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Only a few months before Pearl Harbor Tayama, addressing a large gathering of Japanese-Americans, declared:

"I hope that war never comes between the United States of America and the country of our forefathers across the Pacific, but if it ever should every one of us here tonight, as good Americans, will be willing to lay down our lives for this our native land!"

**WOULD PROVE LOYALTY**

When first interned at the relocation center, Tayama and his wife wrote Assistant U. S. Attorney Atilio di Girolamo, in charge of evacuation problems:

"If this is one way for us to prove our loyalty and worth as Americans, our sacrifice is really small in comparison to what others are going through.

"May God grant that when this war is over we'll be able



**FRED TAYAMA**, president of the Japanese-American Citizens League, beaten in rioting at Manzanar.

—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

to say that we are better Americans in a greater America."

Ted Uyemo, removed from the camp for his own protection after anti-Axis elements threatened his life there, was a wealthy San Gabriel nurseryman and truck operator and considered a loyal American by those who knew him well.

He lived in Southern California since 1935 and wrote several articles for Japanese newspapers in Los Angeles. Those who knew him said he was a member of the powerful Kishi family in Japan.

**Lincoln Students Buy Bonds for Jeep**

It occurred to leaders of the Lincoln High School student body that the 1500 students there could sell \$900 worth of war bonds, enough to buy a jeep with the school's name on it.

SCENE IN MANZANAR 150-bed hospital provided by Government for Jap evacuees. In

picture Nurse Fumiko Gohata holds arm of patient, Frank Saito, as Dr. James Goto stands by. —Wide World photo.

**Director Tells Story of Fatal Rioting**

MANZANAR, Dec. 7.—(P)—The Japanese relocation center here was under martial law today after a pro-Axis anniversary celebration of the Pearl Harbor attack precipitated a riot in which one Japanese was killed and nine wounded.

Military police, said Director Ralph P. Merritt, fired into a milling crowd of 4000 in which Japanese-born or Japanese-educated shouted "Pearl Harbor, banzai! Banzai!" and jeered other Japanese of pro-American sympathies who were endeavoring to assist camp authorities in restoring order.

**TELLS OF VIOLENCE**

He gave this account of the violence:

Part of the crowd surged toward the soldiers and were met with tear gas bombs. The fumes were blown away, however, and the Japs swept forward, hurling stones. The soldiers then opened fire. This halted the shouting, gesticulating mob and sullenly they obeyed orders to return to their bungalows.

Trouble between Axis and American factions among the center's 10,000 residents flared Saturday night. Small groups milled through the streets, but the center's Japanese and Caucasian police quieted them. There was no further disorder until yesterday, when approximately 1000 kibe—anti-American Nipponese—assembled in a firebreak.

**TROUBLE FLARES**

Pro-Axis leaders harangued the crowd and loyal Japanese who attempted to quell shouts of "Pearl Harbor, banzai!" were jeered and insulted. The meeting broke up in a free-for-all in which Fred Tayama, president of the Japanese-American Citizens' League, was so severely beaten he was taken to the camp hospital. Another pro-American Japanese, Tay Uyeno, and his family were taken for safety to the Inyo County jail at Independence.

The crowd then surrounded the hospital and demanded that Tayama be turned over to them. A doctor spirited Tayama to safety. The crowd proceeded to the administrative offices, shouting for the return of Uyeno.

**SOLDIERS CALLED**

It was at this point, Merritt continued, that he asked the assistance of troops and the invocation of martial law. Military



MANZANAR EVACUEES shown preparing to start garden work in new home shortly after removal from Los Angeles and other coastal areas. —Wide World photo.

have completely cleaned up the agitators and leaders, the camp will be returned to its normal administration.

"I want to congratulate the Japanese on the center's police force who tried to cope with the situation, the staff of Caucasian police for what they have done and the loyal Japanese of the camp."

The Manzanar center comprises 5800 acres of Owens Valley watershed land owned by the city of Los Angeles and taken over by the Army last March for a relocation and evacuation center to house Japanese. The site, 270 miles northeast of Los Angeles, between Death Valley and the Sierra Nevadas, will be returned to the city after the war.

**MODEL CENTER**

A model center, Manzanar is a community of neat prefabricated wooden barracks, a 150-bed hospital, mess halls, laundries, administration buildings and recreation halls. It has its own schools, taught by certified California teachers.

Once fertile through irrigation, the site reverted to desert after Los Angeles bought it for water supply development 20 years

But already it is again beginning to flower under deft Japanese cultivation methods and equipment furnished from the Owens Valley aqueduct source.

As peace replaced violence today, officials recalled the hopeful statement of one Japanese in the first group to reach the camp last March:

"You wait—we'll make a little heaven out of it yet."

**Harry H. Culver Given War Post**

Harry H. Culver, widely known Los Angeles realtor and founder of Culver City, has been appointed administrative assistant War Department, Engineer Corps Division, his friends learned yesterday. He left by plane for Salt Lake City, ordered to report there for duty.

Culver is a former president of the Los Angeles, California and United States Real Estate Boards, and has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and civic enterprises.

Clothes for Him this Christmas? Watch the Examiner what's new in men's fash