

# Army to Order Evacuation of Military Area 2

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The first phase of the greatest forced migration of people in America was virtually completed this week. General DeWitt's headquarters announced that all major cities on the west coast had been evacuated by its residents of Japanese race. In California only the delta lands of Yolo county had not yet been completely evacuated. Yet a few remaining behind. These were the infirm, the too ill to move. These were also the few Americans with Japanese faces who had been exempted because they were engaged in vital war work — at U. S. government listening posts, in other federal agencies. These nisei and their families were authorized to remain at liberty, but must carry with them, at all times, special identification papers.

The outlook was bright for student relocation. A special committee, cooperating with the War Relocation Authority, was setting up a definite program of scholarships so that the 2000 U. S. nisei college students would be able to continue their studies. Meanwhile, it was announced that the University of California was planning special college courses at the Manzanar and Tule Lake relocation centers which would be conducted by visiting UC professors.

Meanwhile, Tokyo's developing war strategy indicated an all-out drive to knock free China out of World War II, as the Nippon war-makers poured thousands of fresh troops into the long inactive China front. As the Japanese stepped up the tempo of their war activity, Chungking spokesmen asked for immediate aid, lest it again be a case of "too little, too late." China's situation was admittedly precarious. Kihwa, capital of Chekiang, fell last week-end. A major offensive in Kwangtung, north of captured Canton, was expected. Advances from this sector of the world front indicated that Nippon's war lords were paying heavily in men and material for their gains.

On the European front Cologne in the Nazi Rhineland still smoldered after the greatest mass air raid in history. A fleet of 1250 RAF bombers had practically wiped the Nazi munitions center off the map. Casualties: 20,000 dead, 50,000 wounded.

In Russia the war went on. General consensus of military experts was that Herr Hitler wasn't doing so well. His vaunted 'spring offensive' wasn't going anywhere particularly. The brain-guy of Berchtesgaden was also nursing a headache over reports from the Libyan front that General Rommel's tank army was under merciless attack and the drive to Suez looked like just another dream.

It looked like aspirins for Adolph.

Mexico declared war on the Axis powers. Three Japanese midget subs were sneaked into Sydney harbor and were destroyed. Rising Sun bombers were still trying to knock out Port Moresby in New Guinea. United Nations bombers retaliated with raids on Japan's Burma bases.

On the domestic front Secretary of War Stimson warned that a Japanese air attack on the west coast was 'inevitable.' Coast cities were warned to get ready. The farm labor situation grew more acute. A deportation order was issued for Harry Bridges, west coast C. I. O. leader. A young alien Japanese, posing as a 'Spanish-Hawaiian' was arrested in Oakland. He gave his name as Fred Korematsu.

The 'great lover,' John Barrymore, played his last death scene. No man mourned him more than did a Japanese at Manzanar relocation center. This man 'Nishi' (Continued on page 8)

## JACL to Contest Attack on Civil Rights

### Evacuee Labor Sought by Beet Growers

The cry for Japanese evacuee labor rose last week from farms in the California valleys to the plateau ranches of the Intermountain West.

The selfsame states and interests which had vigorously opposed the relocation of Japanese evacuees in their districts now called for the evacuees to help meet the agricultural labor shortage.

In Oregon Governor Sprague contacted the White House and received permission to use evacuees from the Portland center in the beet fields of eastern Oregon's huge Malheur county. By last week-end some 17 evacuees were working in eastern Oregon and others were reported ready to come if they were assured that conditions were favorable.

The evacuees wanted to do their part in the "food for victory" program. All officials agreed that the hesitancy of the evacuees to accept employment in the sugar beet fields was predicated on several factors. Some of them were:

Under the 'furlough system' evacuees in private employment are expected to provide for their families in the evacuation centers. Working in beet fields at \$9.50 an acre, earning less than \$5.00 a day, many felt that they would not be able to send back enough to care for their families.

It was reported that evacuees sent to the beet fields were under constant surveillance, were subjected to observing a 'curfew,' were confined to their camps.

Statements by some public officials had given the impression that harm came to them.

Idaho's productive Snake River valley also needed thousands of workers to save the sugar beet crop. On one day Idaho's Governor Clark was quoted in the press assuring the Japanese, 'fine treatment' if they came to Idaho. On the same day, May 23, the press also reported that Governor Clark had told a political meeting that "Japs were like rats" and that they should all be sent back to their island and that 'they should sink the island.' Talk like that from Idaho's governor did not help bring evacuee Japanese to the Snake River valley.

A "token" group of evacuees from the Puyallup center was reported due in Montana for work in sugar beets.

Meanwhile, Idaho groups attempted to recruit Japanese from Sacramento and San Joaquin valley centers.

Furloughs from the assembly centers were being granted to evacuees for farm work outside of Military Area I.

### Chinese Girl Wins Oratorical Contest

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — Only in a democracy could this happen.

The winner of a recent oratorical contest at Washington Union high school was Inez Fong, member of a well known Niles Chinese family. The patriotic oratorical contest, an annual affair, is sponsored by the Washington Township chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Miss Fong received an individual trophy donated by the JACL.

Although all JACL members, along with all Japanese in the district, were evacuated one month ago to Tanforan assembly center, the contest was held by school authorities. Before evacuation, JACL officials financed the contest seven years in advance.

### Surprise Proclamation Issued By Western Defense Command

The Western Defense Command ordered the eventual evacuation of all Japanese residing in California in Military Area 2.

The latest order from General DeWitt came as a surprise, since General DeWitt had stated previously that Japanese voluntarily evacuating Military Area I would probably not again be bothered by exclusion orders for the duration.

In Public Proclamation No. 6 issued Tuesday by the Western Defense Command in San Francisco, all persons of Japanese ancestry were prohibited from leaving Military Area 2 after 12 noon, June 2.

Curfew hours between 8 p. m.

and 6 a. m. were set for Japanese within Military Area 2. A travel limit of ten miles from their places of residence was set.

"All alien Japanese and persons of Japanese ancestry will be excluded from said California portion of Military Area 2 by future orders or proclamations," it was announced.

The order came on the heels of a meeting in Sacramento on May 25 when representatives of California counties within Military Area 2 asked for restrictive measures for Japanese persons.

The Associated Farmers and other "pressure" groups were active in proposing restrictions for Japanese in the California "free zone."

### Native Sons Call for Campaign To Revoke Nisei Citizenship

#### Vandals Overrun Property Evacuated By Valley Farmers

SACRAMENTO — Major Painter, provost marshal at Elk Grove, reported to the sheriff's office Friday night that vandals were overrunning crop lands evacuated by the Japanese, picking fruit and damaging considerable property.

The same situation existed at Florin, he said. Deputies were dispatched to the scene but made no arrests.

Sheriff Cox announced that any persons caught picking crops without permission on evacuated farms would be arrested.

Farm officials here estimated that a major part of Florin's \$600,000 strawberry crop had been doomed by evacuation.

### WRA Outlines Evacuee Work Corps Program

Production of camouflage netting will be one of the first projects undertaken by the War Relocation Work Corps, it was indicated last week.

The camouflage netting project was set for the Manzanar Relocation Center where two 500-foot buildings are now under construction.

Meanwhile, requests for clarification of certain points in the WRWC program from residents of evacuation centers, were being placed before War Relocation Authority officials in Washington by Mike Masaoka and George Inagaki, special representatives of JACL National Headquarters.

The War Relocation Work Corps program, announced by the WRA, will enroll volunteers from the evacuee groups no win assembly, reception and relocation centers for a constructive work program in relocation areas.

The WRWC will also provide additional training to adapt old skills to new jobs and to develop new techniques. The Work Corps will provide a reservoir of workers from which personnel for community and administrative services will be recruited.

As announced by WRA, enlistees in the Work Corps agrees to serve for the duration and two weeks after the end of the war. The enlistee also swears or affirms loyalty to the United States and pledges (Continued on page 8)

### California Group Would Take Away Voting Privileges

Two suits which seek to deprive 5000 American citizen Japanese in San Francisco and Alameda counties have been filed in Federal District Court by representatives of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the American Legion and the Joint Immigration Committee.

Saburo Kido, National JACL president, has announced that the suits will be contested by Bay Region JACL chapters and by the National JACL.

Kido has also stated that the JACL has consistently cooperated with army and civilian authorities in the evacuation and in all matters of military necessity and the JACL has not raised any questions as to the constitutionality of orders issued in connection with evacuation. However, he has noted that any attacks on the civil rights which are not vital to national defense will be resisted in the courts in order that the rights of all Americans of Japanese ancestry may be fully protected and preserved.

Main figure in the suits against American-born Japanese is U. S. Webb, state attorney-general for nine terms who has been long identified with movements against resident Japanese in California. Webb who is believed attempting a 'comeback' politically is representing the plaintiffs. He said the suits were filed "at the behest" of the American Legion, the Native Sons and the Joint Immigration Committee.

Filed by John T. Regan in San Francisco and James K. Fisk in Oakland the suits name as defendants Cameron King, San Francisco registrar of voters, and G. E. Wade, Alameda county clerk and registrar of voters. The suits ask the Federal Court to order the registrars to strike from the registration books the names of all American voters of Japanese ancestry, contending that the Japanese have been illegally admitted to citizenship. The suits seek to obtain a new ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court whereby those of Japanese descent born in this country will not be considered American citizens.

It has already been announced that the Native Sons will also seek a constitutional amendment which would deny citizenship to all persons of Japanese descent. A campaign to raise funds for the sponsorship of such legislation has already been undertaken by the Native Sons group.

The American Civil Liberties Union has also announced that it is interested in protecting the civil rights of all citizens and will appear in the case with the special permission of the court.

Ernest Besig, director of the San Francisco office of the ACLU, has strongly condemned the suits filed to deprive U. S.-born Japanese of their voting rights.

"This is a cruel and preposterous attempt to nullify express constitutional guarantees and an attack upon the rights of all minorities," he said.

Meanwhile, U. S.-born Japanese now in assembly and reception centers have been advised that they are eligible to vote as absentees in the coming primary elections if they are properly registered.

### Warren to Prosecute Alien Land Law Violations by Japanese

LOS ANGELES—Attorney General Warren, candidate for governor, and District Attorney John Dockweiler promised the board of supervisors last week that prosecution faces any Japanese who violated the alien property act and obtained title to land in the names of minor American-born children.



## Student Relocation Program Mapped at Chicago Meeting

National Leaders Will Take Responsibility of Relocating Collegians

CHICAGO — At the request of the War Relocation Authority, Mr. Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, convened an important group of national leaders in Chicago, May 29, to consider plans and procedures for relocation in colleges and universities throughout the country of the Japanese American students displaced from West Coast institutions of higher learning.

Mr. Milton E. Eisenhower of the War Relocation Authority was represented at the meeting by Mr. John Provinse, Director of Community Management under the W. R. A. Miss Bess Goodykoontz, Assistant Commissioner of Education, represented the United States office of education. The conference group included spokesmen for the American Council on Education, and other college and university associations, church boards of education and missions, International Student Service, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., the Japanese American Citizens' League, represented by Mike Masaoka, and other interested organizations.

In brief reviews of the major aspects of the present situation it was set forth that the evacuation of all Japanese from Pacific Coastal areas involved somewhat more than two thousand American-born Japanese who were enrolled at many different colleges and universities. The government, through the War Relocation Authority, has indicated its desire that these young Americans of Japanese ancestry be enabled to complete their education in preparation for useful service and fuller assimilation into our National life. As arrangements for their re-enrollment in other colleges and universities are perfected, the government will issue certification and release orders to approved students who are now in assembly or relocation centers.

