reported to sheriff's office that at approximately 9:30 p.m. April 3, a bullet discharged from a 38-55 rifle penetrated the shack. Morisuji reported the bullet just "missed by a foot." Sheriff's office now investigating case.
56. 4/4/45 Fresno, Fresno Co., Calif. - Several boys (believed to be Filipinos) threw rocks through a window in the home of S. C. Sakamoto, 608 E Street, Fresno, at 12:25 a.m. on April 4. Police were summoned and noted complaint.
57. 4/3/45 Maders, Maders Co., Calif. - at 3:00 p.m. fire destroyed tool shed belonging to property of Fred T. Kumagai located one mile south of intersection of Ripperdan and Madera Avenues. Fire is believed to have been caused by defective wiring. Full investigation is being made by State Forestry Fire Dept; Sheriff W.O. Justice and Dist. Atty. Everett S. Coffee.
58. 4/21/45 Newcastle, Placer County, Calif. - Barn, property of T. Kaneko and leased to Gene Fowler, mysteriously burned down destroying Fowler's truck and other property. Mr. Hatch of WRA is in Auburn investigating and intends contacting Ray McCarthy of the State Department of Justice concerning the incident.
59. 4/21/45 Newcastle, Placer County, Calif. - Barn, property of T. Kaneko.
60. 4/22/45 Cressy, Merced County, Calif. - Two shots fired into Tank House occupied by Bob Morimoto, located at Box 5, Palm Avenue, Cressey, Calif. The shots made two holes in walls three feet above second floor. Present at time of shooting were Bob and Grace Morimoto, Frank and Tete Morimoto. Incident was reported to Mr. Hull of WRA, who notified the sheriff's office and met deputies there. Authorities, after investigation, expressed opinion that probably the same gun was in Kishi and Morimoto incidents - which took place same evening.
61. 4/22/45 Livingston, Merced County, Calif. - Four shots fired into home of Chiyoko Kishi, Route 1, Box 318, Livingston, Calif. Property damage consisted of broken chandelier, four holes in plaster; two holes in davenport; three holes in cabinet. Shots believed to have been fired from moving car on highway 100 ft. from house by a high powered rifle. Present at time of shooting were S. Shiyoko, Mayme, Lucy, Tajiro Kishi and Shige Kawasaki. Sheriff of San Joaquin County investigated.
62. 5/1/45 Wheatland, Yuba County. - Harvey Whitten approached by Lieut. Charles Akins, Army, and Sgt. Leonard Bowser, Marine Corps, who threatened to get "three more Marines and run Mr. Whitten out of the country if he didn't discharge Japanese ranch workers. Captain Pierson, provost marshall Camp Beale investigated. Akins had returned to an eastern camp; Bowser had returned to Marysville. Constable suggested Whitten make all his calls at Wheatland in the daytime thereafter. Whitten wants 7 or 8 more workers as soon as possible. Sheriff McCoy, Yuba County, offered special patrol car coverage.
63. 5/5/45 Fresno, 1528 Kern Street, at midnight windows of book store temporary resident of Kanichi Komoto. Wife, two sons in bed. Rock and half a brick thrown. Patrolman unable to find witnesses.

64. 5/9/45 Fresno, Satsugo Sakamoto. Two shots fired at his home, 10:15 p.m. 608 E Street, Fresno (in town). Mrs. Sakamoto, daughter, Mrs. James Collier (mixed marriage), James Collier recently discharge from Navy. Another son-in-law Hoagy Ogawa at Fort Snelling, an adopted son Eddie Aburamen, 26 months in south Pacific. One shot passed within foot of Mrs. Collier's head.
65. 5/10/45 Miss Mary Matsuda, Talbert, Orange county. Living with Caucasian family, the Trudeaus, told by group of men at night that she must get out. (Trudeau, Patterson, Buchheim, Geisler, Newhouse among crowd). Now staying in Santa Ana. Has 4 brothers in service. Kazuo, 25, killed at Cassino; Tahashi 24, wounded in rescue of Lost Battalion, France, back in action; Nasao, 26, now on furlough, Mits, 27, medical discharge. Father and mother still in Gila.
- This group called on Nitta family, Mrs. Louis Dischiener (mixed marriage) George Iwakashi, Zentaro Sato. Nitta's have son and son-in-law in service. Sheriff Elliott knows nothing about this, he says.
66. 5/9/45 Fresno, 708 E Street, brick thrown at former Japanese hospital, broke screen and window pane. Hospital now being used as residence by Mrs. Pearl Diel, custodian of Okanogi Hospital, her two children and Dr. Robert Tabuno. Brick found and fingerprinted.
67. 5/5/45 (61-A) San Jose, Santa Clara County. Japanese Methodist Church, 566 North Six St., entered at 9 a.m. by four boys, two Negro brothers, aged 13 and 14, and two Mexican brothers, aged 10 and 9. Mr. Buemo Kitazwa, making routine inspection boys, and police caught them redhanded in act of looting parsonage in rear of church. Relocation officers went to church immediately, found boxes, trunks, etc., opened and contents strewn about. Boys claim they removed nothing from building, but evidence seems otherwise. Nothing indicates that nationality of owner had anything to do with the burglary. Rev. Osuga, Minister of the church, plans to relocate there with family in near future.
68. 5/5/45 (61-B) Concord, Contra Costa County, Calif. Toya Hotel completely destroyed by fire. Newspaper accounts suggested it had incendiary origin, but that was denied by Chief of Police and Asst. Fire Chief, both interviewed by Relocation Officer. Fire Chief, interviewed later, said that there is a possibility the fire was sent and is continuing investigations. Little anti-Japanese feeling seems to exist in the neighborhood.
69. 5/7/45 (62-A) San Francisco, San Francisco County. William T. Nakahara's residence at 1731 Laguna Street damaged. Plate glass panel in front door broken. Damage amounts to approximately \$15. San Francisco police notified at 10:45 p.m.; they arrived at 11 p.m.
70. 5/14/45 Kent, King County, Washington. First violence in North West area. Stones thrown through four panes of glass in small greenhouse back of Mitsuo Ikuta family's residence, three miles north of Kent. Someone shook front door violently but Ikuta did not open it, and persons involved drove away in car shortly afterward. Ikutas arrived two weeks ago, the first family to return. Sheriff's office notified, promised extra patrolling attention for Ikuta. FBI also notified.

