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## WRA Agents Berated at Mass Meet in Shelton, Nebraska

Shelton Residents Oppose Japanese Colony

**SHELTON, Neb.** — Shouting protest against the employment of Japanese Americans on irrigated farms in this area, residents of Shelton Friday night held a mass meeting with W. H. Hollands and W. M. Parmeter, WRA officials, and other three heads of government delegation without resorting to any definite agreement.

WRA officials and some few residents of the area argued for toleration, but the majority of the 250 persons attending the meeting expressed bitter feelings and even called for the Japanese Americans to be interned to form a colony here.

Before the meeting Hi Korematsu, 30, spokesman for the Japanese American families, said they were ready to depart if that group wished, but W. H. Hollands and W. M. Parmeter, WRA officials, urged them to stay and showed moving pictures of Japanese Americans fighting in American units.

Harley Simms, Shelton leader of the protest group, declared, "I have no feeling of race prejudice, but I do feel the government is pushing Japan into the United States and taking away the rights which we are fighting."

When Parmeter replied, "We are not trying to force these people on you," someone in the crowd cried, "Then what the hell are you doing out here?"

Harvey Lippincott, Shelton farmer who is one of Japanese Americans told the meeting he would take the blame for bringing them to this area. He said they were looking for work and he needed workers.

Milton Beckman, superintendent of schools at Gibbon, defended the Japanese Americans and asked if they should not be entitled to some rights as members of other groups.

**Nisei Girl Helps Sons on Okinawa**

**NISHIBARU VILLAGE (Okinawa).** — American soldiers found an American citizen who had been living on Okinawa Island since before the war.

She was 21-year-old Doris Oshikawa, of Pain Kalua, T. H. Doris was immediately pressed into service to help the American forces. Okinawa families it was safe for them to come out of the caves in which they have been hiding since D Day.

"I went to school on Maui until I was 16," Doris said. "Then my mother and I went to Okinawa in 1940 to take care of my sick sister. The war started and we became refugees. We lived at Awashiki village and worked a little farm."

Doris said she went into a camp when American planes struck the village a week ago and stayed there until American forces found her. She said she had never been questioned by the Japanese and added she had seen no Japanese soldiers.

**Flood of Japanese To West Coast Feared**

**SACRAMENTO.** — Sen. Geo-

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## The Christian Century:

### Canada Threatens Its Nisei Citizens

About as much a combination of cheap politics and brutal racism as has ever come to light may be perceived behind the recently announced policy of Canada's British Columbia. Set up by the Canadian Commission for dealing with the dominion's inhabitants of Japanese ancestry. There are about 23,000 such persons in Canada; 95 per cent are said to have spent their whole lives there before the war they were considered as British subjects. Two British Columbians, where they were farmers or fishermen or ran small shops in the towns. After Pearl Harbor about 7,000 left for other provinces, but the remainder simply moved north into the interior of vast British Columbia. Now the Canadian Security Commission—which corresponds to our WRA—announces that it is sending out the Royal Mounties to give these Japanese Canadians their choice between returning to Japan or becoming citizens of Canada east of the Rockies. "Failure to agree to resettle outside of British Columbia by those evacuated will result in deportation to Japan." The Nisei do not want to sign applications for voluntary repatriation to Japan, and the Canadian government may be regarded later by the proposed Loyalty Tribunal, when it is established, as evidence of lack of cooperation with the government of Canada. The threat is plain. What is the Security Commission trying to accomplish by this boldified policy of this sort? Two things. In the first place, it means to clear the Nisei off the west coast and thus give Canadian racists such a triumph as their opposite numbers on our own Pacific coast have never achieved. In the second place, it means to try to block the prospects of the fast-growing Hatfield, Merced County Republican, said on the Senate floor last weekend that Dillon Myrick, WRA director, had ordered the closing of all war relocation camps by Jan. 1, 1946.

"This means from the best information that I can get, that the Japanese will be sent back to the West Coast next year—40,000 of them to California," Hatfield said. The Senator was speaking on a resolution memorializing Congress to reimburse California cities and counties for any aid they may have given to the intelligent Japanese. The resolution was referred to committee for amendments.

The Cornells' monthly meeting will be held Thursday, April 12, 7:45 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Gordon Connally, 802 So. Clarkson St., San Francisco.

Meetings will be led by Mrs. Charles Kamayatsu.

Rev. and Mrs. Royden Suzumura will speak and lead a discussion on "The Dunbar Oaks Proposals and the San

Francisco Conference."

Canadian Commonwealth Federation for a by-election in the approaching dominion election. Alone among Canadian parties, the CCF has the courage and the conviction to stand square for the Nisei. If now the Security Commission can manage the situation so that the CCF protests against such treatment of the Nisei, the political life of the off-line party will be won over to the CCF. It is a pretty dirty game, any way you look at it. But we still hope that its very dirtiness will cause a revolution among the sort of Canadians who have been won over to the final outcome play, to be far different from that framed by those who framed the Security Commission's regulations.

**STIMSON FLIES ATTACK ON CALIFORNIA NISEI**

**WASHINGTON.** — Secretary of War Stimson announced last Thursday an attack on a Japanese-American soldier in the United States Army as "inexcusably disgraceful" and "utterly outrageous."

The Secretary was asked at a news conference about a published report that five shots had been fired at a home in Modena, Calif., where Corporal Y. A. Kawamoto had visited his brother-in-law, a visiting service veteran. Said Stimson:

"I have not seen the news report to which you refer, but I will say this: Any attack at any time on a peaceful citizen is bad enough, but if such an attack was directed because of his ancestry against an American soldier who like millions of others has demonstrated his loyalty to his country, it was an inexcusable and dastardly outrage."

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