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# Farm Bureaus

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Sidney G Robinson

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424 Wheeler Hall  
17 June 1949

Mr. Sidney G. Rubinow  
California Farm Bureau Federation  
Fulton and Kittridge Streets  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Rubinow:

As you may recall, I called on you last week with an inquiry into the attitudes and opinions of the Farm Bureaus at the time of Pearl Harbor and shortly thereafter regarding the Japanese enemy aliens and the desirability of their removal. As I indicated to you, my colleague and I are very anxious to get an accurate picture of public opinion at that time and of the precise statements made by individuals and groups, to counteract a soon-to-be-published account. I appreciate the time you gave to me and your efforts to assist us.

In looking through the reports of the Tolan Committee I find that Earl Warren (then Attorney General) stated (page 10981) that he was attaching to his remarks copies of telegrams from various organizations relative to their attitude toward having Japanese laborers in their counties. He mentioned the Farm Bureaus of Butte, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Yolo, and Yuba; in his testimony only the statements from Fresno, Kern, Stanislaus, and Tulare were included. These statements apparently had been sent as answers to a telegraphic inquiry from Mr. Wiser sent on February 18. 1992

Could you ascertain for us what the questions asked in this telegram was, and what the replies were? Apparently there were 2 questions, the second of which was asking whether farmers wished to provide employment for Japanese and to what extent.

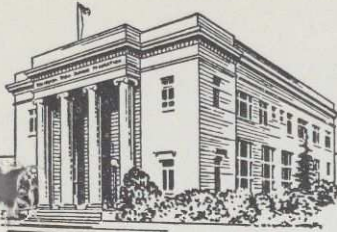
This information would help us get a picture of the attitudes of the Farm Bureaus and the reasons for their policies toward the use of Japanese labor. This material would go far, it seems to me, to contradict claims of "conspiracy of Big Business and officials," by revealing the agricultural, productive, concerns of the farmers.

If this request is acceptable, I would be glad to go over this material at your offices to save trouble of copying, etc.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Assistant professor





# CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION



2223 FULTON STREET Telephone THornwall 3-9600

BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

June 18, 1949

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

Dear Professor Barnhart:

I have your very valued favor of June 17. Your letter refers to telegrams alleged to have been sent by Mr. Wiser on February 18, but there is no indication what year that was.

I am sure that we do not have any files going back as far as you indicated to me when you were here. I do not have the reports of the Tolan Committee; therefore, cannot refer to them.

I doubt very much whether any of the County Farm Bureaus mentioned in your letter would have files on hand as far back as 1941, if that was the year you had in mind.

Much as I would like to help you, I do not see how it is possible for us to get at the information you want without having the sources at hand. I was under the impression that you were going to furnish us with the specific statements made about us by the former University of California research man.

Sincerely yours,

S. G. RUBINOW

SGR:as

424 Wheeler Hall  
21 June 1949

Mr. S.G. Rubinow  
California Farm Bureau Federation  
2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley

Dear Mr. Rubinow:

Thank you for your letter of June 18. The date which I carelessly omitted was 1942.

The MSS which I have dealing with the evacuation and which we feel presents a confused and prejudicial picture of its motivation may not contain exactly the material which the book will; the author may have changed the text, etc. I find that the book itself will be available in the bay area in about ten days.

I have placed an order for the book and I will be glad to loan it to you shortly after receiving it. This would save me the trouble of copying out the MSS material and would be much more satisfactory and reliable.

I gather the impression from the Tolan Committee report that the Farm Bureau had set up a Committee on Japanese Matter. This was in February, 1942. Do you find any records of the minutes or reports or recommendations of this Committee? Such would be very useful to us.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Assistant professor





# CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION



2223 FULTON STREET Telephone THornwall 3-9600

BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

June 27, 1949

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

Dear Professor Barnhart:

I am in receipt of your second letter, under date of June 21.

At my first opportunity, I will search through our minutes to find out whether or not we set up a committee on Japanese matters, as your letter infers.

