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424 Wheeler Hall  
6 May 1949

Mr. Reg. Harris, District Governor  
Lions Clubs of California  
710 Granada Building  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. A former research assistant collecting material for this study reported that a number of Lions Clubs, one of which I believe was in Selma, had felt the danger of the large Japanese-American population and had passed a resolution urging that they be evacuated from the Coast.

I would like to know if other Lions Clubs had taken similar action at that time. Would it be possible for you to tell me, from your records, how many had done so? I would like to have their original resolutions, but if you could give me the names of the clubs, I would correspond with them directly.

If locating this information would require considerable time on your the part of your staff, I would be glad to pay for secretarial assistance, if you will let me know how much it would come to.

If this information is not in your files, I would appreciate a suggestions as to where I might obtain it.

In your opinion, would it be profitable to write to each of the Lions Clubs in California? How many of them are there? Could I secure a list of them and their secretaries from your office?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Assistant professor



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May 9, 1949

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

Dear Mr. Barnhart

I am wondering if the information requested in your letter of May 6 has to do with a thesis. Having taught in college for several years and having had to prepare three theses, the request sounds familiar.

All of the material having to do with activities of our clubs is sent to our headquarters office in Chicago. However, I doubt whether the information you request would be sent in as an activity. In other words, I doubt whether Lions International would have the information.

I am enclosing one of our District rosters, which gives the names and addresses of our Deputy District Governors and Zone Chairmen. I believe that if you write to these officers and explain what you have in mind, you would receive a certain percentage of replies. We could furnish you with the names and addresses of the 460 club secretaries, and will do so at a later date if this other method does not prove satisfactory.

Very truly yours

Reg Harris  
District Secretary

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Rotary

424 Wheeler Hall  
4 May 1949

Mr. Alfred Tisch, Dist. Gov., Rotary International  
Hamilton City, California

Dear Mr. Tisch:

I am making a study of public opinion on the west coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. A former research assistant collecting material for this study reported that one Rotary Club, in Glendale I believe, had felt the danger of the large Japanese-American population and had passed a resolution urging that they be evacuated from the coast.

I would like to know if other Rotary Clubs had taken similar action at that time. Would it be possible for you to tell me, from your records, how many had done so? I would like to have their original resolutions, but if you could give me their names I would correspond with them directly.

If the location of this information would require considerable time, I would be glad to pay for secretarial assistance required, if you estimate it.

If you do not have this information in your files, I would appreciate a suggestions as to where I might obtain it.

In your opinion, would it be profitable to write to each of the Rotary Clubs in California directly? How many of them are there? Could I secure a list of them and their secretaries from you?

Sincerely

Arthur C. Tisch

"I shall not take any action  
endorsing or condemning any  
measure to be submitted  
to the vote of the people"  
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Edward M. Barnhart  
Assistant professor

Arthur C. Tisch TX

"I shall not express an opinion on  
any pending controversial public measure."



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424 Wheeler Hall  
25 May 1949

Mr. Fred Kisteman  
Kiwanis Clubs of California  
Hotel Claremont, Berkeley 5

Dear Mr. Kisteman:

I am making a study of public opinion on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. I note that a number of Kiwanis Clubs, feeling the possible danger from the large Japanese population of sabotage and espionage, urged that the Japanese be evacuated from coastal areas.

I would like to know how many of the Kiwanis Clubs of California passed resolutions to this effect. Would it be possible for you to tell me, from your records, how many had done so? I would like to get copies of their original resolutions if possible; if I could secure their names from your office I would communicate with them directly, presuming that these resolutions would not be in your files.

If information on the locations of those clubs passing such a resolution is not available from your files, could I secure from you a list of the Kiwanis Clubs in the state so that I might communicate with them?

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Assistant professor



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

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

In reply to your inquiry dated May 25th, I regret to advise that this office has no way of telling which Kiwanis Clubs passed resolutions relative to the evacuation of the Japanese from the West Coast, and we are therefore unable to furnish you with the information requested.

Relative to supplying you with a list of the clubs in this District, I'm sorry to have to tell you that it is contrary to our policy to furnish mailing list data to other than Kiwanis clubs and then for official business only, however we will be very glad to cooperate with you in the following manner:

If you will submit a copy of the communication or questionnaire you desire to address to the 214 clubs in California and three in Nevada, we will be glad to review this material and advise you as to its acceptability. If approved, you may then send to this office a sufficient number of the letters or questionnaires, in unsealed envelopes with the necessary postage affixed, and we will address and mail them for you from here.