A great deal of preliminary work has already been done, which will be conserved and coordinated by the new organization under the executive leadership of Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, President of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, who is to serve as Director of Japanese American Student Relocation. His office will be at the headquarters of the American Friends Service Committee, 20 South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia.

Immediately upon announcement of the plans for Coastal Evacuation, a Student Relocation Committee was organized in the Pacific States, with northwest and southern regional headquarters. This committee representing many interests and organizations, and with the cooperation of college and university authorities began to assemble lists of students affected by the evacuation. This group will continue its activities under the National Student Relocation Council.

Meanwhile, through the Western College Association and the Association of American Colleges, inquiries were addressed to a considerable number of colleges outside the restricted area as to the possibility of enrolling in their student bodies the Japanese American student evacuees. Encouraging replies were reported from these contacts, which will be followed through to discover more definitely the available openings.

It was pointed out that in addition to the resources of the individual students, considerable help will be needed by way of scholarship grants, work opportunities and other subsidies.

Suggestions were made as to possible sources of aid but no decisions were reached as to the financial needs which may well total from half a million to a million dollars.

The immediate program, which has the full support of the War Department, as well as the War Relocation Authority, contemplates the working out of an effective plan whereby the individual students may be properly certified, relocated in the receiving colleges, and financially supported. It is felt that this provides a unique opportunity to render service of lasting value not only to the minority group involved, but to the entire life of the nation.

## Co-op Leases Stanford Japanese Building

PALO ALTO — The Japanese Students' House at Stanford University has been leased by officials of the Thompson Co-operative House "for the duration". Room for twenty students will be provided by the new quarters.

## Abandon Cave Creek

SAN FRANCISCO — Plans for converting the CCC camp at Cave Creek, Arizona, into a Japanese assembly center have been abandoned, according to the WCCA.

The camp was to have been used for part of the Japanese evacuee group in Arizona, but later it was found that the Mayer Reception Center had ample housing for all of Arizona's Japanese.

## Perkins Nurseryman Thanks America by Buying War Bonds

SACRAMENTO — M. Oki, Perkins Japanese nurseryman, said thanks to America in a most effective way for the privileges he and his family had found in the American way of life.

On the eve of evacuation to the Pinedale assembly center, Mr. Oki bought \$4000 worth of war bonds.

The story of his patriotism was told here by Wayne Phelps of the WCCA who helped negotiate the sale of the Oki nursery in ePrkins to William E. Dart of Fair Oaks. Dart, accompanied by a bank representative, went to the nursery which Oki has operated for thirty years.

With \$4000 of the purchase price Oki immediately bought war bonds from the bank representative. The rest of the proceeds of the sale was used by Oki to pay outstanding bills.

## Court Action Tests Legality of Evacuation Order

SEATTLE — Court action will be instituted here to test, for the first time in the United States, the constitutionality of the wholesale evacuations of persons of Japanese ancestry, State Senator Mrs. Mary Farquharson announced.

She added that detention of Gordon Kiyoshi Hirobayashi, 24, American-born Japanese and senior at the University of Washington, will be the basis for the test case.

Mrs. Farquharson is the wife of a University professor and acting chairman of the Seattle branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. She said that the national organization of the ACLU was prepared to underwrite all expenses in connection with the litigation.

Hirobayashi has been held by federal authorities in the county jail under \$5000 bond since advising the F. B. I. on May 16 that he would refuse to comply with evacuation orders.

Mrs. Farquharson has visited him in jail and in a statement she said was authorized by the national ACLU quoted Hirobayashi as explaining his reason for defying federal orders. Hirobayashi based his refusal to obey the order on the grounds that it denies to American citizens of Japanese descent "on a wholesale basis without due process of law the civil liberties which are theirs."

Mrs. Farquharson said that Hirobayashi was vice president of the campus YMCA during his junior year and has "attended Christian student conventions throughout the country."

She noted that the Civil Liberties Union's position is that "grave questions of constitutional rights are involved in the application of this order to American citizens without inquiry into their loyalty."

## WCCA Abandons Plans for Assembly Center at Toppenish

TOPPENISH — The WCCA in Seattle last week announced the abandonment of plans to use the Golding Hop yards near Toppenish as an assembly center for evacuated Japanese.

Equipment sent to Toppenish is being removed. Puyallup's Camp Harmony is now the only center in Washington.

Main reason for the decision was that there is now ample room at other centers for the evacuees slated for Toppenish.

## U. C. Japanese Staff Given Leaves Until Return from Centers

BERKELEY — The University of California has granted leaves of absence to Japanese Americans forced to give up teaching and other posts to enter evacuation camps.

Japanese given leaves include W. N. Takahashi, instructor in plant pathology; Mae Kajimoto, clinical assistant in dentistry; and S. Murata, instructor in crown and bridge prosthesis, dental school.

## Washington Student Gives Self Up to Test Exclusion Order

SEATTLE — Describing himself as a "conscientious objector to evacuation," Gordon Kiyoshi Hirobayashi, American-born Japanese student at the University of Washington, was held on charges of failure to register for revocation and of being within a restricted district.

Hirobayashi voluntarily surrendered to agents of the F. B. I. after the deadline for removal of Japanese from Seattle had past.

He was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Harry M. Westfall last week. The complaint against Hirobayashi on two counts of violating the war-time civilian control act was filed by U. S. Attorney Hile.

Hirobayashi, 24-year-old native of Auburn, Wash., is a senior in arts and sciences at the university.

## VICTORY RALLY HELD IN N. Y. NIPPONESE

NEW YORK — American, Oriental and European anti-fascists joined in a Mass Victory Rally sponsored by New York's Japanese American Committee for Democracy at the Hotel Diplomat recently.

Highlight of the rally was a song "Brothers of Japan", sung in Japanese by Liu Liang Mo, Chinese lecturer and singer.

Speakers at the rally included Dr. Adam C. Powell, only Negro member of the New York City Council; Pearl Buck, noted author; Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, former Prussian Minister of Justice; Pierre Cot, former French Air Minister; Yasuo Kuniyoshi, outstanding American artist; and, Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Shiro Takahisa, Los Angeles-born nisei, was chairman.

The biggest names in American art are joined with American artists of Japanese nationality to contribute original paintings and drawings which were given out as door prizes. Among the artists represented were Jon Corbino, Ernest Fiene, Hugo Gellert, William Gropper, George Grosz, S. Hirsch, J. Levi, Reginald Marsh, George Picken, the Soyier brothers, W. Zorach, Leo Amino, Jun Iwanatsu, M. Iwanatsu, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Roy Kadowaki, Thomas Nagai, Chuzo Tamotsu, Sotaro Suzuki and many others.

## Evacuees Entitled To Share in Social Security Benefits

AM Japanese who are entitled to old age pensions under the U. S. social security system should make the necessary applications, the Pacific Citizen was informed last week.

It was declared that residence in an assembly or reception center does not disqualify the recipient who will continue to receive the pension as long as their pay in the centers does not exceed the amount to which they are entitled.

## KIDO: Basic Civil Liberties Guaranteed Nisei Americans

By SABURO KIDO  
National President JACL

Evacuation is almost over. The foundations created by pioneer Japanese immigrants who settled a generation ago in that area now embraced by Military Area I have been uprooted. An entirely new start must be made after the war if the Japanese are to return to the evacuated zone.

Historians using the blessing of perspective that time gives will be able to appraise more accurately the true significance of this mass movement of a single racial group, 62 per cent of whom are citizens of the United States. At the present time we are all anxious to see this country win the war and, therefore, as good, loyal citizens we are not questioning the legality of sagacity of the steps which have been taken.

The army must be given full rein to carry out its task of waging and winning the war, which has now become a world conflict.

From accounts emanating from the various assembly centers, we find that the authorities have done a creditable job. There have been shortcomings here and there but we hope that these will be corrected in the course of time. Also, incidents such as ptomaine poisoning in the Fresno assembly center have created hardships and sufferings.

We are grateful to the authorities who have been entrusted with this delicate, as well as tremendous, task of moving more than 100,000 people. We are thankful that men who have no racial animosities have been entrusted with this important work.

## Important Problems Ahead

Now that evacuation is an accomplished fact, the more important problems lie ahead. These problems center around the relocation of the evacuees and their readjustment to new circumstances. We have no doubt that those of Japanese descent want to work and contribute their share to the ultimate victory of the United Nations against the Axis powers. We believe that these loyal Americans of Japanese descent should be given an opportunity to contribute their full share toward that ultimate victory. It would be a shame to sacrifice the manpower that is available in the assembly and reception centers at this time when the shortage of labor is becoming acute and menaces the production front.

On the other hand, the treatment and the attitude of the authorities toward those now in the evacuee centers must continue to be humane and fair. If the people are

given an opportunity to work under favorable conditions, they will prove their sincerity with their productive efforts.

## Civil Rights Were Guaranteed

The American of Japanese parentage was promised full preservation of his basic civil rights. Remembering that promise, he has cooperated wholeheartedly with the evacuation program. But today attacks are being launched by the same old group which has been specializing in making life miserable for those of Japanese descent in this country. This group has attacked all the basic civil rights of the American citizen of Japanese ancestry, including the right of franchise and even the right of citizenship. Today if anyone is a fifth columnist, it is the pseudo-patriot who hides behind the cloak of patriotism and the flag and creates race hatred and stirs up disunity.

We believe that if the government should intercede and discourage these attacks upon loyal Americans, it will give a tremendous uplift to the morale of those citizens in the assembly centers who feel helpless in defending their rights. After all, they are the wards of the government so long as they remain in these centers and everything possible should be done to live up to the promise which has been made them.

## Will Do Share for Victory

There is no doubt in our minds that we have passed through the saddest part of the tragedy which the war has brought upon those of Japanese descent in this country. It is futile to look backward to what has happened. We must do our share in winning the war. This means we shall have to produce as much as we can, while the thousands of Americans of Japanese race in the army do their share on the fighting front. Those in agricultural production will be laboring under handicaps for a while. It will take time to meet new conditions, to familiarize themselves with the soil and climate of these new areas. But it must be done and quickly, in order that the shortage in production caused by the temporary dislocation of these people from production can be rectified.

To do our share toward winning the war, in any way we can, is the duty and responsibility which we have undertaken as one manifestation of our loyalty and devotion to this country.

Passing through this test with flying colors, we shall prove our true value as Americans. And we shall return to our homes with the knowledge that we have done our share for Victory.

## U. S.-Born Japanese Train in Arkansas for War Overseas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Between 500 and 1000 American-born Japanese are among United States Army recruits being trained at Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

Although not all Arkansians welcomed their presence here, the American-born Japanese are accorded the same respect given other American soldiers by the community.

When the Japanese first made their appearance on Little Rock streets some months ago, some individual expressions of dissatisfaction were heard, but it was reported at Camp Robinson that no request had been made by any Arkansian that they be moved elsewhere to complete their training.

When on leave from camp, they have the same privileges in the city as other soldiers and civilians. It is seldom that more than two or three Japanese are together on city streets but many of them attend dances and other events sponsored by the USO.