This has all happened so far back that I just cannot remember what did or did not take place. I am sure we do not have the records here that you want.

As soon as you can let me have the manuscript covered by your letter, I may be in a better position to find out how we can help you.

Sincerely yours,

*S. G. Rubinow*

S. G. RUBINOW

SGR: bh

424 Wheeler Hall  
27 June 1949

Mr. S.G. Rubinow  
California Farm Bureau Federation  
2223 Fulton St.  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Rubinow:

You will find a review of the book by  
Grodzins--"Americans Betrayed"--in this last Sunday's  
Chronicle. Book Section of This World, page 22.

He apparently has not changed his line  
very much. According to the review he blames the evacuation  
on "politicians and politically-minded pressure groups"  
which circulated rumors and stories about the Japanese.  
He lists the Farm Bureau Federation among these.

I have not yet secured a copy but if you  
do not get one and wish to borrow mine, I will be glad to  
let you have it.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Assistant professor



ALPHA CHAPTER  
PHI BETA KAPPA  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

15 May 1947

Dear Fellow Member:

At the Council meeting of May 14 the enclosed list of candidates was elected to membership in the Society.

The newly-elected will be initiated on Wednesday evening May 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room of Stephens Union. It will be followed by a banquet in Stephens Union at 6:30 and by the Phi Beta Kappa Oration to be delivered by Professor John D. Condliffe at 8:15 p.m. in Room 2000 Life Sciences Building. The title of the Oration is "Scholarship and Scholasticism."

You are cordially urged to attend the dinner and Oration. If you wish to attend the dinner, make reservations through Mrs. Whitener, Executive Secretary, Room 14 California Hall; mail address: Box 8, Wheeler Hall. Checks for reservations, \$1.75 a person, should accompany reservations.

Sincerely

Catharine DeM. Quire  
President



Assoc. Farmers

Fresno Bee March 12

A recommendation that all enemy aliens and all "potential fifth columnists" be removed from the state as soon as possible features a meeting of the Associated Farmers of Fresno County yesterday afternoon...

President R.F. Schmeiser presided at the session.

"We are conscious of the effect on our agriculture of such measures, but believe loyal farmers can make up the production losses very rapidly," says the resolution. It also recommended the aliens be kept in areas where possibilities of sabotage are "very limited".

At the Council meeting of May 14 the proposed list of candidates was elected to membership in the

The newly elected will be installed on May

Friday evening May 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room of

Swansea Union. It will be followed by a banquet in Swansea

Union at 8:45 and by the FBI Post Young Center to be delivered

at 9:00 p.m. by J. Campbell at 8:15 p.m. in Room 2000 later

and 8:30 p.m. The title of the dinner is "Scholarship and

Development"

The new committee agreed to extend the dinner and

banquet. It was also agreed to extend the dinner and banquet

to include the following: Executive Secretary, Room 14 California Hall

and address for a speaker will be given for reservations \$1.75

a person. Adults receiving the speakers.

Sincerely

California Hall Union  
Fresno



? Valley Protective Assoc, Auburn, Wash  
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org Feb 27 "do not belong to the civil,  
def. org. as it is set up here, but they  
are a group org'd to take care of the  
interests of the city in that district. I  
don't know whether we want to  
call them vigilantes or the starting of  
a vigilantes' org. (11520)

Reval "remove -- all members of the  
I race to a place distant enough  
to insure the safety of our main  
industries."

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farmers - "various interests in Hood River  
Valley" & Amer. Legion

J. E. Kahre (11329-11331)

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"Propose that not only foreign-  
born Japanese but Americans as  
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of one or 2 committing acts of  
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emotion might lead to serious  
conseq. not only to the whites in  
the valley but also to the Japs as  
well... ~~as 77 Jap north and~~  
~~American~~"



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June 11, 1951

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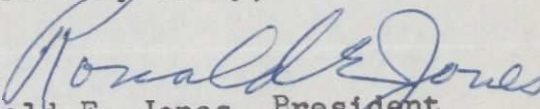
Dear Mr. Barnhart:

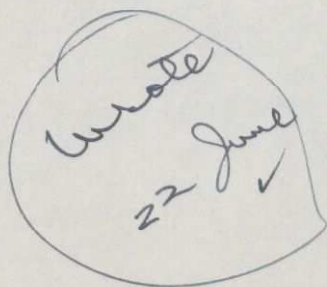
Replying to your letter of May 22 regarding farm organization attitude toward Japanese evacuation from the west coast in 1942, as far as I know no state organization of farmers made any public utterances one way or the other in the spring of '42. Individual locals of most organizations did take some action. I have no copies of any resolutions, though, that were adopted at that time by any organization.

This seems an evasive way to answer your question, but it is the best I can do.

I happen to have many personal views on the program, both in 1942 and still do, but these will not add to your study. My own reaction was that the individuals who made the most noise regarding evacuation stood to profit by the evacuation, but that is enough of that.

# Yours very truly,

  
Ronald E. Jones, President  
Oregon State Farmers Union





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Testimony of  
J. E. Klahre

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Feb 26 - Lower Col River C & C

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The California Farm Bureau Federation, composed of Farm Bureaus representing county/~~units~~ most of the fifty-eight counties of California, did not, as far as is known, display a very active interest in excluding the Japanese from the state.

The Board of Directors did not pass a resolution favoring evacuation. It did call for placement of all Japanese persons and property "under federal supervision" as one point in a program adopted at a meeting in January. (107)

*I will assume 6 county units divided into 3 groups of 2 each. Only 3 are known to have come out in favor of Japanese evacuation. The president of the Kern County Unit stated in a letter to Congressman A.J. Elliott February 7 it was the consensus of opinion that the sooner the Japanese are removed from the Pacific Coast the better it will be for all of us. (108)*

The San Bernadino County Farm Bureau adopted a resolution on February 11, 1942 urging that

every possible step be taken to remove all Japanese from the Pacific Coast area for the duration of the war, (109)

The Los Angeles County Farm Bureau directors adopted a resolution sometime <sup>19</sup>in February "stating tht it was the consensus that all Japanese, citizen and alian, be confined to concentration camps in the interests of national defense." (110)



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THE GRANGE IS THE LARGEST  
GENERAL FARM ORGANIZATION  
IN AMERICA

# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

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## OFFICE OF MASTER

2101 Stockton Boulevard  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

May 18, 1951

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

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Your letter of April 12th, addressed to Mrs. Celia M. Harding, Secretary of the California State Grange, was forwarded to this office. We delayed replying thinking we might find time to review the Journals of the State Grange Conventions in order to send you some definite declarations on the question of the evacuation of the Japanese from California, but owing to Legislative activities, we have not had time to review the Journals. However, the California State Grange supported the evacuation on the basis it was necessary for safety. The position of the State Grange was probably largely influenced by instances where Japanese were found to have stored war materials. Some of them in strategic locations.

We trust this information may be of some value to you.

The present Secretary of Tulare Grange is Mrs. Mamie Maryfield, Rt. 4, Box 330, Tulare, California.

Very respectfully yours,

*Geo. Sehlmeier*  
George Sehlmeier, Master  
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

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*Comments in Oct '52  
not rec'd.*

*Date 8  
action?*





# Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

Telephone 4-2287



Salem, Oregon

June 1, 1951

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

Dear Professor Barnhart:

In answer to yours of May 22nd, I am sorry to advise that there was no record on this general subject by the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation or any of its county farm bureaus in 1942. The organization at that time was extremely small, located in only one corner of the State of Oregon interested largely in wheat.

The growth of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation has largely taken place during the past six years.

Sorry we can be of no help to you in this instance.

Yours very truly,

*Marshall Swearingen*  
Marshall Swearingen, President

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California Farm Bureau

Part B

(1)

On February 18, 1942 Wiser sent a telegram to 20 Farm Bureau Secretaries in California, asking "Has your county facilities for housing in a camp under direct state or federal control, 100 or more Japanese evacuated from forbidden zones...? Do farmers desire such camps? Do farmers in your county wish to employ or provide employment for such labor and to what extent?"

