

^{66.6}
Mr. C. Arrasmith, Clerk
City of Fillmore 96.4

4/19/43
9/22/43

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Reply: 9/23/43

Action: None

Comment: "The army just naturally took them out of this community, without any action on our part, officially of course."

27.4
Mr. Arthur E. Mills, Clerk
City of Firebaugh 253.5

4/19/43
9/22/43

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Reply: 11/19/43

Action: None

Comment: "has never had the Japanese problem to contend with as none of these people lived within the city and only a very limited number in the Firebaugh area.

"However, the city council wishes to go on record as unalterably opposed to the return of these people to the State of California and would be willing to back up any demands of the state to accomplish this end."

3.1
Mr. A. R. Spreckelson, Clerk
City of Fort Bragg. 19.0

4/19/53
9/22/43

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Reply 9/28/43

Action: None

Comment: "...this subject was discussed very thoroughly by the City Council; however for quite a number of years we have had no Japanese population residing in our city, and hence no action by the City of Fort Bragg was required."

Mr. R. A. Walker, Clerk
City of Fort Jones 2.4

4/19/43
9/22/43

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Reply: 10/27/43

Action: None

Comment: "...the city of Fort Jones passed ordinance #27 on April 12, 1943 creating a Department of Civilian Defense and providing for the organization powers and duty thereof. This ordinance is a copy of the one recommended for the California League of Municipality and is the only ordinance which we have passed during the national emergency."

○ Miss Fay M. Patton, Clerk
City of Fortuna ○

4/19/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

915.1

Miss Lola O. McColm, Clerk
City of Fowler 253.5

April 20, 1943

9/22/43

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Reply: 10/6/43

Action: None

Comment: "It is the individual opinion of our board members that this coast is just as well off without the Japanese being returned here."

147.3
Mr. H.S. Foster, Clerk
City of Fresno 253.5

4/20/43
9/22/43

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Reply: 10/1/43 (J.W. Warner, Dept. Com. of
Public Safety and Welfare)

Action: Resolution dated May 6, 1943, requesting the Mayor to write a letter to Congressman Gearhart stating that the Commission go on record as being in favor of the policy announced by Lt. Gen. DeWitt..."It was generally felt by the entire Commission that it would be well for us to hold these people out of this area until the end of the war, or at least until stable conditions returned."

Also Resolution dated June 16, 1943, by the

Fresno Defense Council that "they express to Major General DeWitt their approval of his plans and procedure for the evacuation of the Japanese from this area, and commend him for his very efficient handling of this problem; furthermore, that they concur in his attitude towards the return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast."

Comment: None

22.7
Mr. F.C. Hezmalhalch, Clerk
City of Fullerton 141.9

4/20/43

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Reply: 4/23/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "--wish to advise that the City of Fullerton has made no legislation in the matter, but it is the disposition of the Council through the cooperation of the Police Department to cooperate with the County and State authorities to one end."

308.9

Miss Carolyn A. Gregory, Clerk
City of Gardena

702 132.3

4/20/43

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SEE SEPARATE FILE

Pre-Action -

1/27/42 - Res. protesting reopening of
here lang. schools

2/17/42 - Res. urging evac. of ds from
Gardena

For Comment - see separate file

Post-Action - Approval of omitting
d-A names from town's service
honor roll.

563, 6
Mr. P. A. Cox, Clerk

City of Gilroy 231.4

4/20/43

6

Reply: 4/22/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None 7 *Action '43 - Oppose return*
"now + forever" (S. Lose Mercury Medal - 8/5/43)

Comment: "In February, 1943, a committee of Japanese Americans called on the Mayor requesting permission to revive the local organization of the Japanese-American Citizens League. -----

The organization was never revived and I believe the Mayor advised the committee that it would be to their best interests not to revive it. However, the Mayor was not advising them officially and offered the suggestion as a private citizen."

^{43.3}
Mr. Glenn E. Chapmann, Clerk
City of Glendale 132.3

4/20/43
9/22/43
2/8/44

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Reply: Recd. 2/16/44

Action: None

Comment: Some members of the Council feel very definitely that some restriction should be had with regard to Japanese on the West Coast, but they seem reluctant as a Council to take any definite action.