## Salt Lake Veterans Plan Mass Meeting Against Evacuees

Full support to the United Veterans' council in its plans for a projected mass meeting to arouse sentiment against sales of real estate and other property was voted at a meeting of the President's patriotic council in Salt Lake City last week.

The action was taken after Wil-

## Evacuee Killed In Nevada Crash

ELKO, Nev. — A Japanese evacuee, Naoyemon Ishizuka, 42, of San Francisco, was killed when two cars crashed head-on ten miles west of Elko last Tuesday.

He died in Elko hospital. A companion, Kenshi Tachiki of Gilroy, a member of the San Benito county chapter of the JACL, was injured. Tachiki was traveling from Sonora, Calif., in Military Area 2 to a ranch at Delta, Utah. He suffered a fractured left jaw, lacerations and a foot injury.

The driver and passenger of the other car were also badly injured.

## South California's Floral Trade Faces 12 Millions Loss

LOS ANGELES — Southern California's floral business will drop \$12,000,000 a year because of evacuation of Japanese floriculturists, the state legislature's interim committee on economic planning was informed last Saturday at a hearing on little business problems.

Judge Brown of the Southern California Floral association said that the decline would be due to evacuation of Japanese, who have produced 60 per cent of this section's flowers for export. He said that there would be plenty of flowers for Decoration Day but indicated that flowers may not be as plentiful after May.

William J. Higbee, representative of the UVC, addressed the meeting.



# JACL Assists Administration at Camp Harmony

## James Sakamoto Heads Puyallup's Japanese Staff

PUYALLUP, Wash. — A headquarters staff, set up with the co-operation of the Emergency Defense Council of the Seattle JACL, is efficiently aiding the administration of the Puyallup assembly center.

The administration is organized on a "military basis" into four divisions, personnel, intelligence, operations and supply.

James Y. Sakamoto, former national president of the JACL and publisher of the now-suspended Courier, is chief supervisor under Bob Turner, camp director.

William Hosowaka is chief interpreter.

In the personnel division are George Ishihara, personnel supervisor; Mrs. Yone Arai, assistant chief interpreter; Tom Kanno, assistant personnel supervisor; Paul Watanabe, personnel officer; Dyke Miyagawa, classification officer; Frank Miyamoto, relocation officer; Robert Hosokawa, morale and recreation officer; Masaru Chick Uno, athletic officer; Mrs. Merry Mambu, education officer, and George Okada, postal officer.

Jack Maki as information supervisor, controls and coordinates the functioning of the intelligence section. Nobutaka Ike is assistant chief interpreter, and Lillian Horiuchi is assistant information supervisor. Allen Arai is information officer, while Dick Takeuchi is publicity officer in charge of camp publication.

Richard Setsuda is operations supervisor, while Yutaka Munekata is planning officer in the operations division. Toru Araki is operations officer.

The supply section is headed by Frank Okamura as supply supervisor. George Kashiwagi is quartermaster. Others are Sam Taniguchi, utilities; Dick Nomura, salvage; Yosh Takayoshi, commissary officer, and Luki Kono, transportation.

On the special staff are Julius Fujihiro, headquarters commandant; Sanetomo Kaneo, chief of police; Kaz Tamura, chief fire marshal; George Minato, inspector general; Clarence Arai, judge advocate; Hiram Akita, communications officer; Kenji Saito, paymaster; Dr. Masako Takayoshi, chief surgeon, and Tom Kobayashi, chaplain.

Bill Mambu, Seattle attorney, is Area A supervisor.

The Puyallup center is south of the city, approximately an hour's drive out. It is in the heart of a Japanese farming district, so that the shock of transition is almost non-existent.

Sundays find many of the Japanese in the Puyallup center attending church service, just as they would on any Sunday back home. Religious groups were quick to organize Sunday schools for children as well as to schedule regular services for adults.

## Mistrial Ordered In Case of Seattle Japanese Exporters

SEATTLE — A mistrial in the case of Charles Takahashi and Edward Y. Osawa, American Japanese exporters, was ordered by U. S. District Judge Lloyd Black after the jury informed him that it was unable to reach a verdict.

Judge Black discharged the jury and announced the case will be presented to another jury at a later date.

The two defendants were charged with giving false information in attempting to obtain a license to export three large steel storage tanks to Shanghai, China.

In final instructions Judge Black had warned the jurors that the defendant's Japanese nationality should not prejudice the consideration of a verdict.

## Meetings Aid Farmers

### Taking Over Property

TACOMA, Wash.—In order to aid farmers taking over Japanese farms, two meetings were held last Wednesday by U. S. and Washington state college departments of agriculture.

The sessions were held at the former Joe Ota and Kondo farms,

## JACL Officers Active at Various Assembly Centers

Keeping his pledge that the JACL office in San Francisco would function until the last possible moment, Saburo Kido, national president of the JACL, remained at his office until Wednesday, May 20, when the evacuation of Japanese from all of San Francisco was completed.

The JACL president rejoined his family in Visalia, California, Wednesday. He is expected to come to National Headquarters in Salt Lake City on a tour of inspection shortly. Mr. Kido expects to make his residence in Visalia where Mrs. Kido and their two children established residence in March.

Presidents and officers of JACL chapters in military area I evacuated with other residents of their communities and are now actively serving in the various assembly and reception centers, a survey by National Headquarters discloses.

Among the JACL officials now in the various centers are:

Dr. T. T. Yatabe, former national JACL president and president A.L.L. Fresno chapter, and Ben Nakano, executive secretary, Fresno assembly center.

Fukashi Nakagawa, president Eden Township JACL, Tanforan assembly center.

Kay Hirao, pres. Oakland JACL, Tanforan.

Dr. Goro Muramoto, pres. Sacramento JACL, and Walter Tsukamoto, former national JACL president, Walerga assembly center.

Henry Tanda, pres. Salinas JACL and vice-chairman Northern California District Council, and Dr. Harry Kita, former NCDC chairman, Salinas assembly center.

Dave Tatsuno, pres. San Francisco JACL, and Henry Tani, exec. sec., Tanforan.

Dr. George Takahashi, pres. San Mateo JACL, and Satoye Kawakita, sec., Tanforan.

Henry Shimizu, pres. Sonoma County JACL, Turlock assembly center.

Vernon Ichisaka, pres. Washington Township JACL, Tanforan.

James Hirokawa, pres. Watsonville JACL, Salinas.

Harry Aoyagi, pres. Yo-Solano JACL, Turlock.

Kimio Obata, pres. Berkeley JACL, Tanforan.

Henry Fukuhara, pres. Santa Monica JACL, Manzanar reception center.

Shigeo Imamura, pres. Brawley JACL, Parker relocation area.

James Yoshinobu, pres. Gardena Valley JACL, Santa Anita.

Hakaru Taku, pres. San Luis Obispo JACL, Tulare assembly center.

Kiyoshi Higashi, pres. San Pedro JACL, Manzanar.

Tom Hirashima, pres. Santa Barbara JACL, Tulare.

Allen Kurihara, pres. Ventura JACL, Tulare.

Harry Miyake, pres. Santa Maria Valley JACL, and Ken Utsunomiya, former national secretary JACL, Tulare.

Shigemi Aratani, pres. Los Angeles JACL, Masao Satow, member JACL emergency board, Santa Anita.

Henry Kanegae, pres. Orange County JACL, Parker.

John Aono, pres. Venice JACL, Manzanar.

Tom Imai, pres. San Fernando JACL, Manzanar.

Henry Kuwabara, pres. San Gabriel Valley JACL, Pomona assembly center.

Kumao Yoshinari, pres. Mid-Columbia JACL, Pinedale assembly center.

Dr. Newton Uyesugi, pres. Portland JACL, Portland assembly center.

Clarence T. Arai, pres. Seattle Progressive CL; James Sakamoto, former national president JACL, and Bill Hosokawa, secretary Emergency Defense Council, Puyallup assembly center.

Takeo Yoshihara, pres. Tacoma JACL, Pinedale.

Fred Tayama, chairman Southern California District Council JACL, Manzanar.

## Auburn's Legion Leases Temple for Duration

AUBURN, Wash. — The Auburn American Legion post has leased the local Buddhist church for the duration of the war.

## Army Prepared For One-Day Evacuation Of Coast Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO — Should an enemy attack have come during the months-long (progressive evacuation) of persons of Japanese race from the west coast defense area, the Army was prepared to remove all of the 112,000 residents "practically overnight" to inland cantonment centers, Colonel Karl L. Bendetsen, director of evacuation, declared before the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco last week.

Colonel Bendetsen said that he could reveal the secret now that evacuation was almost completed.

He said that a total of 85,820 alien and citizen Japanese had been evacuated or were in the process of being evacuated by May 25. By that date, evacuees totaling 79,743 were already in the various assembly and reception centers.

Colonel Bendetsen said that plans were made to move the 112,000 Japanese into already established Army cantonments in a mass movement which could have been completed practically overnight.

## Thomas Masuda Wins Acquittal From Seattle Jury

SEATTLE — Thomas S. Masuda, Seattle attorney, was recently acquitted of charges that he had acted as an agent for Japan following a dramatic trial in the U. S. District Court in Seattle.

The jury brought in the acquittal verdict after seven hours' deliberation.

Masuda was the second U. S. Japanese to be acquitted in Seattle of the charge of failure to register with the U. S. government as an agent of a foreign power.

Kenji Ito, another Seattle attorney, was previously acquitted of the same charge. After his acquittal Ito affirmed his allegiance to the United States and offered his services to the government.

Masuda and his wife, an interested spectator during the entire trial, left immediately after the verdict was rendered to join other Seattle Japanese at the assembly center in Puyallup.

## Alaskan Nipponese

JUNEAU — Evacuation of Alaska's 270 Japanese will become a reality soon with the Nipponese being sent to the Puyallup assembly center in Washington, it was believed here.

A WCCA service center has been opened in Anchorage, Alaska, to transfer farm lands and other properties to new operators.

## Two JACL Leaders Attend Discussions In New Orleans

### JACL Leaders In Washington For Conferences

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, and George Inagaki of national headquarters staff, returned to Washington this week to resume conferences with government officials on problems faced by American citizen Japanese.

Masaoka arrived from Chicago where he had represented the JACL at the Student Relocation conference called by Clarence Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee.

Inagaki had conferred with nisei leaders in the New York area on a national program for U. S. nisei.

The two JACL representatives arrived in Washington on May 21 from Cincinnati, after attending the National Conference on Social Work in New Orleans.

Previous to their New Orleans visit they had attended the Sixth Conference of the Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in Cleveland.

While traveling from Ohio to Louisiana by auto, Masaoka and Inagaki were stopped in a small community outside of New Orleans by the local sheriff. They were lodged in the local jail for six hours in cells used for 'solitary confinement' until allowed to continue their journey.

Masaoka also reported being refused service in Philadelphia because of Japanese ancestry.

## Japanese Evacuation Process Nearly Complete, Says Army

Evacuation of 100,000 Japanese from Military Area I has been practically completed, according to the latest report from the War-time Civil Control Administration.

WCCA officials said 94,330 are now in assembly or relocation centers, 2342 are being moved and 3035 have received orders to evacuate within the next ten days.

According to unofficial estimates, only 2000 Japanese now remain in Military Area I.

Shig Imamura, president of the Brawley JACL, was one of the first arrivals at Poston. He is on the staff as an "intake" official.

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## Masaoka Attends Civil Liberties Section of Social Work Parley

NEW ORLEANS, — Affirming the allegiance and loyalty of Americans of Japanese descent, Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, addressed the National Conference of Social Work on May 12.