The following counties were queried; we indicate which of their replies are in our files in the form of photostat of reply; which appear in Tolan Hearings.

	<u>In our files</u>	<u>In Tolan</u>
Butte	✓	11008 (1)
Fresno		
Imperial	✓	
Kern	✓	11008 (2)
Los Angeles	✓	
Merced	✓	
Orange	✓	
Riverside	✓	
Sacramento	✓	
San Bernardino	✓	
San Joaquin	✓	
Santa Clara	✓	
Siskiyou		
Solano	✓	
Sonoma	✓	
Stanislaus		11005 (3)
Sutter	✓	
Tulare		11009 (4)
Yolo		
Yuba	✓	



(2)

Analysis of the replies to this telegram shows

A; Expressions of antagonism against the Japanese by the public  
in the county - 2 ("strong"; "not kindly" looked on)

B: Japanese should be evacuated - 45

Riverside: "sent into interior"

~~San Bernadino "remove all Japanese"~~

Orange: "removal of all Japanese-Americans as well  
as aliens from Orange County"

Kern: "all enemy aliens and all Japanese removed from  
state now;" cant tell disloyal.

*Stanislaus: "all Jap. evac. from state"*

C: Opposition to bringing in Japanese laborers

Dont want them: 6 ✓

Dont need 2 ✓

Some would welcome, some would not 2 ✓

D: No opposition to bringing in Jap laborers

Could use them 1 ✓

They are wanted 2 ✓



Fresno County Farm Bureau

Feb. 19

#1

Dear Mr. Wiser:

As to your first question of your telegram dated February 18, there is a Government camp at Firebaugh, Fresno County. I do not know what the available space is there. My information is that the farmers do not desire such a camp in Fresno County.

The other question, "Do farmers in your county wish to provide employment for such labor and to what extent?" My answer and information is No. However, we are requesting from this county that the Japanese who are now here remain here under the proper constituted supervision, local, State and Federal, if necessary.

We believe that the Japanese who are now performing agricultural labor in Fresno County should remain here for that purpose, but agriculture does not favor any addition of Japanese from other areas.

A.J. Quist, Pres.

✓

Kern County Farm Bureau  
Stockton

Feb. 19

#2

Kern County Farm Bureau, board of supervisors, agricultural committee, county defense council, and county wide agricultural labor committee, all have gone on record recommending that all Japs be removed from California and placed under adequate guard at once and plans for utilizing their labor be made later. Letter follows

Frank Stockton, President

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Tulare County Farm Bureau

Feb. 19

#4

Under existing conditions as developed in the past few hours these alien Japanese or dual citizens could not be moved into the county unless the United States Army has charge of the. There are camps available for Japs on the large ranches but due to public opinion we do not believe that Tulare County needs any more Japs unless as stated the Army has complete control over this situation. At the present time there is not strict enough regulation on the enemy alien in Tulare County especially the Jap dual citizen or alien

Jordan, President

Stanislaus Farm Bureau  
Modesto

#3

Dear Ray

Relative to your wire of February 19...

I have been making a check-up for the past 2 weeks in our county on the question of aliens and their labor situation, and find that it is an extremely difficult problem to make any definite decision about.

I wrote Mr. Davison that a great many of our farmers were very

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+ comment

✓ Gridley - "maj. of people feel that way" (1)  
[Keep Japs out in war; none  
loyalty to U.S. after war]

Modena - "opposed returning Jap. to Pac Coast" (2)

Redondo Beach - ~~"return to Pac C. be prohibited"~~ (1)  
- over of their safety

→ Torrance - "all Jap., Amer. or not, should  
be excl. from P.C. and ...  
from the U.S. and its territories" (5)

→ Oceanside - "before war no friction,  
since public feeling against" (10)

(11) Bishop - strong public sent. against  
Jap release (6)

concerned about labor shortage, realizing that already our labor supply  
is becoming a problem in California.... In discussion the question with  
farmers who have to hire to augment, the feeling seems to be that...  
aliens should be concentrated in camps... where they could be made to  
work in the production of food....