82.8
Mr. Fred Long, Clerk
City of Glendora 132.3

4/20/43

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Reply: 5/13/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "We had no Japanese problem in the City of Glendora. I do not think there were more than two families residing here at that time."

○ Mr. Everett Deward, Clerk
City of Grass Valley 0

4/20/43
9/22/43
2/8/44

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Action '43 - Oppose return to Pac. Coast
(Law. Bee, 6/10/43)

128.1

Mr. C. F. Craig, Clerk
City of Gridley 50.4

4/20/43

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Reply: 7/12/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

(After Evac.) - Res. #19 passed by the City Council on 7/6/43 expressing confidence in the military authorities and protesting against any return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific coast so long as the war is being waged, and that after the termination of hostilities that all Japanese, whether nativeborn or alien, be required to prove their loyalty to California and their complete separation from any loyalty whatever to Japan, and that those who are not able to prove beyond all reasonable doubt their loyalty to America be returned to Japan and forever barred over

from America.

Comment: "Attached is Resolution No. 19 which expresses the feeling of the City Council on the Japanese Matter. I know that I am safe in saying that the majority of the people in this community feel the same way."

o Mr. W. L. Chappell, Clerk
City of Gustine 152.2

4/20/43

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Reply: 5/6/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The sentiment of the City Council is very strong against the Resettlement of the Japanese."

226.0

Mr. Lew S. Smith, Clerk
City of Hanford 144.4

4/20/43

8

Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment; None

3089
Miss Helen M. Lehne, Clerk
City of Hawthorne 132.3

4/20/43
9/22/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: Resolution (pre-evacuation) dated Feb. 1942, requesting the removal from the City of Hawthorne of all alien Japanese and American born Japanese of the first and second generation.

Resolution dated July 21, 1943, protesting the return of the Japanese to California.

Comment; None

150.1
Miss Irene T. Jamieson, Clerk
City of Hayward 100.7

4/20/43
9/22/43
2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: ~~Nene~~ Will conform to all actions
taken by County that is deemed necessary.

54,9
Miss Hazel Hopper, Clerk
City of Healdsburg 109.8

4/20/43

8

Reply: 4/26/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "We had no persons of Japanese descent living within this City's limits at the time of the Evacuation ordered by the Federal Government. In recent years the Japanese population in this county (Sonoma) has been very small."

Mr. George E. Staples, Clerk
City of Hercules 82.5

4/20/43
9/22/43

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Reply: 9/24/43

Action: None

Comment: None

30819

Miss Frances C. Wendell, Clerk
City of Hermosa Beach 132.3

4/20/43
9/22/43

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Reply: 9/23/43

Action: Resolution of 6/29/43 opposing the return of persons of Japanese descent to the State of California and urges upon all in authority having jurisdiction of the matter to take proper steps to prevent their return to this state during the present national emergency.

Comment: None

220.8
Mr. John A. Hoey, Clerk
City of Hillsborough 109.0

4/20/43

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Reply: 4/26/43 -- (By E. P. Wilsey, City Manager)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

273.9

Mr. Howard O'Brien, Clerk

City of Hollister 461.7

4/20/43

9/22/43

2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: Opposed to Japanese returning.

181.5
Mrs. E. M. Carpenter, Clerk
City of Holtville 265.0

4/20/43

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Reply: 4/30/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "At a meeting of the City Council on April 28th your letter was read and the various councilmen expressed their views. They most emphatically are not in favor of the Japanese, either American or foreign born, being returned to the State of California until the war is over. If they can be put to use in the interior States where they have no opportunity to do any damage to the war effort and can be made to contribute to the man power needed they are agreeable to that. They think they should be doing work in the war effort even in the concentration over

camps but should be under strict supervision wherever located. They stressed supervision both for the protection of the United States and for the Japanese themselves.

The feeling in this community is very strong against them. After the war is over they would like to see all foreign born and any native born that retain dual citizenship returned to Japan. Any people that cannot be assimilated should not allowed to be American citizens.

The Mayor wishes to know if it would be possible for us to have a summary of your findings over the whole State as it would be very interesting to know the attitude generally prevailing."