"Your treatment of the Japanese Americans has more than convinced us that America is the only country in which to live and the principles for which America is fighting are worth fighting for."

Masaoka attended the "Civil Liberties in the U. S." section of the Conference, of which Jonathan Daniels, assistant director of the Office of Civilian Defense, was chairman.

The JACL representative presented the Japanese evacuation situation to the "Civil Liberties," emphasizing that in the carrying out of evacuation both the military and the War Relocation Authority had been "kind and understanding." He noted that the American Japanese were taking the whole program in stride as part of their role in the war effort.

Masaoka stressed, however, the loss of certain civil rights by the American citizen Japanese during the evacuation process. He also posed the question that the U. S. Japanese were not objecting to their treatment as much as they were wondering about their future in this country and just how far the government or its agencies could go in stripping citizens of their rights.

He emphasized the JACL's declared policy of cooperating fully and cheerfully with the evacuation process in the interests of national security and also outlined the entire history of evacuation from December 7 to the present day.

Earlier in the session speakers had pointed out that the arbitrary removal and segregation of Japanese, most of whom are American citizens, from west coast areas was one of the recent developments in America which had counterbalanced the many gains made in the extension of the civil rights of citizens.

George Inagaki, member of the National Headquarters staff of the JACL who is accompanying Masaoka on his eastern trip, attended "Mass Relocation and Resettlement of Aliens" meeting held by the Committee on Aliens and Foreign-Born Citizens. Inagaki reported that Dr. Robert K. Lamb, research director of the Tolan Committee, declared at the meeting that he did not agree with the many statements issued to the effect that the loyalty of all American citizens of Japanese ancestry could be doubted or was even uncertain. Dr. Lamb mentioned that one of the motivating factors for evacuation was the fear of west coast authorities of repercussions should mob violence or other unfavorable actions occur against the Japanese.

Dr. Lamb praised Milton Eisenhower, director of the War Relocation Authority, as an excellent choice for the job, and praised Army officials and Eisenhower in their carrying out of evacuation orders.

Masaoka and Inagaki also attended sessions on "The Treatment of Aliens in War Time," "The Problems of Minorities in War Time" and "The Legal Aspects of Migration."

Masaoka was congratulated by Mark Ethridge, former chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices, for the JACL's presentation of the case for nisei in employment at the Los Angeles hearing of the Committee. Ethridge was one of the main speakers at the New Orleans meeting.

The JACL secretary spoke briefly to the session discussing alien treatment, stressing the fact that the federal government had approached the Japanese problem with a great deal of fairness and justice, but that it was regrettable that all the states did not take a similar attitude.

The JACL representatives left New Orleans on Friday, May 15, for Cincinnati, en route to Washington.



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## EDITORIALS:

### U. S. Nisei: 1942

The United States is a nation of immigrant peoples.

We American-born Japanese, second and third generations, are the children and the children's children of one of the last of the immigrant tides. We are proud that our parents have had a part in the building and growth of America. Their raw, sweaty labor—in the fields and along the railroad tracks—helped tame the American west, helped reclaim vast areas of wasteland and transformed desert acres into green fertile fields which provide a large portion of the food on which America lives and fights.

With the other immigrant peoples of America the immigrant Japanese helped make the America of today, the richest and strongest nation in the world where men of all nations, all colors and all creeds can live and work together and can fight side by side when our way of life is menaced by ruthless bandit powers.

The American Japanese, children of these latter-day pioneers, have striven to carry on and extend the work of the parent generation. We, citizens with Japanese faces, are born of America, of its traditions of struggle for democracy, for equality. We are today proud of America and the role our country has assumed as the leader of the democratic nations which will halt the march of the forces of enslavement.

Born of America, we are citizens of America. Our rights, as those of every other American, are guaranteed us by the Constitution and implemented by the Bill of Rights. That citizenship we possess is our badge of honor. We will not abuse it. The records prove that we have been good citizens. We have accepted every civic responsibility and we have exercised the right of franchise, not as persons of a single race but as citizen Americans in a democratic community. Living among free men, we have lived and acted as free men. We believe in freedom of thought, of speech and of action. We have used this right of franchise to select representatives of our own choosing. And we choose like all Americans, to be governed by our own representatives and not by the lackeys of Nazi-style 'gauleiters' or Japanese occupation officials. And we will give of our strength and sinew to the fight to maintain this right to live as free men.

Today we learn that there are men and organized interests in America who would deny these privileges to our children yet unborn. These men claim that we are racially inassimilable. These men besmirch the Constitution which would grant equally to all persons of all races. They would establish Nazi-like 'Nuremberg laws' against us in their hysterical attempts to foster an American version of Hitler's pogroms. Should they succeed their action menaces all Americans.

We say that these men do not know us. We say that these men are the real 'fifth-column' danger to America by promoting those very same ideas of racial persecution and supremacy which Hitler and his ally, the Japanese warlords, proclaim. Their activity spreads dissension and fear. They are the enemies of that unity which we must have and maintain if Bataan and Wake Island are to be avenged.

We hold that it is our sacred duty to fight

## Loyalty Demonstrated

When military authorities announced that west coast Japanese, regardless of citizenship, would be uprooted from their homes and placed in government-supervised settlements for the duration of the war, the citizen Japanese announced that he was willing to cheerfully co-operate with the dictates of military necessity. Although realizing that he could have protested and fought evacuation and subsequent orders from the standpoint that his rights as an American are no different from the rights of Americans unaffected by evacuation, the majority of U. S.-born Japanese took the position that no personal hardship would be too great if it contributed to the final American victory.

Although thousands of their American-born Japanese brothers were already fighting in U. S. khaki, these Americans were willing as all Americans must be, to sacrifice their homes, their businesses and their normal lives toward the winning of the war.

The fact that these American Japanese have co-operated fully and are continuing to co-operate fully without questioning the military orders is proof, we think, of the essential loyalty of these citizens. Army officials have indicated that the cooperation of the American-born Japanese has done much to avert the ugliness of forced evacuation.

Should the American-born Japanese have protested the orders and declined to co-operate, they would have created a situation necessitating the use of thousands of additional soldiers and officers in carrying out evacuation, soldiers and officers urgently needed by America on the fighting fronts of the war.

The first thought of all Americans must be for the war, and the winning of the war. The attitude of the American citizen Japanese during evacuation has demonstrated that they are willing to sacrifice everything for the war.

## The Privilege of Self-Denial

"Not all of us can have the privilege of fighting our enemies in distant parts of the world," President Roosevelt said in one of the most significant moments of his recent speech to the nation. "But there is one front and one battle where everyone in the United States—every man, woman and child—is in action, and will be privileged to remain in action throughout this war. That front is right here at home, in our daily lives as in our daily tasks."

The President's speech has brought home to every resident in the United States the fact that modern war makes no exceptions—that everyone is in the war.

In his recent message to Congress he had already made it clear that higher taxes, rationing of scarce materials, and restricted buying would all figure in the average American's contribution to the war effort. Both personal and corporate profits must be kept at a low level, he pointed out, and credit and installment buying must be discouraged.

The people all over the land the President's message makes clear the fact that no loyal resident can expect to escape bearing his share of the war's costs and the war's scarcities. Gasoline supplies have been rationed in seventeen states and the District of Columbia. Meanwhile the Government has asked all motorists to restrict their use of gasoline to an absolute minimum, "not any specified percentage, but as much as they possibly can."

The issuing of books for sugar rationing began the first week in May.

The war moves in to the dining table, to the family car, and the family pocketbook, but all this is small price for victory. The dislocations of life in wartime may not be comfortable, but they are nothing compared to the disruption of all living that would result from our failure to pursue—and to win—an all-out war.

to preserve that citizenship which is ours by right of birth, education and belief.

We must fight these short-sighted demagogues who—in time of national peril—would infringe upon those very guarantees of constitutional government and freedom which our nation fights to defend and extend.

Any action which infringes upon and weakens the Constitution is a disservice not alone to loyal Americans or Japanese ancestry but to all Americans, living or dead.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Taro Suzuki's America, in this first year of U. S. participation in the global war for survival, is surrounded by barbed wire and patrolled by armed guards.

Yet the war is being fought on faroff fronts, in the spice islands of the fabulous south Pacific, the monsoon country of Burma and the flat grain lands of the Ukraine, the war is being fought just so people like Taro Suzuki, little guys who want little more from life than a wife, a couple of kids, an FHA home and a good job, can live in peace and decency. The war is being fought, and some day the war will be won, so that the Taro Suzukis and his white, black and brown brothers, can live like human beings without 'heiling' dictators or bowing before sabre-rattling fanatics, can live in freedom and honesty without fear of a 'gestapo' or a 'kempeitai'.

This war is, in many respects, a people's war. It is a war waged by democratically constituted governments against gangster powers whose people live and fight in fear of their militaristic overloads. It is also a war for oil, for tin, for ore and for markets but it is, most of all, a war for those basic freedoms which are dearer to the common man than any material riches. It is a war for freedom from want.

Evacuation, if based on racial lines alone, can be an ugly thing. Hitler has proven this in continental Europe. But Taro Suzuki feels the Army and the federal government have done a magnificent job in handling an awkward situation. Taro Suzuki has not questioned military necessity. He is, however, growing restive in the confines of the temporary centers and is concerned of the future. He hears that there are individuals and or-

ganizations already active in this country to take away his citizenship rights, deny him his place in post-war America. He feels that, having acceded to the military necessities of evacuation and living today under government supervision, he is less able to defend himself than under more normal conditions.

Taro Suzuki's anxiety to do everything possible to help win the war prompted his cheerful acceptance of the circumstances of evacuation. But he is concerned, and every American should be concerned, over those forces in this country that President Roosevelt has called the "sixth column". Those forces which carp and bicker at the administration, which would destroy the social gains of recent years and which promote disunity by pitting group against group and race against race, are America's inner enemy. In this category can be placed those individuals and groups which would take advantage of the present situation to promote their own selfish ambitions, which foster race hatred for commercial advantages, which would crucify a group of loyal American citizens in the name of patriotism.

American manpower, American production and American belief in the issues at stake will turn the tide. The war will be won abroad.

The war at home must also be won, so that the common ordinary guys, like you and the couple next door, who are fighting in khaki and on the production lines will not have shed their blood and sweat and tears in vain. The fight to win the war must go on at home so that the Taro Suzukis in the government centers can know that they can return to a freer, healthier, happier America.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

Anyone who believes that the Axis powers are infallibly clever propagandists would get a surprise if he could study the reports of the Federal Communications Commission which deal with world-wide Axis propaganda as it flows into the listening posts from all parts of the world and in all languages.

As a sample, the reports out of Tokyo, Berlin and Rome on the first bombing of Japan by United Nations planes shows a quite encouraging lack of cooperation. Not that the Axis powers object to spreading contradictory rumors which serve their purpose; but on this occasion they just didn't get to first base. Tokyo, of course, cooked up an atrocity story right away. Having at first claimed that the planes never flew low, the Tokyo radio later changed its mind in order to say that school children had been machine-gunned. Several were killed and thirty injured, it reported. (Why a plane which had undertaken a hazardous journey to bomb military objectives should be risked on machine-gunning school children was not explained.)