On the other



Stanislaus (Page 2)

concerned about labor shortage, realizing that already our labor supply is becoming a problem in California...In idscussing the questi n with farmers who have to hire to any extent, the feeling seems to be that... aliens should be concentrated in camps...where they could be made to work in the production of food...

On the other hand, our townspeople and likewise some of our farmers who are not subject to employing labor, have a very decided opinion that all Japanese particularly, should be evacuated entirely from the State of California. We do not hear a great deal of expression as to the Italian and German aliens in our county, but the feeling is very widespread that all Japanese, whether foreign or United States citizens should be hastily taken care of in some manner, whether concentrated within the State or removed entirely from the State. There seems to be a very decide feeling along this line.

It is my opinion that something should be done very speedily to change the present alien situation, in order that public feeling should be allayed.

Our county is very limited in housing facilities for groups of peopl such as these aliens would be; however, provision might be made to take care of small numbers. Stanislaus County is not greatly burdened with many Japanese, either foreign or United States citizens.

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Pacific League

Grodzins (page 36; book) points to Pacific League as desiring to retain Japanese as laborers; he describes it: "membership principally land-owning and land-operating interests."

February

2      Board of Directors Resolution      PL.1  
         all Jap. be drafted for agric labor.

April 23, 1943

Letter to Ickes      PL.2  
                         (stereotype)



E. M. Dougherty  
Comm. of Gov.  
243 State  
S.F. 1009



Returned

424 Wheeler Hall  
23 October 1950

Executive-Secretary,  
The Pacific League  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing a history of some of the events in California in the months shortly after Pearl Harbor. One matter of particular interest is the question at that time, of what should be done with the Japanese Americans.

I discover that your organization passed a resolution on February 2, 1942 calling for the formation of the Japanese Americans into a " great agricultural army " for the production of necessary food-stuffs. I notice also that you had, at one time, an Aliens Problem Committee.

I would be much interested to know what the activities of your organization are and what actions it took toward realizing its goal of the useful disposition of the Japanese, which strikes me as a good solution to the problem.

Any information you can give me of the work of your organization now--its general character and interests--and what it did to further its policy toward the Japanese then would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

Edward N. Barnhart  
Asst. professor



424 Wheeler Hall  
21 November 1950

Mr. Randolph Van Nostrand, Dir. of Public Rels.  
Merchants and Manufacturers Association  
725 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Nostrand:

Over a year ago you were very helpful in giving me some information on some aspects of the work of your Association relative to the charges made about it in a work on the Japanese evacuation entitled "Americans Betrayed" (Your letter July 22, 1949).

You were rash enough in that letter, and kind enough, to offer to find the answers to any further questions I might have. I do have a question so I am writing to you since I have not been able to turn up the answer at this end of the state.

The question is: what is the Pacific League, what does it do, where is it located (if it is still in existence)? Grodzins mentions this organization in his book (page 36) and describes it as an association "whose membership represented landowning and landoperarating interests."

Grodzins is so frequently off the track that I want to check up on statement. A letter to the address of the League in 1943 (112 West Ninth Street) was returned; I do not find it mentioned in the Los Angeles telephone directory nor in the California State Chamber of Commerce Directory.

Any information you can give me about the activities of this organization and its present whereabouts would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Asst. Professor



# M & M Merchants and Manufacturers Association

For Better Employment Relations

Tucker 7201: SECOND FLOOR, 725 SOUTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

November 30, 1950

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

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Your letter of November 24, asking about the Pacific League:

I don't believe that this organization has been actively functioning for a good many years. A number of years ago Judge Russ Avery and a group of his associates formed the Pacific League which interested itself in a number of causes including some political campaigns on the conservative side.

The League functioned largely through direct by mail approach and also through public appearances by Judge Avery and others on the platform.

I have the feeling that the Pacific League was more or less a vehicle for Judge Avery and his associates, but I am not sure that membership was confined to land owning and land operating interests.