I am sure you will appreciate that our method of handling matters of this kind will permit our extending our cooperation to you in contacting the clubs, but does at the same time protect our mailing list from becoming public."

Yours very truly,

Fred S. Kistemann  
Secretary-Treasurer

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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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ALFRED TISCH, GOVERNOR DISTRICT NO. 105  
MILLS ORCHARDS, HAMILTON CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 31, 1949

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

Dear Professor Barnhart:

Absence from this office kept me from replying to you previously with regard to your letter of May 4th.

We have no data available in our District files and the only way you could get those would be to contact the Presidents in each of the clubs in 1941. Might I suggest that you contact the Berkeley Rotary office reference the Rotary address book for that year. We have approximately 300 clubs on the Pacific Coast but I do not think it would be profitable to write to each club, because Rotary Clubs, if they work in line with the by-laws, should not have passed resolutions of that kind and I doubt whether any other club has done so.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Professor Barnhart:

I am loaning you herewith for the purpose of checking the activities in connection with the resolutions mentioned by you, my 1947-48 Directory and suggest that you address your letters to the secretaries of the clubs you have in mind, because in many instances those gentlemen carry forward from year to year. If not, they can pass your letter on to their successor.

I would appreciate it if you could take the addresses which you may want off right away and return the address book to me, as I have constant need for it. The latter issue I have not available at the moment.

Very truly yours,

*Alfred Tisch*  
ALFRED TISCH  
Governor  
District 105, R.I.

AT:es

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Kisteman

424 Wheeler Hall  
13 July 1949

Mr. Fred S. Kisteman, Secy-Treas.  
California-Nevada District, Kiwanis International  
Hotel Claremont, Berkeley 5, California

Dear Mr. Kisteman:

Thank you for your letter of May 27, in answer to my inquiry about the means of securing information about resolutions of Kiwanis Clubs at the time of the attack at Pearl Harbor. Thank you for your offer to send out the letters if, you having previously okeh'd them, we would send them to you in envelopes.

I have not done so since I have not yet decided whether the information secured would be worth the time and trouble.

I note that the constitution of some service clubs, notably the Rotary, prohibits the clubs from passing resolutions or making statements on matters of public controversy. Does the Constitution of the Kiwanis International do so?

I would like to have a copy of the relevant paragraphs, if it does so.

It occurs to me that if this is the case, and the clubs abide by the rules, that we would not expect to find that any other clubs than that of Shafter did pass a resolution favoring the evacuation of enemy aliens. Would this be your opinion?

In this connection, apparently the Shafter Kiwanis Club did pass such a resolution, but it was censured for doing so by the District Governor. If this is so, was it because of the provision in the Constitution against such actions? I would appreciate any information you have about the matter; apparently the resolution was passed sometime in January, 1942 before the 23rd of the month.

Sincerely

E.N. Barnhart  
Asst. professor of Speech



424 Wheeler Hall  
13 July 1949

Mr. Reg Harris, District Secretary  
Lions International  
710 Granada Bldg.  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thanks for your letter of May 9, in answer to my inquiry about resolutions of Lions Clubs on the question of evacuation of enemy aliens in the days after the Pearl Harbor attack.

Your surmise, that I was working on a thesis, was pretty good, but not quite on the nose: a colleague and I are writing a book. You know, the kind of "term paper" that professors have to hand in in order to be promoted! a kind of thesis, true!

I have not written sooner since we have not yet decided whether to go to the expense and time of writing to all the Lions Clubs on the coast in pursuit of the answer to our question.

Before we decide, we were wondering whether there were any provisions in the Lions International Constitution against clubs passing resolutions or making statements on controversial public issues. I know that the Rotary Club constitute has such a provision.

If you do have such a provision, would you be good enough to have your secretary copy it out for me? If there is such a provision, then we are wondering whether it would be worthwhile writing the District Governors or club secretaries: it would seem likely that no more than the 6 Lions clubs which we do know passed such a resolution had done so.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Asst. professor



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July 14, 1949

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

Dear Professor Barnhart

Unfortunately, Mr. Harris left for New York last Monday to attend the Lions International Convention, and he will be gone for a period of approximately three weeks.

I have looked through the District and the International Constitution and By Laws to see if I could find any provision against clubs passing resolutions or making statements on controversial public issues. I found the following in the International Constitution and By Laws:

"ARTICLE II, Purposes and Objects:

(e) To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted."