Reply: By M. G. - 5/4/43 -- Thank you. Will send copy of summary upon its completion .

4052
Mr. C. R. Furr, Clerk
City of Huntington Beach 141.9

4/21/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

^{14.1}
Mr. W. P. Mahood, Clerk
City of Huntington Park 132.3

4/21/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "All Federal or State regulations were supported."

2958
Mr. Milo H. Foster, Clerk
City of Imperial 265.0

4/21/43

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Reply: 5/3/43- (By Grace E. Gray, Clerk)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "From the viewpoint of our City Council there can be but one answer to your letter on the Japanese question. That answer is KEEP THE JAPS CORRALLED!

The Japs lived among us. They did business with us. Their children went to school with ours. They seemed a peaceful people, and minded their own business. A few of us thought we had friends among them.

Now it has been proven to us that they used their liberties and privileges to undermine us. The second generation used their free American schooling in the over

service of Japan. We could not tell friend from foe.
Not all were bad, but --- WE CAN NEVER TRUST ANY-OF THEM,
AGAIN! - - - -

Bringing the Japs back to this area would be asking us to
gamble all our past labors, all our future hopes, all the
futures of all our peoples, all the lives of our young men
now in the nation's service all over the world----against
the present discomfort, real or imagined, of a few hundred
Japs! -----

So we repeat - KEEP THE JAPS CORRALLED!! DO NOT EXPECT
US TO BE DECEIVED BY THEM AGAIN!" etc. --

Reply: By M. G. - 5/5/43 -- Thank you.

134.8
Mr. E. G. Brinkley
Clerk, City of Indio 52.3

4/21/43
9/23/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: None

308.9
Mr. Otto H. Duelke, Clerk
City of Inglewood 132.3

Reply: 4/27/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

1220.0

Mr. Glenn L. Maxey, Clerk
City of Isleton 397.1

4/21/43

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Reply: 5/14/43 -- (By V. M. Hutton, Mayor)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The City Council has not passed any resolution or restrictions pertaining to the Japanese. It is our understanding that no legislation can be passed restricting any particular race or group etc. However, I have contacted every member of the City Council, and we are one hundred percent against the Japanese ever relocating in our City or the State of California or the United States."

0 Mrs. K. C. Tallon, Clerk
City of Jackson 2.2

4/21/43
9/23/43

2/8/44

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Reply: Undated (2/10/44)

Action: None

Comment: No Japs in this county prior to
1941 and none now desired.

Mr. L. W. Wasson, Clerk
City of King (King City) 307.7

4/21/43

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Reply: 5/6/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Please be advised that to date the city council has not adopted any resolution, etc. with regard to the Japanese. However, they are all of the personal opinion that we have had no Japs settled here in recent years and don't want any."

645.4
Mr. F. O. Rosander, Clerk
City of Kingsburg 253.5

4/21/43

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Reply: 5/6/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "We understand that the local Farm Grange, No. 679, has adopted a resolution pertaining to Post-War plans regarding the Japanese, a copy of which you may be able to ~~obtain~~ secure by writing to them.

In regard to the sentiment of our community toward the Japanese, there is a general feeling of regret that more and more farms have been given over to them. Our community as you know was colonized by people of Scandanavian origin who always have taken a great deal of pride in the appearance of their homes and farms and as over

the Japanese, although excellent and dependable farmers, cannot seem to understand or adapt themselves to our way of living, their increasing number among us has not presented a very cheerful outlook for the future. We must realize however, that our sentiment toward them or perhaps toward another race which we may like even less, may lead to dangerous results if fanned into flame and it must be the policy of our government to avoid discrimination as far as possible. In keeping with this policy, I feel certain our City council will not adopt any resolutions nor pass any ordinances to the contrary."

Reply: By M.G. - 5/7/43 -- Thank you.

132.7
Mr. E. H. Beaver, Clerk
City of Laguna Beach 141.9

4/21/43

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Reply: 5/21/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The Council members were as one in believing that the Japanese who were removed from the coast area should not be returned at this time or even after this war is fought to a successful conclusion. That would include American born Japanese as well as others. The feeling was that the Japanese would never be assimilated in this country and that they should eventually be shipped back to their homeland. Also, that the farm element of the Japanese constituted a cheap labor threat in our agriculture and would probably continue to do so if
over

permitted to remain here.