You are correct in that the League does not have any present address, but Judge Avery is located at 2700 West Third Street, Los Angeles and might be able to give you more information.

None of my own associates who were active in political work at the time can contribute any further information.

Apparently you are making quite a project out of the Grodzins book. I hope you are finding it fruitful.

Sincerely,

*Randolph Van Nostrand*  
RANDOLPH VAN NOSTRAND  
Director of Public Relations

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Wrote  
3 Dec  
✓

Wrote  
Comm. of State  
of Corp.  
3 Dec  
✓



424 Wheeler Hall  
3 December 1950

Judge Russ Avery  
2700 West Third Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing a history of events in California in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor. In collecting material for this project I have found that the Pacific League's Board of Directors passed a resolution on February 2, 1942 calling for the use of Japanese Americans and enemy aliens in agriculture under Federal supervision.

I would like to know, for the sake of completeness, if the organization expressed its opinion on this matter at any other time in this period, or took other means of making its opinion known. Did the officers write letters to officials urging this course of action or make speeches?

Since I have not been able to secure any information on the League I would like to know when it was founded. I would be particularly interested in knowing whether there was a large public membership or was membership, rather, much confined to the officers and directors? Any information you can give me along this line would be appreciated. I would also be interested in knowing the composition of the members: the general public or farmers or ranchers only?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Asst. professor



F.10 Civic clubs



Pacific League

RUSS AVERY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2700 WEST THIRD STREET  
LOS ANGELES 5  
DUNKIRK 4-3597

December 5, 1950

Dr. Edward N. Barnhart  
University of California  
424 Wheeler Hall  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Barnhart:

In reply to your letter of December 3rd, the Board of Directors of the Pacific League not only passed a resolution but caused its Vice-President, Mr. Frederick T. Woodman (formerly Mayor of Los Angeles and now deceased) to meet with some officials from Washington and with the Mayor of Los Angeles with the view of implementing the resolution. The matter was laid very definitely before these men, but it seemed almost impossible to interest them in the plan. From the reports that I received, I was convinced that Mr. Woodman had made a very forceful presentation of the plan and was given what might be called a "brush-off".

The League made other efforts to bring the matter to the attention of Washington officials, and particularly the military branch, but they seemed to have made up their minds for a different course of action and nothing ever came of our project.

Our plan, in brief, was to take whatever Japanese were evacuated from Los Angeles and put them in Arizona that already had canals and ditches built by the U. S. Government and have these Japanese, who were all natural gardeners, raise vegetables for the army and for such civilian use as might have been determined. The thought was that the Japanese would be self-supporting and that the winning of the war would be very greatly promoted by such cooperative efforts. I still think the plan had many features to commend it and I could not understand why the governmental authorities paid so little attention to the project, except for the fact that obvious things are very seldom done by governmental authorities.

The Secretary of the League was Mr. Richard C. Hanna, who is now associated with the Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association at 9th and Hill Streets, Los Angeles. He lives at 357½ North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, and his telephone number is CRestview 6-2457. I believe that he has a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and can give you such documentary details as you may desire.

One of the Vice-Presidents who was active in the work of the League was Mr. J. A. H. Kerr, who was the Vice-President of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles. He has retired and lives at 426 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles. No doubt he can give you a great deal of information that has escaped me.



Dr. Edward N. Barnhart

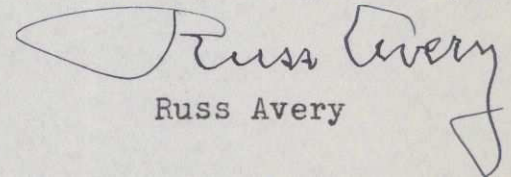
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December 5, 1950

The Pacific League never had a large membership, probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 100. The Directors were the active persons and might have accomplished a great deal if we had had sufficient funds.

