

COPY OF REPORT MADE BY A COLONIAL POLICE OFFICER IN INVESTIGATING
A MAN OF THE COLONY BY THE NAME OF HARRY TATEISHI.

In describing this man, Harry Tateishi, 5912-D, I did not take much pain to investigate fully into his actual doings, nor spend much time in determining the authenticity of stories which I gathered at random from different people. This is an informal statement, therefore, cannot be recorded as proven facts. Most topics to be noted hereafter are not an authority on the character of the man, they are more or less based on assumption, probability, and conjecture of the men to whom I got in contact, but by this method you can form a good picture of this man. His activities are mostly screened by secrecy, but the result of his undertakings is manifested itself whenever there was occasion for it to be revealed.

To presume that Harry Tateishi is acting alone is a gross mistake. Whether he is aiming for the interest of the majority of the Colonists is very doubtful, rather he is striving for the benefit of a small but strong factious group of malcontents, is certain. Those who were for the status quo and parolees from the stockade are behind this man, or rather he is a tool for these men.

Harry Tateishi is originally from Los Angeles and Santa Annita Assembly Center. His family is reputed to have had some intimacy with Mr. Best at that or before that time. He sent many letters to Mr. Best during his confinement at the stockade, and it is rumored that he was released chiefly by Directors recommendations. I am not sure on this score, since I have not sufficient knowledge on this particular.

Tateishi's name came to our notice in connection with 54 Block case. He sent his agent, Utaka Shitanishi, 4913-ABC, to the home of H. Matsumoto with a word, that Mr. Best was very much interested in this affair, and unless a solution was found very soon a grave consequence would follow. And that his boss Tateishi was given instructions by Mr. Best to settle or arbitrate in this matter. According to Tateishi, whose opinion was conveyed to Matsumoto through Shitanishi, the best solution in this dispute would be a voluntary change of residence on the part of the Matsumoto and Morimoto families from 54 Block.

Shitanishi again contacted Mr. Shimokon with a view to settle the trouble in Block 54 but this effort was fruitless, since Chief Shimokon believes firmly in the innocence of Mr. Morimoto and an important principle involved in this case.

As stated before, Tateishi does not operate alone. He is one of a party who is dis-satisfied with the accomplishments of the Co-ordinating Committee, the present Police Organization, etc. But the story would be different if they can control all these divisions by their own men. In their minds are always smouldering that renegeful fire for those who sided with anti-status quo. As they still remember, with bitterness and remorse, they were elected as block representatives, as spokesmen for their wards and members in negotiating committee. They had done all they could for the benefit of the Colonists and they had received the whole hearted support from the.

But waht, after that November fourth Incident? It was not their own fault, but they were sent to the stockade just the same, caused them and their families much suffering and miseries. They were betrayed by those who stood up for destruction of status quo. They were, literally, sold by unfaithful countrymen therefore they must be avenged by one way or another. These men figure that revenge is one of the noble acts of a warrior, and true spirit of BUSHIDO, which is the way of life of those brave ancient knights in Japan.

In order to attack the present Police Organization, they chose their target first on Mr. Schmidt, branding him as lacking confidence by the Colonists. They discarded the former three Police Commissioners for a similiar reason. And to gain control of the Colonial Police to their own liking, they formulated an idea, which was to choose one commissioner from each ward, and they pinned their hope primarily in the selection of their own representatives, so that their untimate goal of power control could be obtained through this channel. (I am in favor of the above idea, if the choice of commissioners was done without pressure or politics and suitable as well as respectable persons were appointed).

The little trouble in Block 31 selection of block manager by resident vote, is another manifestation of remote control; which the Tateishi group did not neglect to interefere with. Mr. Kamiya, released from the stockade, was nominated to the block managers office by a plurality of 3 votes, over his rival Mrs. Tanbara. For reasons known to Civic Organization only, Kamiya was not appointed to the office, but it was supposedly taken by Mr. Tanbara. Since Kamiya is a stockade man, his supporters in the block, as well as those from other blocks, would not suffer their man into such disgrace. Here again, indirectly, Tateishi group got busy and schemed the overthrow of Tanbara party. For this end it was proposed that several candidates should be chosen by the block residents, and when the ballots were opened, it was naturally found out that Tateishi backers triumphed.

A majority of Colonists who are working today, who are sincere, who are the lovers of peace and tranquillity, are well satisfied with present conditions and treatment under which they live in the camp. However, there exists a minor, though powerful, dominating party, who, for the purpose of their own, are trying to create malcontent among their feallowmen, and I am afraid but cannot help including the name of Tateishi i in the list of those, whose current activities are not conduciv8 to the interest of neither the Japanese of the United States.

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The above is copied word for word from the original by Senior Officer William C. Holding of the Colonial Police Department. The only changes made were in puncuatation and in a few cases correction of spelling.

To the above I will add that the name of Tsuda has been definately identified with the activities of this man Tateishi in the past three weeks. This information has come to me by way of Investigators of the Colonial Police Department. This man Tsuda was formerly Chief of the "Warden" organization and later confined in the stockade.

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