The Council felt that returning any Japanese to the coastal area would precipitate trouble and result in clashes. Our City Council has not passed any resolutions or ordinances regarding the Japanese. There were few in this vicinity those few being on land farmed by them along the coast hill hills."

Reply: By M. G. Thank you. (5/31/43)

44.2
Mr. A.C. Earley, Clerk
City of La Habra 141.9

4/21/43

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Reply: 4/24/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "I beg to advise you that the City of La Habra has had no Japanese problem and has not adopted any resolution or ordinances relating to the Japanese evacuation."

0 Miss Nettie M. Dillard, Clerk
City of Lakeport 1.2

4/21/43

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Reply: 5/6/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The City did not pass any Resolutions or Ordinances as we had only one Japanese in the County and he did not tarry long after "Pearl Harbor". We accepted General DeWitt's proclamation as our guide and felt no need for further restriction.

The Council very definitely wants to go on record as being opposed to any Japanese remaining in California or on the Pacific coast, native born or otherwise."

19.3
Miss Mary L. Courtright, Clerk
City of Larkspur 28.4

4/21/43

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Reply: NonDate

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

16.8
Miss Ida E. Lapp, Clerk
City of La Verne 132.3

4/21/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

758
Mr. W.W. Sheahan, Clerk
City of Lemoore 1444

4/21/43

9/23/43

2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comments: All alien Japanese should be deported, U.S. Citizens of Japanese ancestry should be placed on probation.

54.9
Miss Tillie M. Bird, Clerk
City of Lincoln 582.4

4/21/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

Mr. M. A. Jenvey, Clerk

4/21/43

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City of Lindsay 169.1

315.6

Reply: 4/29/43 - (By D. H. Edwards, Clerk)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

(After evac, on 2/24/43, City Council passed a resolution asking Gen. DeWitt, Western Defense Commander, for immediate action in stopping the influx of, and the removing of, such evacuees as choose to resettle in or around the city of Lindsay.)

Comment: "The City Council here has many times discussed the Japanese problem and I can safely assure you that their feeling is that they should never be allowed to return to this valley, the Pacific Coast of permitted to own or lease land directly or indirectly regardless of their over

present citizenship status; further that their citizenship should be taken from them. Because we have had to live among them, become acquainted with them, see them rapidly and tenaciously dig into this valley, we feel as we do. We have seen them by the hundreds on the vegetable farms that are in this district, seen them operate under strictly subnormal standards of living, maintain their Japanese schools where the children are forced to attend on Saturdays and Sundays to be taught the Japanese religion, language, loyalty to the Fatherland and so on. We have seen them dominate the vegetable deal to the exclusion of Americans, seen how they control the vegetable markets, live like rats and breed like rabbits and heard them boast they would elect a California Governor in another few decades.

We can not assimilate them, do not want to for unalter-

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City of Lindsay

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able fundamental reasons we don't have to reiterate and they themselves do not want to be assimilated.

The feeling in this community is certainly a majority that this is the time to put them in their places and keep them there - and that place is not in the United States of America. We must not forget the headaches the Negroes and their problems brought the country and the time is now opportune to be sure our lessons are learned from past mistakes and not repeated."

Reply: By M. G. - 5/4/43 -- Thank you.

14.5
Mr. Elmer G. Still, Clerk
City of Livermore 100.7

4/21/43

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Reply: 5/6/43 - (By Harold W. Anderson, Mayor)

Action (Before Evac.): None

Comment: "Your letter was presented to the Council and the members of the Council expressed themselves as being entirely in favor of the military policy relating to the exclusion of the Japanese from the West Coast and they also were unanimously of the opinion that all agricultural machinery belonging to the Japanese and now idle should be released for sale to farmers in California because of the existing shortage of such farm machinery which is so badly needed by the Agricultural Industry of California."

6615
Mr. G. H. Winton, Clerk
City of Livingston 152.2

4/21/43

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Reply: 4/27/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Up to the present time no discussion, or expression on the part of the members of the Council, would indicate any contemplated official action in the future."