However, there may be other provisions with which I am not familiar. I shall bring your letter to Mr. Harris' attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely yours

Barbara Castle  
Secretary to Mr. Harris



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Mr. E. N. Barnhart  
424 Wheeler Hall  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Replying to your letter dated July 13th I believe that the enclosed copies of the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International and the Bylaws of the California-Nevada District will disclose to you that Kiwanis differs from some of the other service clubs inasmuch as it does not prohibit passing resolutions or making statements on matters of public interest, even though such be controversial.

If you will refer to Article XVI, Section 5 of the International Constitution and Bylaws you will note that the Committee on Public and Business Affairs is charged with the duty of promoting the cooperation of clubs in the furthering of action on public and business affairs. Likewise in the District Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, similar responsibility is assigned to the District Committee.

With reference to a resolution from the Kiwanis Club of Shafter presented to the Board of Trustees at their meeting held in Bakersfield on January 23, 1942, the Board, after due consideration, adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees of the California-Nevada District for 1942 that the Kiwanis Club of Shafter, California has passed a resolution concerning the removal of members of the Japanese race from certain areas; and

"WHEREAS, Said resolution affects state and national policies extending beyond the geographical boundaries of an individual club because said resolution is violative of the provisions of Article XV, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Bylaws of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis International; and

"WHEREAS, Kiwanis International in convention assembled is the only legislative body of Kiwanis constitutionally delegated to establish policies affecting state and national affairs; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the California-Nevada District do hereby declare that the resolution of the Kiwanis Club of Shafter, California, concerning the removal of members of the Japanese race from certain described areas has been enacted and circularized in violation of Article XV, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Bylaws of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis International.

"IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the District Secretary of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis be instructed to call to the attention of the Kiwanis Club of Shafter, California, the provisions of Article XV, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of



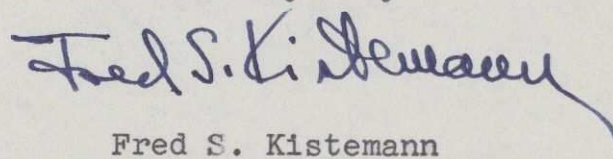
Mr. E. N. Barnhart  
July 14, 1949

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the Bylaws of the California-Nevada District, and to forward this resolution to said club and to the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International."

I trust this letter and the enclosed material will cover the point you had in mind, however should there be anything further, then of course have no hesitancy in dropping me a line.

Yours very truly



Fred S. Kistemann  
Secretary-Treasurer

FSK:cc  
Enclosures (2)



# Rotary Club of Glendale

"Service Above Self"



Org. Jan. 4, 1922

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
143 NORTH MARYLAND AVENUE  
GLENDALE 6, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

October 27, 1950

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

Dear Prof. Barnhart:

I have been secretary of the Rotary Club of Glendale since 1940, excepting one year when I was president.

During all these years the Rotary Club of Glendale has never passed a resolution calling for the evacuation of any person or group of persons as individuals, or groups, or nationalities.

Perhaps you have reference to a resolution our Board of Directors passed with reference to subversive activities. This resolution was as follows:

"That the president of the Club appoint five members of the Rotary Club on a committee to be known as National Defense Committee of the Rotary Club of Glendale. It was further resolved that an effort be made to have like committee appointed by the president of each service club in Glendale. It was further resolved that these committees should be combined in a single unit to investigate and report to combat any subversive activities on the part of any national of countries at war with the United States."

You will find there was nothing in this resolution calling for the evacuation of enemy aliens. Hope this gives you the information you desire.

Very truly yours

JOHN W. KNIGHT  
Secretary-treasurer

JWK\*EE



424 Wheeler Hall  
31 October 1950

Mr. John W. Knight, Secy.-Treasurer  
Rotary Club of Glendale  
143 North Maryland Avenue, Glendale 6

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Dear Mr. Knight:

Thank you very much for your answer of October 27 to my letter inquiring about a resolution of your Rotary Club with regard to the evacuation of the Japanese. I was very much interested in your remarks. As I noted in my letter, I am writing a history of some events on the coast in the months after Pearl Harbor with special reference to the evacuation of the Japanese. In a book on this subject, "Americans Betrayed", the author, Morton Grodzins, claims that the Rotary Club at Glendale demanded removal of the Japanese. You will find this statement on p.55 of his book, published by the University of Chicago Press, 1949.

I have found that Mr. Grodzins has been rather inaccurate in many of his statements and I am planning in my work to show the false character of his analysis of the evacuation, as well as his errors.