Within two days Berlin had done this to the story: "One hundred and forty school children were killed during the attack by the U. S. bombers on the Japanese capital." Put in Rome there was a flat contradiction: "The raids have not caused any casualties among the people." Who's telling the truth? Apparently, no one. But the Axis propagandists count on ignorant audiences.

A more subtle kind of lying is that which can be seen by comparing the English language and Japanese language broadcasts from Japan. The English broadcasts from Tokyo first spoke of the raid as having done no damage. The people are said to have run out to the streets to watch the harmless bombs drop. This is supposed to prove to us that we might as well give the whole thing up.

But the broadcasts in Japanese tell another story. Instead of no damage to military establishments, damage was admitted. Instead of idle, curious people we have a populace who courageously fought fires and withdrew to safe places instead of running out into the streets. And Japanese listeners are warned "not to say anything unnecessary regarding the extent of damage or air defense preparations."

Through the veil of propaganda it is clear that the self-appointed rulers of Japan are rather clumsy

in their efforts to hide the real effects of the raid.

## Vagaries, U. S. Nisei Lack Own Folk Music

The U. S. nisei are a singularly unmusical group. This evacuation, the greatest forced migration of people in American history, may some day live in literature or art. It probably will not be recorded in the many-colored songbag of American folk music.

The American Negro, in a similar situation, would already be singing his "Evacuation Blues". The Okies, the Arkies and the Texans, in that great migration of the middle thirties, going the other way, of course, composed ballads which captured the heart and temper of these children of adversity. Woody Guthrie, an evacuee out of the parched lands of the Dust Bowl, sang "I'm Going Down the Road Feeling Bad", wrote his "Dust Bowl Ballads" which are already as much a part of American music as the spirituals from the deep south.

But the nisei do not have songs of their own. We have sporans who can give out with a pretty dish of Puccini, pianists who can knock off a Beethoven concerto before lunch, and violinists who have won all kinds of competitions. But we have no songs that are typically those of the Japanese immigrant and their children in America. Perhaps this may be set forth as an argument as to how well the Japanese, in one native generation, have identified themselves with American and with American folk traditions. For nisei sing spirituals, cowboy songs, labor ballads, all the songs the American people—from Plymouth Rock till now—have sung and passed on.

Folk music is a musical history of a people. Listen to Carl Sandburg as he opens his "American songbag", tunes his guitar and sings and you realize how broad and varied is this American land. Listen to Paul Robeson, Leadbelly or Josh White and you listen to the struggles and sorrows of the Negro people.

But perhaps we are a bit premature, perhaps someday the stories of the nisei evacuees will be interwoven into the musical fabric of America.



# To the People of America: We of Japanese Race Pledge Our Strength for Victory

Cleveland, Ohio.

## My Fellow Americans:

I bring you this greeting today from the hundred thousand Americans of Japanese ancestry, most of whom are leaving or have left their homes, their friends, their businesses, their all, on the Pacific Coast in order that the military defenses of our country might be expedited.

I bring you this message from those thousands of other Japanese Americans who are today with the armed forces of our United States, fighting that our flag and the principles for which it stands will survive and endure.

I bring you this thought in the name of those Americans of Japanese extraction who, along with their fellow Americans of all races, colors, and creeds, have already given their lives in battle that our United Nations will triumph.

**Fascism Must Be Crushed**

I bring you this firm conviction, which we share with all of you at this Conference: World fascism and all the race hatred, bigotry, and exploitation it represents, must be fought and crushed. The dignity of mankind and the sovereignty of the human soul must be preserved inviolate. No sacrifice is too great — no price too high — no demand too prohibitive, for we today are engaged not in a war of nations but in a primeval life and death struggle to test for all time to come whether man is entitled to be free and happy or whether man is condemned by his own actions to enslavement and brutality. And in this epochal effort we believe that we have — and are — doing our part, contributing our bit, to America's war efforts.

It was not — and is not — easy for the West Coast Japanese to leave everything that they knew and held dear — to uproot themselves from their life's moorings, as it were — and to go without protest or condemnation to build new homes and new lives on government-sponsored relocation centers. Yet, they are going — cheerfully, willingly, like the pioneers of a new era — in the firm belief that by so doing they are contributing to the victory of good over evil, of our nation against any and all combinations of predatory enemies. Our roots are deep in this American soil which we know as our only home. We are born of it, have lived on it, and will die on it. We may resemble the enemy physically, but in thought, deed and action — in those things which should count: **WE ARE TRULY AMERICANS.** After having tasted and participated in the American way, we know that our way is the only way. After seeing how the other ways function — in Europe and Asia — we can only join in that universal prayer of thanksgiving for this, our native land.

**Bitter Against Japan**

True, our evacuation has been and is — a bitter pill to swallow. But we are not bitter against the United States — we are bitter against Japan, the nation whose "stab in the back" forced us, who happen to look like them, to pay the price for their infamy and cowardice. And, at this time, we wish to bear testimony to the humane, tolerant, and understanding attitude and consideration of the military and civil authorities who are charged with this grave responsibility. In no other country save this would such consideration of the human and social factors involved be given — and we are sincerely grateful that such humanitarians as General DeWitt and Milton Eisenhower have been and are directing the peaceful and organized exaction of a hundred and twenty thousand Japanese.

We regret that our loyalty has been questioned in some quarters. It has been said that in the time of war, "The innocent ten must suffer for the guilty one." And we today are bearing the cross of suspicion because of the nefarious activities of a possible few. We are willing to assume this cross temporarily, if it will aid in the winning of the war and if the people will acknowledge our part in the ultimate victory after the war by accepting us as proved Americans. But we point to our record before and since the infamous attack upon Pearl Harbor to refute any and all claims that "You cannot trust the American Japanese."

**Cooperating With Government**

We invite you to consider that we have and have had the best rec-

ord as law-abiding citizens of any nationality group — that we have been able to remain off the relief rolls better than any other division of our national life — that we have given more generously to all community and civic projects, with less chances of receiving any returns, than any other social group. We have — and will continue to cooperate wholeheartedly with the federal government in any and all progress which are legitimately designed or calculated to increase the possibilities of destroying the Axis. Despite rumors and fantastic imaginings of sabotage, we have not committed any such acts — and army and navy records will prove it.

Our loyalty has been tested in fire since Pearl Harbor. We think that we have passed the test and proven ourselves to be worthy of America, for we have answered the clarion call of our government to serve and to sacrifice by temporarily surrendering many of our citizenship rights themselves and uprooting ourselves from our homes and businesses — all without protest or embarrassment to our government. What greater proof is needed? What other race, color, or creed has been called upon to suffer and to sacrifice so much in this land of ours?

**Protect Civil Rights for All**

We hope and trust that our sacrifices will not be in vain. We confidently assume, as Americans, that by temporarily giving up our civil liberties that in the long run we will help protect those civil liberties for all. The democracy for which our men fought so gallantly on Bataan must also be preserved at home for all Americans, regardless of physical features and national origin. Of what use is it to fight for liberty and freedom if we crush that same liberty and freedom at home?

This is not a race war — though our Japanese and German enemies have sought to make it so. This global war for the rights of man is being fought for world justice and world equality on every continent and every sea. It is a war of ideas and not of races. The millions of Chinese and Filipino dead at the hands of the Oriental aggressor cry out that this is not a race war. And we Japanese in our United States are proud to fight for the United Nations and fling the lie of race superiority into the teeth of Tokyo's propagandists.

In the call to this Conference is that statement that "Victory over Hitlerism will be possible only if we subordinate every interest to the carrying out of a successful war program." In our full cooperation with the evacuation process, we believe that we are doing our share. We are accepting segregation and isolation, as well as the suspension of our civil liberties, for the duration, believing that our stand is for the greatest good for the greatest number, hoping that our martyrdom will help insure the safety of American soil. We act in the knowledge that whatever we do we do as Americans, defending America. After the inevitable American victory, we know that our sacrifices will be recognized and appreciated, that the liberties which we have surrendered will be regained a hundredfold.

**Pledge Loyalty to America**

I bring you pledge and proof of the loyalty of your fellow Americans of Japanese origin — a promise that we will continue to serve, to sacrifice, to fight in the defense of our nation; proof that our actions to date bear out the sincerity of our promise. We ask no favors, no sympathy; we call only for what all Americans have a right to demand — the privilege and the opportunity to share in the common lot and life of all Americans, regardless of what it may be.

From reception and assembly centers on desert lands, and race tracks, and county fairgrounds, we Americans look forward to the victory which must come and to the realization of that greater democracy that is the promise of America.

We are contributing our share to that glorious new day when Americans of every race, color, and creed can join their strength and sinew in the creation of a better and greater America — and a great new world in which the individual man is the master of his own station, to join with us and with the millions of other Amer-

# It Happened In May . . .

For the last three decades the Japanese tea garden in Golden Gate Park, operated by the Hagiwara family, has been a San Francisco landmark. Since December 7 business has been slack among the pine trees, the ponds, the red-lacquered bridges and the stone lanterns which have made the tea garden a favorite retreat for harried San Franciscans. When evacuation was announced for west coast Japanese, many a promoter came forth with hare-brained plans to capitalize on the long popularity of the garden in which three generations of Hagiwaras had lived. It was even proposed to turn the garden into a super deluxe hamburger stand, complete with trimmings. Last week evacuation orders were announced for that park of San Francisco in which the tea garden is located. So movers came to the tea garden last week and trucked away nearly 1000 potted plants which will be taken to a nursery for the duration. The statuary and art objects which graced the garden are being stored for the duration. Five members of the Hagiwara clan were evacuated last Wednesday. Buildings in the tea garden were transferred to the city.

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In Seattle's quiet little Denny Park a murder was committed last week. Sometime during the night a vandal with an axe chopped down Denny Park's two Japanese cherry trees. Only ragged stumps remain where flowers once bloomed. Caretaker J. P. Rivers said that he had never felt so bad in all his life.

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The San Francisco Office of Price Administration noted that evacuation of Japanese farmers had resulted in higher prices and limited supplies of celery, green onions, radishes, turnips and carrots.

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In the state of Utah it appeared that Japanese aliens might be denied fishing licenses, according to a written opinion by Zar E. Hayes, assistant attorney general. Hayes said, however, that the state fish and game department had no right to refuse licenses to American citizens of Japanese descent.

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The city council in Marysville, Calif., decided to lease the Buddhist Temple for use as a recreational center for the duration.

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A reporter for the Sacramento, Calif. Union, walking through the city's west end district saw row on row of empty stores and homes, decided that Sacramento's 'Lil' Tokyo had been 'blitzed'.

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It was reported that San Francisco banks had been asked to form a non-profit corporation to rehabilitate the buildings of the city's evacuated Japanese section.

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T. Yamamoto, 25, was fined \$100 in a Yolo county, Calif., court for fishing with a set line in an attempt to catch black bass in Putah creek. The fine was paid by friends.

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A baseball game between Placer Junior College and Modesto Junior college in California was cancelled recently when the withdrawal of 150 American-born Japanese students from Placer J. C. and Placer Union high school left an insufficient registered athletic personnel in college to form a baseball team.

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When Arizona Japanese were evacuated to Mayer and Cave Creek reception centers, one Japanese, T. Sugimoto, was left behind. He was T. Sugimoto, 54, who had lived in Yuma for more than 25 years, and who was too ill to be moved. Last week Sugimoto died. His wife and daughter are at Mayer and another daughter was evacuated last week from San Francisco.

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cans, in serving and sacrificing that mankind may be freed forever from the bonds of slavery and fear.