He also expressed much personal interest in the project, having lived in the community for almost thirty years and had close contact with the Japanese there. He offers the information that one of the local high school teachers is making a similar study of the Japanese, principally historical in nature, and offers any future information
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seeming to be of value to our research project.

Reply: By M.G. 4/29/43, requesting any further data he might furnish in the future.

3/5.5
Mr. J. F. Blakely, Clerk
City of Lodi 334.1

4/21/43

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Reply: 4/24/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "It is my opinion, from my personal knowledge of each of our City Councilmen, that they thought that the matter of evacuation of Japanese citizens and those of Japanese ancestry is and was purely a military matter and one that military authorities should handle to the best interests of the defense of this western coast. As to the return of these people to their former homes and locations, I do not think that this will ever come before the City Council for any action. Local citizens at this time would oppose such a return, in fact, I am sure that a strong
over

majority favor their deportation. Just what this sentiment will be a few years after the war is concluded, I cannot say."

Mr. ⁴²¹⁴ Frank J. Beggs, Clerk
City of Long Beach 132.3

4/22/43

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Reply: 4/26/43

Action (Prev. to Evacuation): None

Comment: "---the subject has never come up for discussion by the City Council. We have only followed the orders issued by Gen. DeWitt, in regard to evacuation of Japanese residents."

Mr. Walter C. Peterson, Clerk

4/22/43

City of Los Angeles 132.3

155.0

Reply: 4/27/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): ~~None~~

Dismissed city employees

Comment: "I am enclosing herewith a resolution adopted April 15, 1943, which appears to be the only direct action of any consequence taken by the Council."

This resolution is "that City owned agriculture lands and water in the Owens Valley may be made available to the Federal Government, conditioned upon the same being placed under agriculture and tilled by the internees at Manzanar, and the vegetables produced therefrom be made available to the armed forces of the United States or sold in the open over

market at prevailing prices to the residents of the City of Los Angeles."

"The entire evacuation problem in Southern California is handled by Federal authorities, consequently, there is no legislation required by the City Council in connection therewith."

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Mr. Michael Dambrosio, Clerk
City of Los Banos 152.2

4/22/43

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Reply: 5/3/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "As we are far removed from Japanese Settlements or farming of the type conducted by Japanese it has not been necessary for the local City Council to consider the matter in any way. I am not familiar with any Japanese family or person of Japanese descent in or in the vicinity of Los Banos trading area, making the Japanese situation of little concern to our own locality except as it effects the state or country."

78.0
Mrs. Ruth A. Blake, Clerk
City of Los Gatos 231.4

4/22/43

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Reply: 5/4/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The Japanese problem has not concerned this community very much.

There were only a few families here, and I believe all under 25 or 30 were born right here in Los Gatos. Most of the parents were employed as houseworkers on various estates and the children had been brought up in an Americanized atmosphere, and were accepted on even footing with their white school companions, who truly were sorry when they were evacuated to Wyoming.

I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Business

and Professional Women's Club, American Legion Auxiliary, and to date have not heard the problem discussed locally. No action or expression of sentiment has been had by the Council of Los Gatos, altho without doubt it would be best to discourage their return, especially to western California."

Reply: By M.G. - 5/6/43 --Thank you.

Mr. Donald M. Martin, Clerk
City of Loyalton

4/22/43

Reply: 4/29/43 (By Clyde D. Spradling, Clerk)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "To the best of the Council's knowledge, there are no Japanese living within the borders of Sierra County in which Loyalton is located. While we are not confronted with this particular problem at the present time, we are anxious to cooperate with those sections of the country where the condition exists.--- They feel that the restrictions now imposed on civilian Japanese by the government should be continued, and should not be relaxed, except where specific cases warrant, for the duration of the war. They feel that due to the peculiar character over

of the Japanese war, which creates a direct bearing upon California, that the government is fully justified in erecting and maintaining concentration camps for the Japanese, and that in no wise can it be considered a discriminatory measure. The Council appreciates the conditions that will be prevalent during the postwar period and realizes that numerous adjustments will have to be made. There is a strong feeling in this particular district to either prevent the Japanese from reclaiming their property, or to impose restrictions that will limit the concentration of Japanese in any one district during the postwar period."