71. 5/15/45 Seattle, King County, Washington. Shigeo Nagaishi, 1610 Walker St., received in mail two newspaper pictures obviously meant as intimidation. Also received threatening letter, later turned over to FBI. Police Department has promised extraordinary attention by patrol cars for the family during next few days.

72. 5/9/45 Talbert, Orange County, California -- While visiting at the home of
 (62-B) Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trudeau, Maru Masuda formerly of Talbert, was annoyed by intruders as follows: Mr. Patterson came to the house and said he and the boys had gone to the Nitta's and raised "hell." Around 7:00 p.m. the telephone rang and "Toad" Patterson (who had been very friendly in the past) spoke to Miss Masuda and said he and the boys were coming up to see her. About 10:15 p.m. Mr. Patterson, Mitz Gisler, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Trudeau and a man named Charles came into the house. Gisler said "he didn't know why he let Miss Masuda into the Trudeau house." He called us "those damned Japs and worse." The incident was reported to the Sheriff's office.

73. 5/7/45 Parker, Yuma County, Arizona-- Internee at Poston Relocation Center
 (62-C) attacked in Parker by Guy Lillard, Parker gambler. Evacuee, waiting for a bus, was struck several times before he could get away according to witnesses. Lillard had been drinking. Evacuee's identity not established.

74. 5/8/45 Parker, Yuma County, Arizona -- Tom T. Sakai, 23 year old evacuee,
 (62-D) attacked by Sig Hall while waiting on corner for Center ice truck. Hall watched crew of ice truck and entered drug store; he instructed them to leave Parker as soon as they were finished, and "stay out." He also followed project baggage truck in his car, warning crew not to leave the depot side of street. When ice-truck crew left drug store, Hall swung on Tashiya Ogura, who ward off blow and suffered no damage.

75. 4/25/45 Parker, Yuma County, Arizona -- Andy Hale, (principle in wounded
 (59-A) veteran incident) struck one of two Issei standing on corner near his shop. Neither date nor identity of person struck has been established.

76. 5/20/45 Selma, Fresno County, Calif. -- At 12:10 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, four
 shots from high powered rifle were fired into home of Hasaru Miyamoto, 31, Route 1, Box 174, Selma. One shot went through the blanket on bed in which Miyamoto was sleeping; and another reported to have been imbedded six inches from crib of Edward, 3. Miyamoto family consists of Edward, 3; Susie, 5; and his wife Natsume, 29, all born in this country. Sheriff's office investigating incident.

77. 5/20/45 Caruthers, Fresno County, Calif. -- At 1:00 a.m. Sunday May 20, six
 shots from high powered rifle were fired into house of Mrs. Nobuye Masada, Route 1, Box 46, Caruthers. Mrs. Masada, widow, was born in Japan in 1889. Family consists of Alice Aiko, 17, Yuriko Lilly, 22; Katsumi, 30; Saburo, 15; Tokio, 17; Toshihiro, 24. Sheriff's office investigating incident.

78. 5/8/45 Salt Lake City, Utah. -- Mr. Martin WRA escort, boarded a UP train at Salt Lake City with eight Japanese patients bound for San Francisco and Laguna Honda Home. Three patients occupied closed space and five were in open pullman space. A Mr. Hampton boarded train, saw all the Japanese and removed himself from the train refusing to ride with the Japanese. He then sent following wire to Jeffers, President of UP

Railroad: "Regardless this administration's policy relative Japanese your system forcing white people ride standard pullman in same car with them is abominable. The public will remember this." (Signed) Mr. Hampton. This information was received in WRA office San Francisco from UP Office merely for informational purposes.