— (The above statement was delivered by Mike Masaoka, national secretary and field executive of the Japanese American Citizens before the Sixth Annual Conference of the Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born at the Hotel Carter in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 9, 1942).

# Tokyo Fascists Observe Anniversary Warlords Arrest Son of Premier They Murdered Ten Years Ago

Nisei ears have been helping America fight the war.

Among the many persons versed in the difficult Japanese language who have been employed in the government's listening posts are several Americans of Japanese race. The work of these listening posts, tuning in and checking the foreign and domestic broadcasts of enemy nations, have been valuable in analyzing enemy propaganda.

Of especial interest are domestic programs, which though rigidly controlled in Germany and Japan, oftentimes give slivers of information which, when magnified against the perspective of history, presents an interesting picture.

One of these stories, heard by the listening posts, was the news

story two Saturdays ago that Ken Inukai, a former Minister of Communications in Japan and a member of the Imperial Diet, had been ordered arrested. Inukai was accused by the Ministry of Justice of having revealed secret information. At the same time the Ministry ordered trial for a number of other Japanese and foreigners accused of espionage for the Comintern.

The foreign news editor of the San Francisco Chronicle learned of Inukai's arrest and wrote an article which pictured that day ten years ago when fascist terrorism ran wild in Tokyo and which the Chronicle's writer considered "one of the turning points of modern history."

For ten years before, on May 16, 1932, five young firebrands, belonging to the Young Army and Navy Officers' Association, entered the office of the Premier of Japan, Tsuyoshi Inukai, and shot him to death. Premier Inukai died mainly because he did not want war with China and wanted to be friends with the United States, according to the Chronicle writer.

Inukai was the last Premier to represent the Japanese electorate. Immediately afterwards the army served an ultimatum that it would not accept any cabinet representing any of the two Japanese parties, the Minseitō or the Seiyūkai.

The assassination of Premier Inukai was the murder of Japanese democratic government, at the instance of the Kwantung Army of General Araki and Itagaki and of the sinister Black Dragon Society whose mastermind was — and is — Mitsuru Toyama.

Eleven army cadets and ten naval officers were brought to trial. They brazenly declared that they had done the murder in the Emperor's name; they bragged that they had planned to murder an American ambassador but were unable to do so because, as it happened, the Republican Ambassador, W. Cameron Forbes, had just been recalled and the Democrat, Joseph Clark Grew, had not yet arrived.

Stenographic records of U. S. Senate hearings on the London naval treaty were presented to prove that the treaty was intended to stifle Japan's naval ambitions and the acceptance of the 5-5-3 ratio by Japan's last liberal government was a stain for which assassination was the only eradicator.

The prosecutor demanded the death sentence, alarming the country. Admiral Osumi, the Navy Minister, hurried to call on Admiral Togo, the nation's greatest living military hero, and told him he feared the young officers would rise again.

Admiral Togo said: "All officers in the Imperial Navy must be prudent in speech and action." The quotation was sent out to the entire navy as an order of the day. But the secret societies, fountainheads of totalitarianism in Japan, were already at work getting signatures to petitions for clemency.

The courts gave the killers four years in prison. The sentences were never served.

Today the fascists are in the saddle in Japan. And so on Saturday, May 16, 1942, the Tokyo militarists celebrated an anniversary. They ordered the arrest of Ken Inukai, ten years to the day after the murder of his father.

Encourage classes of other types for Issei.

4. Sports program. Enroll young people's leaders and sports leaders into a group that will map out a complete sports program for young and old. Tournaments and championships will add zest, but won't diminish the need for sports.

5. Nurseries. Pre-school children can be taken care of in groups at regular hours. This will provide mothers with extra time for other activities.

All these things are morale-builders. Remember that adults as well as children need to have their time occupied. Boredom in camp will breed brooding, and brooding breeds despair. And we cannot allow despair to rule our children, our parents, or ourselves.

**Tulare Chapter**

VISALIA — Resumption of publication of the Tulare JACL bulletin was decided upon at a meeting of officers and district representatives last week.

## Nisei Women: Evacuation Brings New Problems

By ANN NISEI

A year ago it might have been easy to write this column on the Nisei woman and her interests.

A year ago she had her home and her work. Whether domestic or housewife, secretary or farm girl, she had the average American woman's interest in a good recipe, a new decorating idea, a striking new fashion. She read avidly about the new length in skirts, and she tried to be up-to-the-minute on home and beauty care.

But all this changed suddenly and sharply last month. From homes and factories, apartment houses and farms, Nisei women set out for a new life at reception and assembly centers. The scene was a new one from the familiar sidewalks of San Francisco, from the well-loved gardens of Los Angeles, from the farms of central California. It was a new scene of barrack-like homes and arid surroundings. It was a new scene of no luxury and less comfort.

The change is more than purely physical, however. The young Nisei mother no longer plans three meals a day. She and her family eat in a mess hall, the meals planned and cooked by others. She has no backyard to tend, no private home to clean.

These responsibilities are gone, but in their place are new and far greater ones.

Now more than ever she has work to do. Now more than ever she must feel a part of the life about her. Her life and actions are part and parcel of the greater community life, and she must be willing and anxious to share in it, that it may be closer to the ideals of beauty and truth she has always worked for in her own home.

The camps provide housing and will undoubtedly provide schools for children. But each camp will need hobby classes, libraries, adult education and all the other things necessary for a rounded life.

All children and all adults will need recreation and hobbies. These things must come from the citizens of the camp itself. All the camps so far have started in some measure to provide these projects. Already Manzanar has held an art exhibit of handicrafts made at the camp. Baseball games are starting up at most camps.

See that your camp goes full steam ahead in organizing extra-curricular projects. Do your part in providing the following program for your community.

1. Organize hobby classes. This would include art, reading, drama, bridge, music, singing, etc. Shows, such as art shows and plays and entertainment will stimulate interest in such groups. Have bridge tournaments and handicraft displays.

Remember that it's twice the fun to do things together. And it's twice as easy to knit a sweater in a knitting circle.

Teachers of these classes need not be experienced. Moreover, these "classes" ought to be more round table discussion groups than serious classes. All you need is an idea and a group.

2. Library facilities. Turn your books and magazines into a common library. Have responsible girls as librarians. Encourage prompt return and good care of books.

3. Adult education. Have classes in English for Kibei and Issei.



## Manzanar

### Relocation Center To Undertake War Production Project

MANZANAR, Calif.—First war defense project at Manzanar will be the manufacture of camouflage netting, it was announced at the camp of R. Brooks, in charge of maintenance.

Two 500-foot buildings are being erected, and work will start on their completion. The project will be under the program of the relocation work corps.

Foreseeing an early shortage of shoyu and miso, the Manzanar production office is formulating plans for the production of these food items here. These items were formerly purchased from Japanese merchants.

"Abandon strip-teasing in our grab-terias," said a narticle in the May 23 issue of the Manzanar Free Press.

Apparently tired of hirsute chests at the dinner table, the writer asked that men wear shirts to meals.

Forty-five acres have already been planted with tomatoes, potatoes, corn, cucumbers, Chinese winter radishes and red radishes at Manzanar, assuring fresh vegetables for Manzanar meals. Sixty acres have been cleared by workmen who worked night and day in eight-hour shifts.

Present plans call for 120 acres under cultivation by winter.

Hobby gardens will be started immediately under the guidance of Tak Muto, experimentalist at Ohio State college and San Fernando floriculturist, and Masao Tanaka.

Gravelled walks and a sun dial will be laid out between the gardens.

Manzanar residents purchased 2000 poppies in the VFW-American Legion drive.

Formal commencement for 13 graduates of Bainbridge high school was held Saturday, May 30. The students finished their courses by mail.

Seventh baby born at the Manzanar Center was a baby girl, born to Mrs. Kichisaburo Terasaki.

Publishing three times weekly, the Manzanar Free Press now claims more editions per month than any other assembly or reception center paper.

Editor is Tomomasa Yamasaki, assisted by Joe Blamey, Togo Tanaka, Don Tsurutani, Chiye Mori, Sam Hohri, and Roy Hoshizaki.

### Nisei Goes Back for Typewriter; Arrested For Zone Violation

OAKLAND — John Hideo Ura, 19, former Centerville High student, was arrested in southern Alameda county last week and charged with possession of a contraband radio in his car, being in an area closed to Japanese and traveling without a permit.

The youth claimed that he had come back into the area to get a typewriter he had left behind but a former school friend tipped off deputy sheriffs and Ura was arrested before he could escape.

On his person at the time of arrest was a written official denial of a request to come into the area to get his personal belongings.

After his arrest the youth pointed out that he had purchased war stamps and at least one war bond and that he had come into the area to get his typewriter, although he knew the zone was close to Japanese. He said he had intended to go to Dinuba to "work in fruit".

Alameda authorities referred the case to the F.B.I.

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## Group Leaves Portland Center For Beet Fields

NORTH PORTLAND — The first group of Americans of Japanese parentage and alien Japanese to leave assembly and reception centers on the newly-announced "furlough system" for private employment left the WCCA Center in North Portland last week.

With evacuation completed in the Oregon area, the population of the Portland center was reported above 3000.

Howard Nomura, former president of the Portland JACL, is the chairman of the advisory board set up by the center's residents to establish a self-governed community and to cooperate with the center's management in working out problems.

The Oregon Journal in Portland sent a reporter to the center who summed up his impressions in this manner:

"Food, shelter, recreation and administrative conditions are excellent. There is no gestapo, no concentration camp arrogance."

Howard Nomura said: "The center is better than anyone expected or hoped. The management is doing everything it can for us, subject to priority limitations and regulations under which such centers are established."

Another former JACL President, Roy Yokota, is fire chief at the center. Ralph Takami, former Oregon State baseball star, is recreation director.

Emil Sandquist is the manager of the center. Among his many assistants are George Sumida, accounting clerk in supplies; Bob Takami, head timekeeper, and Hiroshi Sumida, in charge of the mess hall.

Dr. Newton Uyesugi, president of the Portland JACL, is a member of the advisory committee.

The medical center is being operated by Dr. R. H. Shiomi of Portland and Dr. Robert Kinoshita, former CCC medic at Medford, Ore.

Discomforts at the center because of lack of heating have been alleviated recently by the advent of warmer weather. For a time center residents resembled Eskimos.

The first wedding at the Portland assembly center was celebrated last week when Molly Kageyama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kageyama of Hood River, and Milton Maeda, Portland, were married by Rev. Francis Hayashi.

Maeda, 1938 graduate of Oregon state college, was a Bonneville dam administration engineer until he went to the assembly center recently. Mrs. Maeda, also a graduate of Oregon State, class of '41, received special permission to come to the Portland center, her parents being sent with other Hood River area people to the Pinedale center in California.

### Colorado Decides Against Evacuees For Labor Shortage

DENVER, Colo.—Use of Japanese evacuee labor from assembly and reception centers will not be considered at present, Gov. Carr and an advisory committee composed of state and federal officials decided last week.

Gov. Carr asserted that workers from southwestern states, including Nabajo Indians, might be recruited to meet the labor short-

## Marysville Residents Set Up Plan for Self-Government

MARYSVILLE — Residents of the Japanese assembly center near Marysville have set up a system of self-government in co-operation with the management.