Reply: By M. G. - 5/3/43 -- Thank you.

266.0

Mr. R. W. Anderson, Clerk
City of Lynwood 132.3

4/22/43

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Reply: 4/28/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "---- Perhaps one of the reason for no action having been taken regarding the matter is because we have never had a Japanese problem as our deed restrictions are such that no person other than a person of the Caucasian race can reside in the City of Lynwood.

I have never heard the City Council discuss the Japanese problem as it would affect the City of Lynwood
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now or after the war, but believe that they are of the opinion like so many others 'that we are getting along very well without them here and we don't want them back at the present.' Don't know what the sentiment will be after the war, but am sure as for Lynwood we will continue to carry a racial restriction in our deeds."

118.2
Mr. George M. Shedd, Clerk
City of Madera 72.9

4/22/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: Passed resolution #439. June 21, 1943
Opposing return of interned Japanese to

Comment: Coastal Defense areas and favoring
utilizing Japanese labor to grow
and raise food for their sustenance.

308.9
Mr. Rudolph F. Wedler, Clerk
City of Manhattan Beach 132.3

4/22/43

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Reply: 5/5/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): City Council posted Trespassing and Loitering notices in all strategic positions in the City, (soon after Pearl Harbor), adopted a Blackout Ordinance, 12/29/41, and posted all Public Proclamations signed by Lt. General J.L.DeWitt, U.S. Army Commanding.

Comment: "If your research has in view the advisability of whether or not the Japanese should be returned to their former locations in California, I wish to say that the consensus in this vicinity is very strong against allowing them to return until a satisfactory solution is reached."

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Reply: By M. G. - 5/7/43 -- Thank you.

515.6
Mrs. Alzoe Converse, Clerk
City of Manteca 234.1

4/22/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: The City Council is not in favor of returning Japanese Americans to the West Coast. However, there have been no resolutions or ordinances passed as yet.

○
Mr. E. E. Ballagh, Clerk
City of Maricopa 55.9

4/22/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

Reply:

Action: None

Comment: City Council's attitude has been to follow lead of Bakersfield, Taft and County.

79.7
Mr. Raymond B. Johnson, Clerk
City of Martínez 82.5

4/22/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/24/43

Action: None

Comment: None

243.6
Mr. Chester O. Gates, Clerk
City of Marysville 251.8

4/23/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/43

Action: Resolution dated 6/21/43 opposed to the return of any Japanese from concentration camps to their former locations, and we endorse the orders of Lieut. Gen. John L. Dewitt that all Japanese be confined to concentration camps and that they be not returned to any Pacific Coast State.

Comment: None

14.1
Miss Isobel B. Hollar, Clerk
City of Maywood 132.3

4/23/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/30/43

Action: None

Comment: None

Mr. J. E. McClelland, Clerk
City of Mendota *253.5* *no date*

4/23/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 10/12/43 (Doris Rowe)

Action: "The council unanimously adopted a
resolution to keep out the Japanese
on the West Coast."

Comment: None

Fresno Co. - near Firebaugh

Mrs. F. I. Kurtz, Clerk
City of Menlo Park 109.0

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148.2 ✓

Reply: 6/17/43

Action: None

Comment: "The sentiment of the residents is very, very strongly opposed to allowing them to return and do business here and should they come back, it is my firm belief they will do so at their peril."

19.5
Mr. J. J. Garibaldi, Clerk
City of Merced 152.2

4/27/43
9/23/43

8

Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: None

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48.1
Mr. Will Falley, Clerk
City of Mill Valley 28.4

4/27/43

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Reply: 5/8/43 -- (By R. E. Baumberger, City Manager)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Please be advised that there have been no restrictive ordinances or resolutions passed by the City Council with regard to California Japanese. Also, there has been no expression, either by the Council or the public as a whole, so far as is known, either for or against them."