May I take it that your statement is correct beyond a shadow of a doubt? You are certainly in a position to know what your Rotary Club has done in the line of resolutions. Might it not be possible that some individual in the Club expressed his personal opinion about evacuation when writing to some official, say a Congressman, and using your club letterhead? Most of Mr. Grodzin's statements about club resolutions came from his study of mail of Congressmen and the Department of Justice. Isn't it likely that he picked up a letter expressing a personal reaction and misinterpreted it as a ~~XXXXX~~ club resolution?

Any light you can shed on this would be welcome.  
Many thanks again for your informative reply.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart  
Assistant Professor







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November 3, 1950

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

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Dear Prof. Barnhart:

I appreciate your enlightening letter of October 31. There being a couple of misplaced commas in report of the resolution I sent you, I am again setting it out as it appears in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors of January 27, 1942. It is as follows:

"That the president of the Club appoint five members of the Rotary Club on a committee to be known as National Defense Committee of the Rotary Club of Glendale. It was further resolved that an effort be made to have like committee appointed by the president of each service club in Glendale. It was further resolved that these committees should be combined in a single unit to investigate, report, and combat any subversive activities on the part of any national of countries at war with the United States."

To refresh my memory I have reviewed the minutes for the full years of 1942 and 1943 and no further resolution was offered or voted upon. I am sure after that date no resolution was offered so I have not taken time to go into it further.

I am not in position to state whether individual members expressed personal opinions to certain senators or congressmen as that would be a private matter. I can state no official letter was written to senators or congressmen at the authorization of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Glendale, and naturally such letter would not be written on behalf of the membership as under the by-laws of a Rotary Club resolutions may not be offered from the floor until considered by the board of directors.

At the time of which you speak there were seven members on the board of directors. At times certain committee chairmen use Rotary stationery in inter-committee correspondence with committee members. It hardly seems that any such members would use the Club stationery for personal correspondence, but I would be more positive in making the statement that there is hardly a possibility that if letter was written on Club stationery that the name of the Club was signed to the letter.

I understand you wish to contradict Mr. Grodzin's statement that the Rotary Club demanded removal of the Japanese. I can say to you that this statement is false as no such resolution was ever adopted by the



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Rotary Club of Glendale.

With all good wishes for your success in the work on your  
thesis, I am,

Very sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Knight", written over a horizontal line.

John W. Knight  
Secretary-treasurer

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CHARLES M. TRINLER

May 29, 1951

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart, Ass't. Professor  
University of California  
424 Wheeler Hall  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

This letter is in answer to your letter to Mr. J. W. Moore,  
dated May 15, 1951.

In looking up the minutes of March 13, 1942, I find the  
following resolution:

Milsoo K. Haan, Speaker, Topic: Japan's War Aims.

Moved by Alfred E. Cate that a resolution be sent to the United  
States Senators and Representatives requesting the immediate  
evacuation of all alien and American Japanese from the Pacific  
Coast and the Territory of Hawaii defense areas.

Said resolution was prepared by a committee consisting of Wm. A.  
Spinney, Frank C. Weller, and Herbert S. Adair and sent air mail  
on March 14, 1942.

Sincerely yours,

*Alfred B. Miller*

ALFRED B. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
Los Angeles (Host) Club

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Service clubs

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Of the many service clubs in the western states, only a handful passed resolutions favoring mass evacuation or expressed their opinions, so far as is known, to officials on the matter, and of these only one such action occurred within the critical period.

Of the 300 Rotary Clubs on the West Coast, no club is known to have taken such action. (1) L.A.?

*minutes of meeting  
may show club*

(1) Grodzins claims (p. 55) that the Rotary Club of Glendale, California, "took action" favoring evacuation. This is denied by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Club who states "I have been secretary of the Rotary Club of Glendale since 1940, excepting one year when I was president. During all of these years the Rotary Club of Glendale has never passed a resolution calling for the evacuation of any person or group of persons as individuals, or groups, or nationalities." He points out that a resolution of January 27, 1942 appointing five members to a "National Defense Committee" "to investigate, report and combat any subversive activities on the part of any national of countries at war with the United States." "To refresh my memory I have reviewed the minutes for the full years of 1941 and 1942 and no further resolution was offered or voted upon...Mr. Grodzins' statement that the Rotary Club demanded removal of the Japanese...is false as no such resolution was ever adopted by the club." (John W. Knight, November 3, 1950)

