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Disgracing Santa Maria

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"You folks with your boycott are running Hood River a close second in disgrace. And if the lapel tag goes over in your high school Hood River Legionnaires will have to take a back seat in the Hall of Bigotry... Your high school kids should shame their parents as young Legionnaires have shamed theirs."

So wrote a southern California observer. We want him and all others to know that while the disgrace of planning a boycott of American citizens has been fastened upon them, the sorry group of selfish individuals who get pleasure from it must not be charged to Santa Maria's high school students. It was brought in from the outside and was delightfully short-lived. Students quickly reacted as true Americans. They recognized what the tiny minority that "racial discrimination in any form and in any degree has no justifiable part whatever in our democratic way of life."

But while this fact removes the stigma of disgrace from high school students, we regretfully find that it has also removed the name of one of the fairest cities in California. It is bad enough to have a small minority of citizens spurn the plea of the War Department and the official proclamation of the governor of the state, and put aside the constitutional rights of Americans, as only recently interpreted by the Supreme Court of the land; but to have grown men deviate from instrument with which they seek to transfer the virus of hatred and racial prejudice from their minds to the minds of not only high school youth but to mere children in the grade schools makes all sensitive Americans ashamed for them.

Using a Nazi Instrument
The most serious phase of the matter is that here in beautiful Santa Maria we are giving exact reproduction of the Nazi tactic used against the Jews of Germany, where, before summer came, racial ostracism of fellow citizens on racial lines.

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ly, in France and in the Pacific it has shown conclusively that it is possible to locate and judge the loyalty of any Santa Marian who has knowledge to the contrary they will play the part of good citizens by conveying their information to the FBI rather than to school children.

What kind of honor is "honor as an American citizen" which ignores the judgment of all Federal agencies, the plea of the governor of our state, and the decision of the United States Supreme Court, while thrusting aside all Constitutional principles involved in the situation?

What and Who Are Back of That?

Developments of the past few weeks would seem to indicate that the tag idea was a part of a larger strategy to "create a situation" in our schools for the purpose of racial discrimination. There seems to have been cheap snooping and encouragement of student reporting for other than constructive purposes. Now that the "Japanese" venture has flopped it seems that someone outside the school is encouraging people to return to another minority group. Why?

Selfish political meddling in the affairs of our public schools is only a less degree reprehensible than the attempt of outsiders to interfere with the right of ministers to proclaim what they believe to be the will of God, and the commandments of Christ. The immorality of such action is compounded when appeals are made to racial prejudice on the very "training ground of democracy".

Californians gave a fine account of themselves in relation to race baiters in the recent election. Governor Brown and Mayor Poulsen are no longer in Congress. Governor Warren and Mayor Bowron are among those who have recently seen the light.

Who man knows when to quit? Is an ancient proverb without point for Santa Maria politicians. However longsuffering the community may have been, we have faith that it will

Kalifornians' "Midsummer Dansant" At Hotel Sherman Sunday, Aug. 12

By The Observer
FREE — \$50 War Bond & Tickets to All-Star Football Game

CHICAGO — The talk of Chicagoland these days is the Big Affair scheduled in the famous Hotel Sherman on Randolph and Clark Streets, Sunday, August 12th.

Feature attraction of the evening will be the famous show, a pair of tickets to the "All-Star Green Bay Packers Football Game." A ticket of admission entitles anyone a chance to win. The drawing for the door prizes will be at 11 p.m.

Don Jackson and his NBC Orchestra will furnish the music during the evening. This orchestra is composed of former musicians of other big named bands.

The beautiful "Crystal Ballroom" on the first floor will be the locale for this dance. Admission is \$2.00 and \$1.00 plus tax. Dancing from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Donald and Tom Okubo, chairmen for the Kalifornians, expect a record turnout for this affair. **EVERYONE IS CONVITED**.

House Group To Hold Hearings on Nisei

WASHINGTON — A subcommittee of the House Immigration and Naturalization Committee will hold hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles this summer on three topics including returning Japanese Americans.

Hearings are scheduled tentatively for San Francisco on August 27, 28 and 29, and for Los Angeles, September 3, 4 and 5.

The subcommittee also will gather information on immigration and quota laws and alien enemies.

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This image shows a horizontal strip of Japanese business cards from the early 20th century. The cards are arranged side-by-side, each with its own unique design and text. The companies represented include UMEYA COMPANY, MODERN GARAGE, Service Cleaners, SUNSHINE GROCERY, and several smaller businesses. The cards feature various fonts and styles, reflecting the diverse nature of the businesses at the time.