I hope that you may get more accurate information from the persons named, and with best wishes for your success in this enterprise, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Russ Avery

RA:JH



J. A. H. KERR  
426 SOUTH KINGSLEY DRIVE  
LOS ANGELES 5, CALIFORNIA

December 22, 1950.

Mr Edward G Barnhart,  
University of California,  
424 Wheeler Hall,  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr Barnhart;

I do not think I can add  
any information concerning  
the activities of the Pacific League  
to that given you by Judge  
Arvey as he was the first  
president of the League and  
active in all its decisions  
prior to and subsequent to his  
election as its President.

Yours Truly  
J. A. H. Kerr



Associated Farmers

Grodzins (page 32; book) "displayed little more than passing interest in Japanese evacuation...organization acted officially only on three occasions during the evacuation period."

January

26? Exec. Committee; for use of Japanese on farms under military supervision Associated Farmer Jan 20

March

12? Fresno : urged removal of enemy aliens and potential 5th columnists S.F. Examiner March 13

April

San Joaquin Valley: remove enemy aliens and potential 5th col. from Calif. Associated Farmer April 16







Grange

Grodzins has no information about Grange activities for evacuation at all. He points out twice that it was a supporting organization of the C.J.I.C. (pages 4, 11)

Apparently he overlooked a statement in the Tolan Hearings (page 11283) by W.A. Ayres, Editor, "California Grange News", dated February 25, as follows:

"The California State Grange--representing some 30,000 honest-to-goodness farmers over the State--is considerably alarmed over the proposal to place alien Japanese in camps in rural sections of California, to be used as agricultural labor. We believe any such concentrations within this State would be detrimental to the public safety. A flood of communications to our office substantiates this view.

California farmers do not want Japanese farm labor. They believe the work can be done with Filipino and Mexican labor where white workers are not available.

We believe it would be a grave mistake to try to foist Japanese workers on California farmers, where they are not wanted, not only because of the farmers attitude toward the alien Jap workers, but because of the great danger of having concentrations of these enemy aliens so near the coast--and especially in less protected rural areas--where an attack is not only possible but likely."



## 2. Farmers organizations

In California there are three large organizations of farmers, The Associated Famers, the California Farm Bureau Federation, and the Grange.

(S) The Associated Famers did not play an active public part in the Japanese question. The Executive Committee in January passed a resolution in favor of using Japanese on farms in California under military supervision. (Associated Farmer, January 20, 1943).

H.L. ~~Strobel~~ Strobel, an executive committee member of many years standing, testified before the Tolan Committee on February       .

Stating that he was "representing in this particular instance the vegetable interests of Monterey County more than any other particular groups" he affirmed that the removal of Japanese would not affect the production of vegetables. Holding that it is

impossible to determine the loyalty of the Japanese he held that

it would be a mistake to evacuate (them) from California and then turn them loose without any supervision of their activities in some other location or some other State...If there are areas within the State of California which are acceptable to the military authorities where these people might be evacuated and for their own protection where they might be put under restraint of one kind or another...their services could be utilized under proper supervision...Their labor could be utilized.

(II)

BY THE SPEECH CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE (I) IN 1941-1942 THERE

WAS A PROPOSAL TO USE JAPANESE LABOR IN CALIFORNIA, BASED

UPON THE FACT THAT THE "JAPANESE" (OF) THESE ASSOCIATIONS AND

WAS A PROPOSAL TO USE JAPANESE LABOR IN CALIFORNIA



# F.1 Food and agricultural organizations

According to the "Directory (of) Trade Associations and Similar Professional and Service Groups in California" issued by the State Chamber of Commerce ( 1 ) ~~in 1941-1942~~ there

(I)

were in California ~~126~~ <sup>2</sup> food and agricultural trade associations and cooperatives.

*9 of these Dir (ed) officials*

*of* 1. ~~4~~ of these associations expressed themselves publically with regard to the problem of the enemy alien and the Japanese American.

~~3~~ came out in favor of evacuation and ~~2~~ was opposed.