The press relations office announced that two monitors had been chosen by the residents for each block of barracks. They are responsible for sanitary inspection of the barracks and general order. They report to the chief monitor, who is also a Japanese, and is a member of an advisory board composed of three who meet with Nicholas Bican, manager of the center, to handle internal management.

## 205 Will Prepare Tule Lake Center

SEATTLE — A work crew of 205 Japanese from the Puyallup assembly center left by train last week for Tule Lake, Calif., where they were preparing the way for the 10,000 Japanese who will arrive shortly to take up residence on the Tule Lake project for the duration of the war.

All of the 205 were volunteers and the contingent included men, women and children, so family groups would not be divided.

Another 300 volunteers from the Portland assembly center also left last week for Tule Lake.

The Tule Lake center will have a maximum irrigated area of 21,000 acres to provide farms for 10,000 evacuees. Some cultivation may be possible this year, according to Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner John Page.

### MINIDOKA CENTER WILL BE OPEN IN JULY

BOISE, Idaho — Idaho's relocation center for 10,000 west coast Japanese will be ready for occupation in July, according to an announcement by John Page, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner in Washington.

## Gilroy Japanese Family Terrorized On Evacuation Eve

GILROY, Calif. — The latest entry in the record of violence against persons of Japanese race in California since December 7 was entered in Gilroy last Thursday when two local Filipinos broke into the home of a Japanese family, shot one 16-year-old girl in the leg and kidnapped and criminally attacked her 17-year-old sister.

Authorities throughout the area immediately instituted a search for the men who were previously known to the Japanese family.

Carrying guns, the men ripped a screen from a window and walked into the bedroom where the girls were sleeping. They told the girls to come with them. Instead, the sisters screamed for their parents. The father and mother ran into the room and a furious fight ensued. The father struck one of the men with his fist and the latter opened fire, hitting the younger girl below the knee and breaking her leg. He then forced the other girl to leave the house while his companion covered the rest of the family with his gun.

The Japanese family was to have gone to Tanforan center later that day, but were granted a stay in order that the girls could be hospitalized.

Police arrested Silvestre Carpio, 28, and Eufibio Ulanimo, 30, for the crimes. The arrests were made

## Private Investigator Convicted Of Swindling Arizona Japanese

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Thomas J. Smith, 35, a private investigator, was last week convicted in a Phoenix court of swindling or conspiracy to swindle at least 65 Salt River Valley Japanese families with false promises of immunity from federal alien restrictions.

He was sentenced to three to five years in prison by Superior Judge Dudley W. Windes.

Convicted with Smith was William O. Titus, former Phoenix peace officer.

Smith and Titus were charged with representing themselves as F.B.I. and U. S. Secret Service agents in their dealings with alien Japanese or their agents and promised protection against government molestation.

An elaborate trap — involving secret microphones, marked money and blocked exits — arranged by Richard F. Harless, county attorney, and his aids and federal agents trapped the pair at the farm of Sanichi Ishikawa near Glendale, Ariz.

The jury decided Smith and Titus conspired and attempted to obtain \$250 from Ishikawa to prevent the government from molesting Ishikawa and his family, and to eliminate by death, if necessary, two asserted Japanese "stool pigeons" they claimed were causing internment of others.

The jury also decided the pair conspired and obtained \$250 from Paul Ishikawa on the promise that they would prevent the F.B.I. from immediately interning his father. Smith and Titus promised the Ishikawa youth that the money would eventually reach the Red Cross.

The jury also decided the defendants conspired to obtain \$50 each from 63 Japanese families in the valley on the pretense that such payments would permit the Japanese to remain on their farms if they would devote their produce to the U. S. Army, Red Cross and hospitals.

### Bob Oyama Killed In Auto Smashup

KNOXVILLE, Iowa — Robert Oyama 26, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Oyama of Los Angeles, died of injuries in a head-on auto smash-up on a highway leading to this city on Friday, May 8.

Local authorities indicated that the collision was unavoidable and that Oyama, who was driving, was not at fault.

A passenger, Jimmy Hatasaki, with whom Oyama has been operating as chick-sexors at Ames, Iowa, was treated for cuts and bruises, but was reported as not seriously injured.

An older brother, Wesley, arrived in Knoxville from Los Angeles after being notified of the tragedy and completed final arrangements.

Oyama's parents and two sisters, Mary and Lily, and a brother, Joe, are at Santa Anita Assembly Center. Another brother, Clement, is at Pomona.

through a license number reported by the older sister.

Officials also attempted to connect the two men with other crimes of violence against Japanese in the Gilroy area.

## Walerga

### Entire Sacramento Nipponese Colony Transplanted to Center

SACRAMENTO — Evacuation officials have transplanted the entire Japanese community of Sacramento to Walerga assembly center, 13 miles north of the city, making the center one of the most unique of the various assembly centers in that it is composed at present only of residents of the city of Sacramento.

Present population of Walerga has soared to 3735 with 950 others expected.

The smartest student among the 5000 members of the 1942 graduating class of the University of California at Berkeley, Harvey Itano of Sacramento, evacuated with his family to Walerga center. Honored as UC's medalist, Itano was described by US President Sproul as the "most distinguished member of his class." He was unable to attend graduation exercises because of evacuation.

Walter Tsukamoto, former national president of the JACL, is chairman of Walerga center's associated selective service board. Assisting Tsukamoto are Dr. George Takahashi, Henry Taketa, Dr. Goro Muramoto and Sumio Miyamoto.

A circulating library, supervised by Nori Shiba and Florence Hayashi, has been started at Walerga. Officials also announce that a community barber shop is being prepared and all licensed barbers are being asked to register.

The Walerga Wasp, "the newspaper with a sting," is planning a subscription drive. Howard Imazeki is publication director and Jobo Nakamura is the editor. Art Morimitsu writes a column called "Rustic Corner."

Frank Higashino, a former florist, is the first to start a victory garden.

Walerga's general store opened last week.

### New Manager Takes Office at Arboga

MARYSVILLE — Nicholas Bican of Sacramento, who has been serving as director of works and maintenance at the Arboga assembly center, eight miles south of Marysville, has been made manager of the project, succeeding Paul D. Shriver, who is returning to Colorado to assume his post as WPA administrator there.

The first large groups of evacuees to arrive at the Yuba county center were 2000 persons from the Loomis and Newcastle areas.

POMONA — Clayton Triggs, former director of the Manzanar reception center, is now director of the Pomona assembly center.

Kay Hori is the editor of the center's mineographed newspaper.

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# Nisei Students Win Many Honors At Washington U

SEATTLE — Twenty-two nisei students were honored recently by the University of Washington at the fifth annual honors convocation held in Meany hall on the campus. In all 524 scholastic awards were made.

The great majority of the nisei, being already evacuated to various assembly centers, received their honors in absentia.

Phi Beta Kappa memberships went to George Kumasaka, Mary Toribara, Kazuko Umino and Kiyoshi Yamashita.

New members and associates of the Society of Sigma Xi (Science) include Kazuo Kimura and Thomas Okabe.

Chiye Kiyone and Yoshiko Uchiyama are members of Omicron Nu (Home Economics).

William T. Makino and Liy Yuri Yoroze were accepted by Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology).

Sigma Epsilon Sigma (Undergraduate Women) extended membership to Mariko Fujioka, Kazue Kiyono and Alice M. Togo.

Ben T. Uyeno is a member of Phi Sigma (Biology).

Toshiyuki Fukushima, Yoshiko Ito and William T. Makino made Zeta Mu Tau (Mathematics—Applied).

Kazuko Umino was one of four accepted by Iota Sigma Pi (Chemistry—Women).

Minoru Araki and Norio Higano are members of Pi Mu Chi (Pre-Medic).

Kiyo Fuji, Toshio Noma and Mary Shimoda were among the ten who were honored by Phi Chi (Pharmacy).

Mary Toribara also made Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics).

Ruby Inouye made Sigma Epsilon (Women's Allied Medical Arts).

## Suspension of Civil Rights of U. S. Nisei Advocated at Meeting

YOSEMITE — California's district attorneys pondered a recommendation that civil rights for all Japanese, whether alien or American-born, should be suspended for the duration.

The proposal was made before the attorneys' convention by former State Attorney General Webb, following a discussion by Webb on the California alien land lease and ownership law directed against the state's alien Japanese which had been passed during Webb's tenure of office.

The state's district attorneys also considered the alien land law at their convention. Elmer W. Heald of Imperial County recommended the law be removed from criminal jurisdiction and placed under civil statutes.

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## Tanforan Totalizer Publishes News of Peninsula Assembly Center

SAN BRUNO — The first issue of Tanforan Assembly Center's semi-weekly paper, the Tanforan Totalizer, came off the mimeograph last week. Taro Katayama, late of San Francisco's Nichi Bei, is editor pro-tem. Others with newspaper experience who are now at Tanforan include Kay Nishida, English editor of the Nichi Bei from 1926 to 1936 and more recently of the New World Sun; Evelyn Kikumura, former editor of the JACL's Pacific Citizen; Alex Yorichi, Bob Tsuda and others.

Prof. Chiura Obata of the University of California, and one of the outstanding Japanese artists in America, will conduct art classes for residents of Tanforan center. Registration is now under way, according to Mary Takahashi, secretary.

Among the JACL leaders now at Tanforan are chapter presidents Dave Tatsuno of San Francisco, Vernon Ichisaka of Washington Township, Kay Hirao of Oakland, Fukashi Nakagawa of Eden Township and Kimio Obata of Berkeley. Others include Henry Tani, executive secretary of San Francisco; John Yoshino, member of the Alameda JACL board; Ernest Takahashi, vice-president of the Fresno chapter; and Nobumitsu Takahashi, agricultural co-ordinator of the Northern California district council.

Tanforan center's biggest crowd gathered for the "inaugural ceremonies" last Sunday. Goro Suzuki sang "God Bless America." Masako Takeda, U C senior, told a story of the flag. The flag-raising was the feature event. Camp Director Wm. Lawson spoke.

Dr. Carl Hirota, president of the Bay Area Co-ordinating Council, is a real "yankee".

Tanforan's population was swelled by one last week when a girl, Judy, was born to Mrs. Michio Naruo. Dr. Kazue Togasaki attended. The parents are from San Leandro.

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## Branch Library Will Be Established Soon At Evacuee Center

SALINAS — A branch county library will soon be established at the Japanese assembly center at the California Rodeo grounds, according to a decision of the county board of supervisors. Story-telling and reading sessions for the center's children are also planned.

Musicians at the Salinas center are organizing an orchestra, according to E. A. Rose, manager of the camp. Other recreational activities include the organization of indoor and outdoor sports and activities of all kinds.

Salinas center will soon have self-government as steps have been taken to set up a governing board.

The commissary was opened a few days after the camp started functioning and reports heavy business.

The Salinas Index-Journal reported last week that Kay Nakamura, secretary to Richard J. Werner, president of Salinas J. C., found when she opened her college year book at the Salinas center that she had been held in high esteem by her friends. The yearbook, "La Reata," was filled from cover to cover with autographs and paragraphs of good wishes.

The Index-Journal reported last week that the assembly center's recreation club could use a piano to fit into their stringed instrument band. Meanwhile, two organs have been donated for use at the center by Salinas churches.

Two deaths have been reported at the Salinas center. Hishakichi Nagano, 69, a resident of Salinas for 35 years, died at the assembly

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## Student Wins Poster Contest

SEATTLE — The winner of Seattle's third annual traffic safety poster contest wasn't around last week to receive the award.

