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The announcement followed an executive session on a resolution by Senator Wallgren (Democrat), vision of the relocated Japanese back to the War Department Aade From Good Rubber from the War Relocation Authority. Joseph C. Grew, former am-bassador to Japan, was asked-The Fresno Bee said today an to appear tomorrow.

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supervision led to riots, particularly a Pearl Harbor anniversary demonstration at Manzanar, Calif., last December 7, which one man was killed."

"We want to ask Ambassador Grew for advices on whether reports are correct that as many as two-thirds of the Japanese, the bulk of them native-born American citizens, could be released to enter the Army or productive pursuits," Chandler asserted.

"It sems that the Nisei-American-born, American-educated Japanese-are loyal Americans and that we have 2000 of them in our armed forces," Chandler said, "Then there are the Issei-the American-born, Japanese educated, ind, and the Kibei, Japanese born, of Japanese educated living in orld this country."

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"Their owners are in Japanese relocation centers in California and other States under Federal government care,

"Before they left for these centers, however, they carefully stored their autos, passenger and trucks. They jacked them up, put blocks under axles, removed the batteries and deflated the tires to about 10 pounds, a pressure which tire experts say will keep tires indefinitely or with very little depreciation. In many cases they removed the tires entirely and put them in the cars.

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. De-Witt 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 govauthorities 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

"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.

"O.P.A. inspectors say they have no record of any Japanese turning in his tires or offering to turn them in when other residents of Fresno County were surrendering all tires over five a

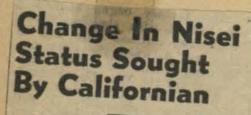
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Senator Hugh Burns, Fresno. a member of the Tenney committee, was authorized to start the investigaiton in the Fresno area next week.

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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8 SECTION II

JAP YOUTHS ARRESTED IN DRAFT REVOLT

Tule Lake Center Residents Refuse to Register Second Time; 27 to Face Trial

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.

The youths were being questioned in the jails today by the relocation center attorney, Anthony O'Brien. They now face trial in Federal Court the same as other draft evaders.

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Roster Enlarged

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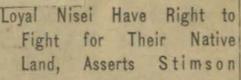
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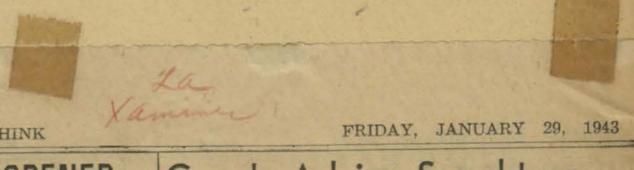
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Senator Hugh M. Burns ofr Fresno, a member of the committee, said he has been authorized by Chairman Jack B. Tenney to schedule the hearing, after discussing the matter with Richard Combs of Visalia, chief investigator and counsel for the committee.

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 subpenaing witnesses within a few days."

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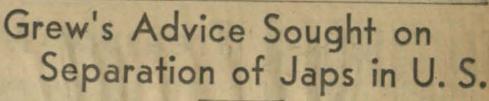
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