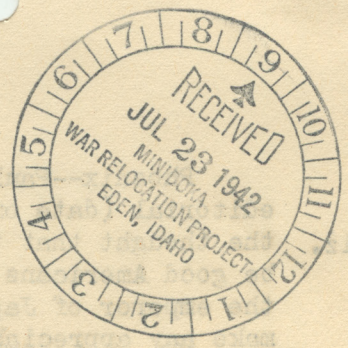


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(This issue of the DAILY PRESS REVIEW includes a digest of the most important news items, articles and editorials appearing in newspapers and periodicals reaching the San Francisco Regional Office in the last 24 hours. If you wish to refer to any clippings, please telephone Miss Elinor Bauman, Head of the Documents Section, Branch 300, Room 362.)

Letters to Editors

Calif. Broderick--M. C. wanted the Japanese here treated exactly as aliens in Japan are treated. "...That is, if Japanese law prohibits children of aliens from becoming citizens of Japan if born there, let their own law automatically prevent Japanese children born here from being American citizens..."--Sacramento Bee, July 8, p. 26. #933

Calif. Sacramento--B.P.W. in answer to a very anti-Japanese letter written by Jack Daugherty wrote that loving our neighbors is a Christian duty and should be applied to the Japanese. Cited prayer of Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek heard by several newspapermen during evening devotions at the family altar in the home of the General. "...And our Father please keep the Chinese from hating the Japanese..."--Sacramento Bee, July 9, p. 26. #934

Calif. Richfield--F. I. Kellogg agreed with the Native Sons of the Golden West that all Japanese should be barred from citizenship. "...Right of national self preservation is greater than any restriction in the constitution..."--Sacramento Bee, July 10, p. 20. #935

Calif. Sacramento--Gordon H. Keeney, 2939 Twenty-Seventh St., protested against the attitude that Americans "can't raise crops without the Japanese..."--Sacramento Bee, July 11, p. 25. #936

Calif. Sacramento--E. A. Roterberg agreed with Governor Olson that the Japanese should be released to harvest the crops. "...Why have thousands of people on government allowance and doing nothing when they could just as well be put to gainful employment?..."--Sacramento Bee, July 11, p. 25. #937

Phoenix--Paul Tanaka, American-born Japanese, protested that an editorial (date of editorial not given) in the paper "seemed to convey the thought that the majority of Americans of Japanese ancestry couldn't be good Americans because of their belief in the so-called divinity of the emperor of Japan... My patriotism, or lack of it, is not going to make any appreciable difference to the war effort. Just the same, how are we supposed to feel if the country that has taught us that we ARE Americans, due to the stress and strain of this war, makes a turnabout and treats us as enemy aliens?"--Arizona Republic, July 12, p. 2, part 2. #938

Fairfield--Allan Turner believed that only the white race should be allowed in America. "...Japanese themselves are to blame in their case. It is their inherent characteristics and ideals which class them as such undesirables."--Sacramento Bee, July 13, p. 20. #939

Carmel--Olive Swezy in a long letter protested against the "racial antagonisms, superiority complexes, lust for power and wealth and other neurotic and anti-social forces have brought civilization to the brink of chaos, it is indeed disheartening to find in our own boasted 'last citadel of freedom,' the same forces rampant which have brought this disaster upon the world. I refer to the attempts to exclude Japanese from citizenship now being made by the Native Sons of the Golden West and other groups of so-called exclusive Americans, on the sole ground that they are not white... To our shame be it said that we in California are so lacking in foresight that we are trying to bind shackles upon future generations that may mean their doom."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 15, p. 14, col. 8. #940

San Francisco--R. W. Nicholson, who has just arrived here from the East, believed that women who take gifts of foods and delicacies to the Japanese in assembly centers are unpatriotic. "...Could this be constructed as 'giving comfort to the enemy'? If not, it certainly approaches such a status."--San Francisco Examiner, July 15, p. 8, col. 6. #941

San Francisco--Constant Reader thought "Jap visiting and gift giving to people who are waiting to cut all our throats is disgusting" and should be stopped.--San Francisco Examiner, July 17, p. 10, col. 6. #942

San Francisco--Art Holl protested against gifts brought to the Japanese in assembly centers. He regretted that "Japanese sympathizers are given the privilege to obtain sugar to bake cakes and cookies for our enemies."--San Francisco News, July 18, p. 10, col. 6. #943

San Francisco--Constant Reader in reply to Constant Reader's letter of July 17 wrote: "...I would say, excuse please, the 'American lovers of Japs'? They just don't realize, that the polite little Japs tolerate Americans only as long as they can obtain what they want from us..."--San Francisco Examiner, July 18, p. 6, col. 7. #944

Mill Valley--Helen Berry Baker challenged the soundness of editorial "A Deserved Rebuff". She wrote that Governor Olson's request to use the Japanese to harvest the crops was "the only sensible and possible Calif. solution to the labor dilemma facing the state of California..." She thought that the editorial had confused politics with a solid business suggestion.--San Francisco News, July 17, p. 18, col. 7. #945

"Mexico Puts Limit on Farm Labor Export"

Mex. San Francisco--"Mexican farm laborers will be allowed to work in California and southwestern sections of the U.S. where there is an acute labor shortage only under signed contracts with repatriation guaranteed, Mexico's Secretary of Interior Miguel Aleman told United Press in Mexico City yesterday..."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 21, p. 19, col. 3. #946

"Court Asked to Question DeWitt's Right to Intern Japanese-Americans"

Calif. San Francisco--"Constitutionality of Japanese exclusion and relocation procedures were attacked in Federal courts here and in Seattle yesterday. The action here was inconclusive, Judge Michael J. Roche reserving decision for 15 days on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus sought by Mitsuye Endo, 22 year old American-born Japanese girl. In Wash. Seattle, however, Judge Lloyd Black said he would rule the procedures are constitutional unless convinced to the contrary in a similar action by Gordon Kyoshi Hirabayashi, 24, a University of Washington student..."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 21, p. 4, col. 4; San Francisco Examiner, July 21, p. 4, col. 7. #947