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ONE-WAY SUICIDAL TRIP SEEN BY EDUCATOR FOR RETURNING EVACUEES

Iseis and niseis repatriate and express to Japan? Figuratively a suicidal one-way voyage. So declared Prof. Hisae Iwasa, former

principal of the Doshisha University and professor at Kyoto Imperial University.

"Consider the age of the isseis," The professor, who once lived in Livingston, Calif., as a young man, shrugged his shoulders. "What right do they have to go? As to the niseis who may have some hopes of success in Japan—forget about it. Relocate. Resettle."

"Back to California movement?" If the Japanese can and do return to West Coast, we must, he said, hope for more, probably than to become itinerant laborers. They should relocate; and wherever they relocate, plan to remain there.

The professor, who is an entomologist by avocation, added:

"Responsible American officials, who naturally look toward eventual AMG administration in Japan, following victory, have been wondering whether the people would cooperate with the administrators."

Could the results thus far obtained in Salinan be used as a paradiest? Perhaps, with reservations.

Most of the Japanese in Salinan are returnees. Mostly fishermen. They live among Koreans and the native Chamorros. The Nipponese now are working for their American captors and none has yet performed an unfriendly act or sabotage attempt since its return.

Photos from the island, appearing in newspapers, show Yanks befriending little Japanese children, including women carrying household effects.

The AMG officials have yet to see the vaunted, fanatic spirit of the Japanese soldiers among these civilians. Is there a fundamental difference between the civilian and military type of mind?

On the U. S. mainland, on a radically different purpose and basis, the WRA's experience in administering the evacuee population provides another supplemental guide post.

When first brought into internment camps, the Salinan Japanese were mostly sullen or frightened, according to reports. However, after a few days in the center under these conditions gradually followed the patterns of Chamorros and Koreans. They were not too cooperative, but they were not hostile.

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