(53)

33.6
Mr. Elmer J. Blum, Clerk
City of Modesto 49.3

4/27/43

8

Reply: 5/1/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

8218
Mr. F. R. Schallert, Clerk
City of Monrovia 132.3

4/27/43

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Reply: 4/29/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): 2/2/42 -- Resolution by City Council asking for immediate action to be taken to transfer Japanese aliens from coastal points to inland areas.

Comment: None

Mr. ^oOra I. Kouts, Clerk
City of Montague 2, 4

4/27/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: None

51.6
Mr. Samuel W. Karnes, Jr.
Clerk, City of Montebello 132.3

4/27/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply: No date (Mrs. Elsie D. Smith)

Action: On record as unanimously supporting
the position taken by Lieut. General John L.
DeWitt in the continued excluding of the
Japanese from the defense areas of Calif.

232.5
Mr. Clyde A. Dorsey, Clerk
City of Monterey 307.7

4/27/43

CARD ONE 7

Reply: 5/6/43 -- (By J. R. Perry, Mayor)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The Council of the City of Monterey, at its regular meeting on May 4th last, instructed me as Mayor of the city to communicate with you and to register the strongest and most urgent protest possible against the proposed release of Japanese from the Relocation Camps established by the United States Army, and also against the granting of furloughs in Pacific Coast areas to Japanese soldiers in our Army.

This protest is made not because of racial prejudice or bias, but due to the fact that here in the City of /over

Monterey and on the Monterey Peninsula we have a long knowledge and experience with the Japanese nationals as well as the Naturalized Japanese, and it is our firm conviction that the safety of this country, as well as the Japanese referred to above, requires that there be no easing up on the restrictions heretofore established. Some of the theorizing being done on this subject by well intentioned but uninformed persons is not based on fact or knowledge of the Japanese-American situation.

We trust that you will do everything possible to oppose the so-called liberalization of the restrictions mentioned above, and in so doing you may be assured of our united and earnest support."

Reply: By M.G. - 5/8/43 -- Thank you and informs Perry "we have no part in formulating policies or in making recommendations for policies."

Mr. Clyde A. Dorsey, Clerk
City of Monterey

4/27/43

CARD TWO

Reply: 5/7/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The Council did not feel it necessary to pass any special ordinances or other regulations to take care of the Japanese situation here, but the feeling was very strong, not only among members of the Council but among the citizens of the town, that the Japanese, both foreign born and born in this country, should be under definite restrictions and those restrictions be administered by the army. This sentiment, I believe, prevails at this time."

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5/3/43

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Miss Marion Link, Clerk
City of Morgan Hill 231.4

Reply: 5/6/43 - (By Mrs. Erna Marsh, City Clerk)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "--because no local Japanese problem existed, no Board action has been necessary, so we have nothing to contribute to your investigation. To this I could add that there seems to be a general feeling that Japanese labor is not wanted here, so long as the war lasts, at least."

530.4
Mr. E. B. Erichsen, Clerk
City of Mountain View 231.4

5/3/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply: Undated (2/10/44)

Action: None

Comment: Sentiment is against the return of
Japanese to the West Coast.

Mr. John Rule, Clerk
City of Mount Shasta 214

4/49/43
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Reply: 11/18/43

Action: "At a regular meeting of the City Council, held on the 12th day of November, 1943, by Motion the City Council went on record as opposing any return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast."

Mr. Whitfield Griffiths, Clerk
City of Napa 18, 9

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Reply: 5/7/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "While there were not many Japanese in this locality, the City Council here has, of course, been very much interested in all of these matters. In many instances official action has not been taken by the City, however, because of the fact that several months ago the Council agreed with the Napa County Council of Civilian Defense that the civilian defense of the community, and matters relating thereto, should be centralized in one organization."

184, 4
Mr. Dale Smith
City of National City 71.7

5/3/43

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Reply: 5/6/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Everything was left up to the "Proclamation Number 7" taken by the U. S. Government. We will conform with whatever measures they ask."

8218
Mr. F. B. Wilkin, Clerk
City of Needles 21.5

5/3/43
9/23/43

Reply: 5/20/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor the Santa Fe Ry Company here employed eight Japanese at the Shops, they were furnished living quarters in the Shop grounds.