(1)

Of the 214 Kiwanis Clubs in California one, that in Shafter, is known to have passed a resolution on January 23, 1942, calling for evacuation and to have circulated form letters to be sent to congressmen and government officials. (2)

(2) The action of the club was censured by the Board of Trustees of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis International in a resolution which declared that the Shafter Resolution had been "enacted and circularized in violation" of the by-laws of the Kiwanis International which prohibit resolutions on "state and national policies extending beyond the geographical boundaries of an individual club." (Letter, F.S. Kistemann, Secy-Treasurer, California-Nevada District, Kiwanis International, July 14, 1949)



Of the 425 Lions Clubs in California three expressed their opinion in favor of evacuation, but only one in the critical period. (3) On February 1, 1942 the Selma Lions Club sent a telegram to Mr. Thomas Clark requesting that "measures be taken to remove enemy aliens and all persons of Japanese descent to points at least 300 miles from Pacific Coast." On February 18 the Hollywood Lions Club telegraphed Attorney General Francis Biddel requesting "the concentration of all American and alien Japanese on the Pacific Coast." On February 19 the Tulare Lions Club wrote to President Roosevelt requesting the removal from Tulare County and California "Japanese aliens who would possibly be saboterus or fifth columnists."

(3) Grodzins states that "six local units of the Lions favored evacuation", drawing for his information on Justice Department files. He does not give the club locations here; later (p.223) he mentions the Lions Club of Los Angeles as expressing itself for evacuation.

Of the many Kiwanis Clubs in Oregon and Washington, there is evidence to show that one passed a resolution favoring evacuation ~~but this was not until~~ <sup>on</sup> February 24, 1942. It called for the removal of "all enemy aliens and all Japanese" from the Pacific slope and the circulation of this resolution "to each Kiwanis Club and every other service club on the Pacific slope...with recommendation to join immediately in similar action." (4)

(4) Tolan Hearings, p. 11612

Of the many Lions Clubs in Oregon and Washington there is no evidence showing that any of these expressed their stand in favor of evacuation.



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A small number of service clubs along the West Coast passed resolutions favoring evacuation.

Of the approximately 300 ~~thousand~~ Rotary Clubs that in Glendale, California on the west coast one club/passed a resolution calling for evacuation .

*By-laws prohibit "expressing an opinion on any pending national public measure" (Letter. Cont. IX)*

Of the 214 Kiwanis Clubs in California, one ~~club~~, that in Shafter, passed a resolution on January 23, 1942, calling for evacuation (2).

(2) This action was censured by the Board of Trustees of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis International in a resolution which declared that the Shafter Resolution had been "enacted and circularized in violation" of the by-laws of the Kiwanis International which prohibit resolutions on "state and national policies extending beyond the geographical boundaries of an individual club." (Letter, July 14, 1949 from F.S.Kistemann, Secy-Treas, Calif-Nevada District)

the Downtown Kiwanis Club of One Kiwanis Club in Washington, ~~that~~ Seattle, passed adopted a resolution in regular meeting on February 24, 1942, calling for removal of "all enemy aliens and all Japanese" from the Pacific slope, ( ) *and for circulation of this*

( ) Tolan, p. 11612

*resol. "to each Kiwanis club and every other service club on Pacific slope ... with recommendation to join immediately in similar action."*



Of the 425 Lions International clubs in California,  
6 appear to have passed resolutions favoring evacuation.

Selma February 1

Hollywood February 18

Tulare February 19

"Reg. by man. vote"

Tele. "immune all E.A. +

Tele. "reg. courses of all Amer. & Jap."

Tele. "note"

don't know names  
of other  
3 clubs.

The Selma Club - telegram to Clark

Hollywood - telegram to Biddle

Tulare - letter to FDR

gs "Six local units ... favored  
evac" (1/25)  
Lions Club of L.A.  
1223



# Letter Service Clubs

Lewis Club - L.A. -

Write  
26 Mar

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J. W. Moore  
11656 Ventura Blvd  
N Hollywood, Calif.

