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## Fair Play Committee Repudiates Act Of Congressional Group

**San Francisco**—On the eve of the lifting of the ban against Japanese Americans on the west coast, the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles, and other organizations, including the Fair Play Committee, Friday in sending a telegram to Rep. Clarence F. Lea, chairman of the California delegation in the House, "repudiating" the resolution adopted here several days ago by the State Senate Committee on Japanese Relations, the group could not comment on specific cases.

At the present time, however, he added, there are 13,000 Japanese Americans who are serving or who have served in the armed forces.

**Legion Post Offers**

To Take In 16 Men

New York City.—The Captain Belvedere Brooks Legion Post here declared last week invited the 16 Japanese names whose names were removed from the honor roll of the Hood River, Ore., Legion Post plaque with names of the boys in service, to join its membership.

## On The Other Hand

By Ray M. Takemoto

### TO MOVE FREELY

Freedom of movement will be a forever cherished privilege of Japanese Americans. Confinement in camps for even a comparatively brief time seems to be a natural appreciation of this privilege. Never again will we take this privilege for granted. All Americans might undergo such an experience with some profit to themselves; serving to sharpen their awareness of the priceless privilege of freedom.

Whether the evacuees will return to California in droves, essentially, is an immaterial issue. The economic level of supply and demands eventually will decide how many of us, eventually, will have decided to return and remain on the west coast. The important fact is that we may always travel through the length and breadth of our own country. The answer to this simple truth lies not in

point in the country at any determined time, but that we may do so whenever we wish.

## WAR SECRETARY SPEAKS OUT

Washington—Secretary Stimson said today it was the opinion of his office that members of Japanese extraction who have demonstrated their loyalty to this country should be subjected to "unworthy discrimination."

Responding to a question at his news conference, the War Secretary said he had no first-hand knowledge of the Japanese American's stand against Japanese American soldiers on the Pacific Coast and therefore could not comment on specific cases.

At the present time, however, he added, there are 13,000 Japanese Americans who are serving or who have served in the armed forces.

**Yamakido Sentenced**

Little Rock, Ark.—Joe Atsushi Yamakido, 22, formerly of Jerome, was sentenced recently to three years in a

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## Tenant To Fight Ouster Effort Of Ex-Soldier

Frank Okami, efforts to obtain his apartment discharged to obtain his acre dairy, will be decided in court. This was the decision yesterday of the dairymen who received notice from Osaki that he must vacate the farm. Osaki now is farming in Ohio.

**Ex-Nihonjin Quarters**

Washington—The committee for construction of 260 houses for Japanese evictees was awarded to the Standard Building Company of San Francisco on low bid yesterday by the San Francess Housing Authority.

The homes will be located on an eight-acre site formerly owned by the U.S. Cavalry. Third and Army streets. They will be two storied construction, with units of one, two and three bedrooms.

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**Want Ads Today**

For Sale: Nico Sison house in six parts; \$13,500; 2225 West St. Call TA 21416.

## AFL CONDAMS PERSECUTION

New Orleans.—The national convention of the American Federation of Labor went on record on Nov. 29 condemning "unmerited persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry."

The resolution said "unmerited incidents of unjust persecution and undue discrimination."

The resolution was passed in addition to another which condemned racism and religious discrimination against minorities.

**Kurachis Injured**

Evergreen, Colo.—Carl Kurachi was injured seriously in a auto accident Sunday. Less seriously injured was his wife, the former Mary Kanda, and Pei Horino. The Kurachis were married only recently.

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## PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY GENERAL PRATT

Under the heading "Public Proclamation No. 1," the WRA field office in Denver yesterday released the announcement made by Maj. Gen. H. C. Pratt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, San Francisco, terminating the mass exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry, effective January 2, 1945.

Pratt, it was learned from other sources, has succeeded Maj. Gen. Bonesteel, the former commanding general.

Addressed specifically to the people of Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington, the proclamation explains the reason for the lifting of the ban as being due to "substantial improvement" in the military situation since the period when the evacuation was announced.

Persons of Japanese ancestry, Order No. 1, have been rescinded. Evacuees excluded by Individual Exclusion Orders will continue to be excluded, the General disclosed.

## Do You Want A Job In Hollywood?

Anybody want a job in Hollywood, California? With restriction to be lifted in January, job offer to a couple—housekeeper and a gardener—was received today at the WRA office in Denver. Interested persons should contact the Authority at the Midland Hotel.

## DEVOTION SERVICE

Denver WRA will sponsor a Sunday service with the Buddhist Church, Reva, Tamai and Taomai will speak in English and Japanese, respectively.

## DONATION FOR ACLU RECEIVED

A check for \$100 was received here today from Mrs. Hanako Fong of Los Angeles, to be forwarded to the American Civil Liberties Union headquarters, Los Angeles. The Rocky Shimpo will forward the check to Pres. Saburo Kido of the JACL in Salt Lake City for transmission.

Mr. Kido, president of the League, which has assisted the ACLU in handling several of the court cases involving misce-

ans Americans who recognize their indebtedness to the union for its work in behalf of their rights, will be in contact with the League for consideration of the costs involved in the court cases.

Of the check, \$10 was donated by Mrs. Fong and \$50 by William Matthes of Los Angeles.

## SIGNIFICANCE OF LIFTING OF BAN CITED BY MYER

The lifting of the blanket exclusion order by the Western Defense Command is undoubtedly the most significant event since evacuation both in the lives of the evacuated people and in the program of the WRA. To the extent of its success, it means full restoration of the freedom of movement which is enjoyed by all other loyal citizens and law-abiding aliens in the U.S."

So declared WRA Director Dillon McEntee in a statement released here yesterday by the local WRA office. Myer explained in his statement the plan to broaden the scope of the resettlement program; to enable veterans to receive financial and welfare aids from the established Federal agencies; and finally, the plan for the closing of the centers next

## Return Of Evacuees

Washington—Return of Japanese Americans to the West Coast is expected to result in "wholesale bloodshed and violence," Representative Engle (Democrat), California, said today.

Secretary of a subcommittee of the California congressional delegation instructed to watch for developments in the west coast Japanese situation, Engle told a reporter he would also call to the attention of governmental agencies several other possibilities.

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