Board of Directors of the

( )

The/Western Growers ~~Association~~ Association, which describes

( ) Formerly, the W.G. Protective Association

itself on its letter-head as representing "The vegetable and melon

industry of California and Arizona" passed a resolution of *this matter*

February 8. Holding that "no individual alien Japanese, or that

no individual American citizen of Japanese parentage, can be

judged as to his loyalty solely by past experience" the resolution

went on to affirm that

a good proportion of both alien Japanese and American citizens are loyal to the United States of America, yet that some percentage of both aliens and citizens of Japanese parentage may be more loyal to Japan. Consequently...the association petitions that all alien Japanese and American citizens of Japanese parentage be removed to a point where... there may be no possibility of such disloyal action affecting the security of the United States. ( )

(2) Tolan p. 11005

The Western Grower and Shipper, the monthly publication of the association, did not publish this resolution nor did ~~not~~ express, in its editorials in the issues of early 1942, any stand on evacuation.



## Pac League

founded in 1935 as a "non-partisan, non-profit Calif. corporation."

- "interested itself in a number of causes including some polit. campaigns on the current side... functioned largely thru direct mail approach and thru public appearances by Jack Avery & others." (Mem. & Wpp. Assoc.)

- membership "in the neighborhood of 100" (Avery Dec 5 '50)

(1) Passed a resolution - (see next page)

(2) "not only passed a resol. but caused its Vice-President, Mr F. T. Woodman... to meet some officials from Wash. & with the hope of L.A.... but it seemed almost impossible to interest them in the plan. Mr Woodman was given what might be called a "bunk-off."

the League made other efforts to bring the matter to the atten. of Wash. officials & particularly the mil. branch, but they seemed to have made up their minds for a diff. course of action." (Avery Dec 5 '50)



On February 18, Wiser sent a telegram to 20 FB Secretaries in California asking "Has your county facilities for housing in a camp under direct state or federal control, 100 or more Japanese evacuated from forbidden zones? Do farmers desire such camps? Do farmers in your county wish to employ or provide employment for such labor and to what extent?"

In their answers five counties replied in favor of excluding the county or the Japanese from the state. Riverside ~~was~~ "opposed to any Japanese being brought into Riverside County with or without supervision. Japanese already here should be sent immediately into the interior of the U.S. ..beyond the range of 150 mile combat zone" San Bernardino wanted that the Japanese should be barred from the area, and evacuees not be allowed to settle there. Orange wanted the "removal of all Japanese-Americans as well as aliens from Orange County". Kern wanted "all enemy aliens and all Japanese removed from the state now." Stanislaus asked that "all Japanese be evacuated from the state."



# Part A

County Farm Bureau Resolutions and Attitudes - according to Grodzins  
reading of Farm Bureau  
Monthlies

Source

January

(Special committee on Japanese set up

San Joaquin Farm Bureau  
Monthly, Jan. '42

2-day State Federation Conference  
Recommended all japs, citizen and alien  
be placed under Federal supervision

Pacific Rural Press Jan 24

Kern: Japanese remain in agriculture but  
supervised

Kern County F.B. Monthly  
Jan, '42

Napa: " " " " "

Napa County F.B. Monthly  
Jan '42

Orange: protection for public and loyal Jap

Orange County F.B. Mon.  
Jan '42

San Joaquin: supervising Japanese

San Joaquin F.B. Month  
Feb. '42

February

7 Kern: remove Japs. from coast  
Telegram to Elliott

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Kern County F.B. Month  
February '42

9 Kern: President of Bureau to Elliott  
all Japanese be removed; sabotage fear

Telegram COPY FB.2

Los Angeles County: all Japanese into  
concentration camps

L.A.F.M. Monthly  
March, '42

14 San Joaquin: ~~unwilling to~~  
declare martial law

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San Joaquin F.B.M.  
Feb. '42  
also: S.F. Chronicle Feb. 17

Alameda: agreed with San Joaquin

Alameda County F.B. Mon.  
March '42

11 San Bernardino: remove all Japanese

FB.3 COPY

18 User telegram (see Part B)

State Farm Bureau Publ for Jan & Feb: any stuff?