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### CARS IN STORAGE

"These revealing facts came to light when O.P.A. investigators started checking for excess tires and found two buildings in West Fresno owned by Nipponese now in relocation centers. They house more than 100 cars in excellent condition, all belonging to the Japanese, and the cars are not for sale. These investigators know where there are several hundred more Japanese-owned cars stored in Fresno County.

"A check with the State Motor Vehicle Department in Sacramento shows there were 35,000 automobiles and trucks registered to the Japanese when the evacuation order of Gen. John L. DeWitt became effective. In the first warning DeWitt advised the Orientals to move east of the military areas or they would be interned. It is estimated by government authorities that from 5000 to 6000 automobiles were driven out of the State to avoid detention by owners heeding this warning.

### DRIVEN TO CENTERS

"Several hundred cars were driven to assembly centers by their owners and the government impounded them and purchased about 200. Others were sold in private deals but the balance of the 25,000 are believed to be in storage in various cities until such time as the Japanese can return to civilian life and use them.

"The O.P.A. investigators believe the car total checks with the Japanese population which was evacuated. A total of 122,000 Nipponese from the States of Washington and California were placed in camps. Of this number approximately 98,000 were from California.

### NO TIRES TURNED IN

"There have been press rumors that the government has been considering confiscating the Japanese cars but no mention has been made about taking off the 100,000 to 125,000 good tires and adding them to the American stockpile. The tires are useless on the stored automobiles and that is the way the Japanese want them until the war is over.

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### Legislative Inquiry Will Open at Fresno

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Senator Hugh Burns, Fresno, a member of the Tenney committee, was authorized to start the investigation in the Fresno area next week.

Tenney said the committee has been informed there are from 200 to 300 idle automobiles and their tires in private garages formerly operated by Japanese in the Fresno area.

"We certainly have jurisdiction to look into this matter. Something should be done at once to put these cars into service. With tires and automobiles sorely needed in the war effort, it is a disgrace that hundreds of cars are allowed to remain unused for the duration of the war."

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TULE LAKE, Feb. 22.—(INS)—A concerted rebellion among youthful American-born Japanese at the Tule Lake relocation center against registration for the draft under President Roosevelt's recent proclamation making them liable for military service was revealed today.

Twenty-seven of the Japanese youths, all under 30 years of age, were arrested and taken to jails in Alturas, Calif., and Klamath Falls, Ore., for refusal to register.

They were taken into custody after a typewritten statement of their refusal to register which contained their names was handed in to the office of the relocation center director. It was reported they agreed upon the statement at a secret meeting.

Confirming arrests of the youths, Assistant Director J. O. Hayes said their principal objection to registration at the center was that they had previously registered the same as other citizens in the regular draft registration and considered it discrimination to require special registration because of their Japanese ancestry.

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**ALTAR CEREM**



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This proposal was submitted yesterday to Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard by John M. Gault, assistant United States attorney and chairman of the war advisory committee of the Los Angeles County Council, American Legion.

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**Government Calls For Automobiles and Farm Equipment**

Evacuees who left used farm equipment or automobiles in storage last year can find a ready market for them at fair prices, according to a statement received today by Acting Project Director Robert L. Brown from Russell T. Robinson, Chief of WRA's Evacuees Property Office in San Francisco.

The serious manpower shortage in agriculture and a sharp curtailment in the manufacture of new farm machinery make it imperative that all used farm equipment be made available for this year's food production, Mr. Brown was advised.

"Farm machinery now in storage is not only badly needed this year," Mr. Robinson said, "but it is also becoming less valuable through lack of use and because of the greater efficiency of new equipment which will be produced hereafter. From the standpoint of the owner as well as the nation's welfare, the greatest values can be realized by putting all used farm machinery and automotive equipment now in storage into essential services as soon as possible."

Evacuees having farm equipment or automobiles in storage and who desire to dispose of them are requested to write to the Evacuee Property Office, War Relocation Authority, Whitcomb Hotel Bldg., San Francisco, Calif. It is particularly important that the letter state the exact location of the equipment, the make, model, age and condition.

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### AUTHORITY QUESTIONED

The action, which was filed by Attorney A. L. Wirin, will seek to show that a Presidential order limited authority of military commanders to exclude them from military areas and did not include authority to detain them as well.

United States Attorney Leog Silverstein and former State Attorney General Earl Warren intervened as friends of the court and filed briefs opposing the petitions on the ground that the detention of Japanese is legal in all respects and that in wartime the President has ample power to take any steps he deems necessary for the safety of the nation.

Warren in his brief pointed out further, "the evacuation measure is not punitive, but precautionary."

### WAR MEASURE ONLY

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Senator Hugh M. Burns of Fresno, a member of the committee, said he has been authorized by Chairman Jack B. Tenney to schedule the hearing, after discussing the matter with Richard Combs of Visalia, chief investigator and counsel for the committee.

### PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

"Our primary objective is to learn whether any of the owners of these stored cars have engaged in un-American activities," Burns said. "Tenney instructed me to make arrangements for the first hearing, to be held in Fresno in about two weeks, and we expect to start subpoenaing witnesses within a few days."

Burns said the hearings, in effect, will be a continuation of committee hearings which uncovered evidence of un-American activities among enemy aliens.

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