The City Council employed guards and they were not allowed to leave the Shop grounds, about two weeks later the Military Officers took over and they were required to comply with various orders issued by General DeWitt, until evacuated to Parker, Arizona.

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The Council requested me to advise you that they are very much opposed to allowing any Japanese to be released to work in any State bordering on the coast."

Mr. George H. Calanan, Clerk
City of Nevada City

5/3/43

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Reply: 5/11/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "In keeping with most others, the City Council were most emphatic as to the disposal of the Jap question. They would ship them back to Japan, this is at the moment impossible."

(Mr. Calanan then gives some personal views.)

Mr. H. C. Kingsbury, Clerk
City of Newman 49.3

5/11/43

Reply: 5/20/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "I would like to advise you that this matter has never come to the attention of the Council, nor has there been any discussion of the subject for the reason there has never been any Japanese residents or businesses in this city, at least not for a number of years."

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Mr. Frank L. Rinehart, Clerk
City of Newport Beach 141.9

5/11/43
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224.9
Reply: 9/28/43

Action: None

Comment: "...however unofficial comment on the subject would indicate that the sentiment is adverse to them ever being allowed re-settle on this coast."

45.9
Mr. W. O. Irwin, Clerk
City of North Sacramento 397.1

5/11/43
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Reply: 9/27/43 (Edith M. Davis, City Clerk)

Action: Resolution dated June 7, 1943,
"exclude all American born as well
as alien Japanese from entering into
any business or from in any manner
operating any orchard, farm, garden,
nursery, or having anything to do in
anywise with lands; that they be ex-
cluded from owing any property in any
State, that any Japanese claiming or
holding dual citizenship and of

necessity thereby proclaiming their loyalty to Japan shall be summarily detained and then deported at the earliest opportunity."

Comment: None

18.3
Mr. Clarence C. Wood, Clerk
City of Oakdale 49.3

5/11/43

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Reply: 5/20/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The City has passed no ordinances regarding the Japanese population as we have never had any Jap residents to amount to anything. I think there was one family that lived in the vicinity of Oakdale. Your letter of May 11, was read to the City Council and they were unanimous in the oppinion that Japanese should be excluded from the State. They feel that the manner in which they have conducted themselves in this war and the manner in which they have treated the American soldiers that were taken prisoners that they are a brutal and barbarious people. Their rights to citizenship should be denied."

77.5
Mr. Frank Colbourn, Clerk
City of Oakland 100,7

5/11/43

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Reply: 5/11/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "----- . We are very busy with the man power situations and other defense matters together with housing of increased population and facilities for taking care of same, that your problem has not as yet reached us. Perhaps the Federal Government will request cities to look into the Japanese resettlement, however up to the present time we have not been advised of any program of this nature."

421.2
Mr. John H. Landes, Clerk
City of Oceanside 71.7

5/11/43

Reply: 5/20/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): *Evac. d. cuts. & aliens from*
None Combat zone. 2/7/42
(d.D. cards)

Comment: "The only restriction placed on Japanese persons by the City direct was a prohibition of the use of the municipal pleasure pier merely by posting a notice at the entrance to the effect that the pier was closed to the Japanese."

The City Council of Oceanside fully approved of any and all the necessary restrictive measures that had to be taken as a precaution, and on the 12th of this month passed a resolution as a protest against readmission of any Japanese to the Western Defense regions. The majority
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of the City Council, if not all of them, are opposed to the return of any Japanese at any time, even after the war, to our Western Coast and have so expressed themselves.

I am glad to be able to state that after Pearl Harbor and up to the time of Evacuation, there was almost no friction between the Japanese and the American population though everybody seemed to approve the Japanese' removal. Soon after Evacuation, the Kiwanis Club sponsored a movement to have local school children keep up a correspondence with their evacuated comrades in the camps. However, there was a good deal of public opposition and after^a few weeks the exchange of letters gradually died out."

Reply: By M. G. 5/24/43 -- Thank YOu.

Mr. ^{8.9} Charles D. Chaffee, Clerk
City of Ojai ^{96.4}

5/11/43

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Reply: 6/3/43 (By Harriet M. Vonderembs, Clerk)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "--but the entire Council is in accord with
General DeWitt's order of evacuation and not letting them
return."