79. 5/23/45 Reedley, Fresno County, Calif. -- At approximately 10:00 p.m. on May 22, four shots were fired into home of Charles K. Iwasaki, 36, Route 1, Box 384, Reedley, Calif. No one injured nor any property damaged. Reported to Sheriff's office, whose men appeared in five minutes but were unable to apprehend the gunmen. Investigators believed shots to be fired by boys or high school youths because of small size of footprints found in vicinity. Believed a shotgun was employed. Iwasaki's family consists of wife, Isami Ann, 32; Norman 11; Amy, 8; and Lawrence, 5. The family are Nisei. His father an Issei, Charles Isasaki, also resides with them.
80. 5/25/45 Orosi, Tulare County, Calif. -- At 10:00 p.m. May 24, two shots were fired shoulder high, into the house of Kaudy Mimura, 32, a citizen living at Route 8, Box 43, Orosi. One shot ripped into the bedroom and the other into the living room. Sheriff was notified immediately and made an investigation. He found one copper jacketed shell nearby. He declined to request special police protection, saying his office was shorthanded. He also indicated he felt he did not have enough evidence to go on.

WEST COAST INCIDENTS

83. 6/1/45 Stones were thrown thru window in home of John Takahashi, 1905 W. Compton St., Gardena, Calif. (Los Angeles County) by some passerby in a car. This is second incident to Takahashi in past three months when an iron pipe was thrust thru his front window. He reported it immediately to the Police Department.
84. 6/4/45 So. Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Calif. -- Between 9:00 and 11:00 p.m., crude "Suns" were painted in three places in red on front of Diamond Market, 1010 Mission Street; also a large sign reading "Jap Trade Wanted Here" was painted in white across two or three folding wooden doors on store property. The proprietor Peter Kermode stated three employees quit in last three weeks because of his insistence they wait on Japanese American customers with same decorum they show to other patrons. Kermode has four brothers in the service -- three in the South Pacific.
85. 6/7/45 So. Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Calif. -- Neighbors (Mr. and Mrs. Lindblom) were incensed because a Caucasian family was asked to vacate their home due to return of Mr. and Mrs. Hisako Ishikawa, 1616 Bank Street (owners of property) to their former home. Lindblom remarked "Mrs. White (who collected rent for the Ishikawas while they were interned) and Judge Collier (who took care of Kanishi property) ought to be run out of town." A group of citizens of So. Pasadena have organized in order to try to handle these situations and put a stop to such uprisings.
86. 6/5/45 Hanford, Kings Co., Calif. -- Fire, believed set by children, destroyed garage and shack on property owned by Mrs. George Kane Orata, now residing in Minneapolis. Property is for sale, as Mrs. Orata does not intend returning here. Orata residence, which is used principally for shoring odds and ends of furniture and located in front of garage has been broken into and looted several times. Mr. Edmiston was notified of fire by Chief of Police. As the property is in hands of custodian, WRA feels there is nothing further to be done; as owner is only concerned with selling property.
87. 6/8/45 Lodi, San Joaquin Co., Calif. -- For the third time in approximately three weeks fire again broke out on the property of the Buddhist Church. Believed set by children carelessly playing with matches inside church. A desk was destroyed and walls and floor scorched. Police investigating. Other fires took place on May 29th and 30th.
88. 6/8/45 Redwood City, San Mateo Co., Calif. -- Hirosuki Inouye received intimidating letter from manager of Gilroy Hot Springs, Gilroy, Calif. when he wrote requesting reservations at the Springs for his invalid father. Letter received stated: "We are still in business, but - No Japs are Allowed at our Springs - The farther you stay away from here, the better. Once a Jap, Always a Jap, Even amongst his own Rats - So Go Back to Destroyed Tokio." Mr. Inouye reported incident to our San Jose WRA office.

89. 6/12/45 West Covina, Los Angeles Co., Calif. -- Mrs. Lerg, 2034 Glendora Ave., informed Gerals L. Ash of WRA that she had been threatened and intimidated by several citizens of that town for having leased farm land to Yutaka Miura. In lieu of the trouble she decided to cancel lease with Miura and allow her two brother-in-laws (returning discharged veterans) farm it.
90. 6/17/45 San Jose, Santa Clara, Calif. -- Five Mexican "zoot-suiters" drove up in a car and parked outside bar across the street from residence of Harry Taketa & wife. One of the Mexicans noticed the Takotas sitting on their veranda and ventured across the street, uttered abusive language and cursed the "Japs" and remarked: "Might as well start in on them." As the Taketas get up to go inside the others rushed at them. However, Taketas managed to get inside and close door. Taketa immediately picked up phone and called Mr. Edmiston of WRA. The mexicans became frightened and drove away. License number is 1-R-1449. Edmiston phoned police, but they did not appear. He is making further investigation.