The 17-year-old victor, Tomokiyo Yamada, already has been evacuated to Puyallup, it was announced.

The winning poster emphasizes the danger of glaring automobile lights and the danger to pedestrians wearing work clothing at night. It bears the slogan, "White at Night."

Yamada won for his school, Broadway high, a 10-volume encyclopedia set. A cash award will be forwarded Yamada at the evacuation center.

center following a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Kikuye, and seven children, George K. Nagano, Mrs. Edna Teshima of San Francisco, Private Giro Nagano of the U. S. Army, and Hengo, Toshi, Ida and May. Funeral services are pending the return of the son, Private Nagano, now stationed with army forces in the midwest.

Over 1000 Japanese attended Buddhist services for Noruyaki Hashimoto, 13, at the Salinas center. The youth died following a head-on crash with another youth during a baseball game. The surviving mother and family were profuse in their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rose for arranging the funeral.

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## Parker Vanguard Prepares Relocation Center Near Parker Dam

POSTON, Ariz. — The vanguard of the eventual 20,000 residents of the Parker irrigation area in Arizona, largest of the WRA's relocation projects, has arrived at Poston and now are busily engaged in planning and building their homes for the duration.

Officials here hope to make this wild desert land one of the most productive areas in the west and a vital factor in America's "Food for Victory" program.

The first group of evacuees, 2300 from Orange and San Diego counties, moved into Poston last week. They joined an advance guard of 275 doctors, nurses, cooks and administrative officials who had arrived previously.

Food crops, guayule for rubber and sugar beets are being considered for the 80,000 acres which will eventually be placed under cultivation on the Colorado river Indian reservation by Japanese evacuees from west coast areas.

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## Justice Tempered with Mercy, Girl Exempted from Order

WOODLAND, Cal. — A 23-month old girl, half Japanese and half Caucasian, will not be taken from her foster parents and placed in a government-supported center for the duration because red tape was slashed and justice has been tempered with mercy.

George Sulken, in charge of the evacuation of 855 Yolo county Japanese, revealed the story.

The child was abandoned when she was one month old and was taken in by a Broderick couple of Caucasian nationality. Complying with orders the man and woman registered the little girl and asked if she might be allowed to remain with them. The foster father offered to quit his job and move to a state where Japanese are permitted to live. The foster mother wanted to accompany the baby to the Merced assembly center.

The matter was taken up with Sacramento and then with San Francisco army authorities. In the nick of time the order came through. The child may stay in Yolo county.

Three other Japanese remain in the county, although all others are gone. Two are ill and one is an expectant mother. As soon as all are able to travel they will be evacuated.

## NATIVE SONS

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teering the right of citizenship to all persons in the jurisdiction of the United States, regardless of race, was applicable to the Japanese.

Attorney General Warren, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, also spoke to the Native Sons. His talk was presented as an explanation of the Japanese evacuation. He repeated charges which had been made previously before the Tolan Committee hearing in San Francisco that Japanese, through their American-born children, had established themselves as a vital defense force.

Warren spoke again before a banquet of the Native Sons.

John T. Regan, reelected secretary of the organization, declared that one purpose of the meeting was to discuss the post-war situation regarding Japanese in California.

## WORLD PRESS TIME

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was for many years the 'major-domo' of the Barrymore menage. Barrymore was reported to have been broken up when Army orders forced 'Nshi's' departure from Hollywood. . . . The war came to Southern California when the Army suddenly requisitioned all busses, left thousands without transportation for a day. Later it was intimated that the busses had been used for evacuation of Japanese.

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## WRA OUTLINES

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to perform faithfully all tasks assigned him by the Authority.

The Authority in return accepts an obligation to provide the enlistee and his family with food, housing, clothing, education and health services.

Members of the WRWC are expected to build schools and equipment at relocation areas and to construct hospitals, meeting halls and general improvement of buildings and grounds.

All enlistees with agricultural experience will probably be employed directly in agricultural work, so that the relocation communities will become self-sufficient in food production and so that the evacuees may contribute food to the war effort.

The manufacture of many necessary articles for the relocation communities and for the nation will also be undertaken by the WRWC, according to WRA officials. Stress will be placed on work which requires a maximum of hand skills and a minimum of machinery.

Furloughs from the WRWC will be granted from time to time to enlistees who will accept employment opportunities outside relocation areas, it is stated.

These relocation areas are now functioning. These are the Parker Relocation Area, Manzanar and Tule Lake.

Others which have been announced are the Gila River Relocation Area on the Pima Indian Reservation, the Minidoka project in Idaho and the Big Horn mountain project in Wyoming. Other projects will be announced as soon as they are approved by the WRA.

The Parker area, centering around Poston, Arizona, will relocate 20,000 persons in three communities and will be the largest of the projects.

## Weber College Girl Gets Straight 'A's'

OGDEN, Utah — Yoshi Sato was named Thursday as one of three students winning highest honors at Weber College here. She had a straight "A" average.

High honors were also won by George Fujii and Goro Nakano.

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## County Officials Seek Restricted Area Extension

SACRAMENTO—Called together by Governor Olson to consider a plan to utilize Japanese labor from evacuation centers in the harvesting of crops in the state's unrestricted area, representatives of California counties last Monday went on record as favoring extension of the area from which Japanese are restricted to embrace the entire state.

Representatives of Tulare and Fresno counties, centers of anti-Japanese agitation in the past, testified that agriculturists and residents are apprehensive because large numbers of Japanese are allowed to assemble with restraint in various communities.

Governor Olson, who is a candidate for reelection, said that he would take the matter up with General J. L. DeWitt but was not optimistic over the prospect of gaining Gen. DeWitt's approval.

At the time plans for Japanese evacuation were announced by the Western Defense Command, Gen. DeWitt had noted that persons of Japanese ancestry who voluntarily evacuated from the restricted west coastal strip would probably not again be subject to evacuation orders for the duration. An estimated eight thousand persons of Japanese race living in Military Area I voluntarily evacuated before March 29 when travel by Japanese out of Military Area I was "frozen".

The governor's conference at Sacramento was primarily called to consider a plan sponsored by the U. S. employment service whereby Japanese residents of assembly centers would be permitted to work in agriculture, providing state and county officials' guaranteed protection.

A representative of certain Tulare growers asserted that "many of my fellow-ranchers would rather lose three-quarters of their crops than have Japanese help in harvesting them".

## Salt Lake Citizens To Sponsor Dance For New Graduates

SALT LAKE—Nisei graduates in the Salt Lake area will be honored at the Salt Lake JACL's annual dance for high school and college graduates at Memorial House, located at the mouth of City Creek Canyon, on June 13.

Isamu Aoki, social chairman of the chapter, promises a ten-piece orchestra for the occasion.

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## Salt Lake Student Withdraws from School Election Campaign

SALT LAKE—Announcing that he could best serve his school and his country "as a supporter and not as a candidate", Jay Tashima, senior student at Lincoln Junior high in Salt Lake City, withdrew from the school election last week.

Tashima had been nominated by the majority of Lincoln's students for president of the student body and was believed assured of election.

The school paper, the Lincoln Log, made Tashima's withdrawal the subject of its lead editorial last week. The local press reprinted the story and lauded him for his "American sportsmanship and courage".

"We Americans have a war to win and a peace to keep," young Tashima said in his withdrawal statement, adding "I believe that this can best be done if we understand the responsibilities each one has."

His brother, Frank Tashima, is vice-president of the Salt Lake JACL. Another brother, George, is sports editor of South High's publication, the South Scribe.

## Regular Meeting Held by San Jose Before Evacuation

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Although the San Jose area was practically the last district on the west coast to be ordered evacuated by Japanese, the final regular meeting of the San Jose JACL chapter was held at Citizens League headquarters on May 1.

Dan Izu, executive secretary, announced that the JACL building and property had been paid for in full. Tenants for the duration were being sought by Dan Izu and J. B. Peckham, who has been invested with power of attorney.

Secretary Izu explained the procedure of filing for absentee ballots.

Etsu Mineta announced that several JACL members were scheduled to appear before the San Jose State College faculty to speak on the evacuation situation. Masao Kanemoto was to be the speaker and was to be assisted by Bill Yamamoto, Shig Masunago, Dan Izu, Phil Matsumura, Sadayuki Mouri and Etsu Mineta.

A motion to donate \$50 to the National JACL in appreciation for services rendered during typhoid inoculations was carried.

Treasurer Dr. S. Nakahara reported a net balance of \$831.74 in the treasury.

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## Tulare 'Standing Room Only' at Tulare Evacuee Center

TULARE, Calif. — With approximately 6100 residents already housed in the Tulare assembly center, camp officials were ready to put out the "standing room only" sign this week.

Approximate number of arrivals up to last week included:  
Santa Maria Valley, 1232.  
Santa Barbara-Centura counties, 1186.

Gardena-Compton area, 1097.  
Pasadena district, 1318.  
In addition, 1300 others arrived last week.

Salt pills are advised by Dr. T. Watanabe to help 'blitz' heat exhaustion from excessive valley temperatures.

Tulare center has a Hollywood 'star' in its midst. He is Tetsu Komai, veteran of both silents and talkies in Hollywood and one of movieland's favorite 'villains.' Komai helped kill Bette Davis in "The Letter" and slapped glamor-gal Gene Tierney in "Sundown." He is also remembered as the Moro chieftain, Alipang, in "Road to Glory," which starred Gary Cooper, and in countless other films. Happily married, Komai is the father of three children, Leo, 16; Pola, 13, and Sylvia, 10. His present duty at Tulare center is that of Juvenile Officer.

Center problems are discussed at meetings of the temporary Tulare Center Council which is the representative body of the residents of the center. The Council is the first step toward real self-government for Tulare center residents.

The Tulare News, official center publication, is making a bid for the honor of "the most interesting" of the mimeographed papers published at the various centers.

VISALIA — The Tulare county board of supervisors last week decided to make hospital facilities of Tulare county available on a temporary basis to the Japanese of the Tulare assembly center.

The decision followed a long discussion of the problem. The government will pay the county \$3.75 a day for each patient.

The Tulare county board of supervisors recently declined to provide at county expense grave sites for evacuees who die in the Tulare center.

Schooling for the boys and girls at Tulare center is an immediate problem which can be solved only partially, according to Superintendent of Schools Nickel who visited the center.

Nickel said he had found some 400 children of elementary grades and 650 of junior and senior high school age at the center.

It was indicated that there were no immediate facilities for continuance of education but Nickel said he had been assured the federal government would finance the education of the children next term.

Nickel took steps to secure textbooks for the center. He said that there were numerous volunteer teachers willing to devote their time and talent to classes when and if textbooks are made available.

"I found the children eager for school and even more eager to buy stamps and bonds in order that their native country might win the war," Nickel added. He said morale at the camp was high and health excellent.

## Mayer Center Looks Like Any U. S. Town

MAYER, Ariz. — Mayer reception center, temporary home for Arizona's evacuated Japanese, resembles the "Main Street" of any cleaner-than-usual American summer town, rather than a "Little Tokyo," according to a reporter for the Arizona Republic of Phoenix who visited the center recently.

The Mayer center was formerly a CCC camp and is set in one of the brightest spots in this part of Arizona, which is 85 miles north of Phoenix. The camp is set in a little valley rich in shade trees and surrounded by scrub-covered hills. Thomas B. Rice is manager of the center.