15 May

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Service Clubs

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Grodzins reports on service club activities (page 55 book), giving the following figures for the organizations named.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Evac. resolution according Grod.</u>	<u>His source of information</u>	<u>In files</u>	<u>In Tolan</u>
<u>Lions</u> Calif: 425	6	Just. letters	31 Selma Item 1	0
✓ <u>Rotary</u> 300 West coast	1 p. 55 (Glendale) 9-22-23 G.L.A.	" "	0	0 ← NO
✓ <u>Kiwanis</u> 214 Calif.	1 (Shafter) Jan 23	?	(Letters, not resolution Item 2)	0
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	Washington 1 (Seattle)	Tolan	(COPY Item 3)	11612
Feb 24				

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letter  
Feb 19  
Tulare  
Hollywood Feb 18  
Selma Feb 1

There well may <sup>be</sup> no other resolutions passed by Rotary ~~and Kiwanis~~ Clubs. The constitution of the Rotary Clubs prohibits resolutions on matters of public controversy: Sec. IX: "...shall not take any action endorsing or condemning any measure to be submitted to the vote of the people". A later constitution reads: Article IX: "...shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure." The District Governor, Alfred Tisch, did not think we would find any resolutions since "Rotary Clubs, <sup>if</sup> they work in line with the by-laws, should not have passed resolutions of that kind and I doubt whether any other club has done so." (Letter T.1)



Kiwanis Club - Shafter

#2

Bakersfield, Jan 23

John B. Hughes, Hollywood

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Dear Mr. Hughes:

Enclosed please find copy of resolutions adopted by the Shafter California Kiwanis Club. This subject of aliens being allowed to reside all through our coast states is indeed of vital importance. I feel that this group of citizens from such a small community should be highly commended on their action, also Mr. R. Eugene Ford, who initiated the idea, as he did not leave this up to John Doe to take care of as our average citizen does. I along with thousands of others here in Kern Co. follow your broadcasts and know you too are concerned with this subject. Any publicity you can give them Mr. Hughes I know will be beneficial. I have heard so many favorable comments on the stand you have taken in this matter as well as in many others. Sincerely

Blanche E. Spawn  
322 9th St.

Bakersfield, Jan 29

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I feel I must write you how very grateful I am for your broadcasts and your attitude and genuine patriotism. In that I express the sentiment of many friends and acquaintances of mine to which I talk. They may not all write but I want you to feel how many there are of us who consider you and men like you our voice. We are patriotic but also too obscure to make our selves directly heard. I refer particularly here to the question of removal of Japanese to the inland. We have a friend, Mr. G. Ford of Shafter, Calif. high school teacher and member of the local Kiwanis Club interested in that Japanese question who could get financial backing for printed matter and radio time. etc. but few contributors of influence who wanted their names used--and believe me they were few. The Kiwanis had a conclave here in Bakersfield last week. The newly installed head for the state openly in meeting reprimanded Mr. Ford and threatened the Shafter Chapter with disbandment if the policy (of which I am enclosing printed matter) was pushed under Kiwanis support. The entire Shafter group walked out of the meeting. There were reporters of our local news paper present but we looked in vain for any thing regarding it in the paper. So many people afraid of stepping on so many toes!... Mrs. Janice E. Mattly  
Bakersfield, Calif.



Whereas internment of ~~the~~ enemy aliens in large numbers for the duration of the war has been found necessary as a war measure; and

Whereas already native-born Japanese in substantial numbers are under arrest for crimes committed before December 7 in connection with the national defense; and

Whereas danger from fifth-column activities is now imminent on the entire Pacific slope, a danger which can be eliminated only by removal of all enemy aliens and all Japanese from that area; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Seattle (Downtown) Kiwanis Club, that

1. all enemy aliens and all Japanese ought forthwith be removed from the Pacific slope
2. The War Department and all Representatives and Senators from Washington be memorialized to accomplish such removal forthwith.
3. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to each Kiwanis Club and every other service club on the Pacific slope, including British Columbia, with recommendation to join immediately in similar action.
4. The cooperation of the public press be solicited in accomplishing such removal at once.
5. In view of the imminence of attack we believe immediate action is essential
6. As innocent American-born Japanese would in many instances be separated from their families, it would appear to be best for such Japanese themselves, as well as in the interest of our national defense, that such family units be kept intact in said removal.

Adopted in regular meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1942



Service clubs

LIONS

Mr. Reg. Harris, District Governor  
Lions Clubs of California  
710 Granada Bldg., Santa Barbara

→ Have roster of District Officers  
List of 460 Club secretaries

*will send if  
requested \**

KIWANIS

F.S. Kisteman  
Hotel Claremont  
Berkeley 5, California

→ Send letter to him; will send out to 214 clubs.

ROTARY

Alfred Tisch, Dist. Gov. District 105 - Mills Orchards Co.  
Hamilton City, California

→ Loaned names and addresses of California clubs.