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SUMMARY

Statements by various representatives of the Dies Committee so overshadowed in importance other news sources this week that space limitations force us to omit from the Press Review many items which ordinarily would be mentioned.

Approximately 40 distinct and separate charges from Dies Committee sources have been reported. Most of these are inaccuracies or distortions - with the latter predominating.

In considering press treatment of the Dies Committee "revelations", three important facts stand out. (1) Most of the charges attributed to Dies Committee spokesmen appeared originally under the by-line of Ray Richards, correspondent for the Hearst newspapers; (2) Minor interest was shown outside of the Washington, D. C. and Hearst papers, although wire service dispatches were published in scattered papers. However, only two papers, the Washington POST and Washington STAR, have thus far editorially criticized the work of the Dies Committee in this instance; (3) Director Myer's denial of the more flagrant allegations of Dies Committee investigator Robert Stripling, released on May 31 through OWI, was carried by numerous papers.

California papers continued to comment on General DeWitt's transfer. A statement by Congressman Richard Welch linking the change in commanding generals with DeWitt's stand on evacuees raised three inch headlines in the San Francisco CALL BULLETIN. Rumors that General Emmons is slated to succeed General DeWitt received prominent play.

Most employment news was good, with friendly items on individual relocated evacuees. The Lake County, Illinois, Industrial Union Council (CIO) went on record as favoring the use of evacuees in industry, but an Open Pit Miners' Union (CIO) in Utah protested their employment.

Editorials most frequently were interested in the pending transfer of General DeWitt. A number of West Coast papers contended the action results from New Dealer opposition to General DeWitt's policy on evacuees.

Pacific Coast papers had their usual quota of hostile resolutions.

The decision of the National Youth Administration to discontinue its war plant training program for evacuee youth was given scant attention. In Des Moines, Iowa, where the leading local paper has been favorable to relocation, it was reported that citizens had opened their homes to 50 young evacuees affected by the NYA order.

The Denver POST printed a story that WRA was planning to construct a swimming pool at Granada at the cost of \$50,000. WRA's denial was used by UP and appeared in several Rocky Mountain papers, but not in the Denver POST.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS --

Dies Committee:

All statements on the WRA program appearing in the press from May 10 to June 5 concerned with the Dies Committee are summarized below in chronological order:

Cong. Costello states: "The economic good that could result from the freeing of the Japanese to work on farms, or in civilian industries, would be nothing compared to the danger we would be incurring." San Francisco EXAMINER, 5/10/43.

Dies Committee "informant" reports following, (1) The Committee started an investigation at all 10 relocation centers on May 9; (2) Many citizens of Japanese extraction residing in the relocation centers were trained at a sabotage school in Japan; (3) A report, to be submitted by a subcommittee in about three weeks, will oppose release of any Japanese whatsoever, American citizen or alien, from confinement; (4) The report will insist that "known subversives", estimated to number more than 25,600 in the centers, be taken from their present "comfortable environment" and placed in rigidly guarded Department of Justice detention camps for enemy aliens. San Francisco Examiner by Ray Richards, 5/11/43.

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas states: "Records of the Dies Committee show that prior to Pearl Harbor, there was a 'Japanese-American Veterans Association' in Los Angeles. Our investigation revealed that this was not a harmless organization of ex-servicemen, but actually a division of the Japanese Army. In Japanese records, which we have recently obtained, the Japanese themselves called this organization the Japanese army reserve and listed company commanders and where the commanders were located. Our records also show that the Japanese had a completely trained infantry unit on Terminal Island on December 7, 1941. Why they did not strike then I do not know." AP. numerous papers, 5/13/43.

Rep. Thomas personally feels no Japanese should be released, regardless of sentiments, UP, 5/13/43.

Rep. Martin Dies says: "The Japanese in this country have been under our investigation for the last four years. We intend to show that many Japanese-Americans now in the war relocation centers went to Japan to attend sabotage classes." Chicago HERALD & AMERICAN, 5/14/43.

Committee Spokesman states, "We should like to issue the first section of our report before the War Relocation Authority farms out many more Japanese." Los Angeles EXAMINER, 5/14/43.

JACL, Japanese Imperial Veterans Association, various "Ken" organizations, etc., "are in reality agencies for espionage," Los Angeles TIMES, 5/18/43

Rep. Thomas telegraphs President Roosevelt urging that "RA stop release of evacuees. Referring to INTERNEE at Camp Livingston states: "Are we to release this fat-waisted Jap while our American boys on Guadalcanal are barely receiving enough food with which to keep alive?" AP, 5/19/43

Rep. Thomas warns, "Certain government officials responsible for administration of the WRA have lost sight of the fact that America is at war, that America has enemies, and the Japanese in and out of America are as much our enemies as any other Axis peoples." UP, 5/19/43

Dies Committee wants to know, (1) Why the personnel of the WRA includes many members of organizations which have been characterized as communistic by the Department of Justice; (2) The origin of the plan under which the Authority is releasing thousands of evacuees from relocation centers while a number of congressional investigations into the loyalty of the Japanese are underway. Los Angeles EXAMINER, by Ray Richards, 5/20/43

Rep. Thomas states that one reason Japanese are "so belligerent is because of the influence and teachings of the Shinto priests who are still permitted to preach and teach in relocation centers..." Los Angeles TIMES, 5/20/43

Committee has acquired a list of 10,000 members of "Butoku-Kai", an organization affiliated with Black Dragon Society, many members now being released from relocation centers, San Francisco EXAMINER, 5/22/43

Myer will be asked why WRA has not segregated thousands of known subversives from harmless Japanese, Baltimore AMERICAN, 5/22/43.

Committee expands investigation to include following, (1) plans to import Japanese from South America for release; (2) extent to which government officials have applied for Japanese farm workers and servants; (3) disloyal Japanese at Rivers have disrupted attempts to maintain camouflage net factory; (4) coincidence that recently reported Japanese invasion plan mentions contemplation of use of 10,000 Japanese Americans, while almost exactly that many names compose a list of the American membership of Black Dragon Society; (5) extent of employment of released evacuees on railroads, Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, by Ray Richards, 5/23/43

Dies Committee "spokesman" not sure that top WRA officials know everything going on in investigation. San Francisco EXAMINER, 5/23/43 by Ray Richards.

Rep. Thomas asks, "What persons, what influences, are responsible for the flagrant discharge of the Japanese from the centers at the rate of 1,000 weekly in the face of the proof we are offering that perhaps as many as 40 per cent of the Japanese are loyal only to Japan and that thousands may become active traitors, spies, saboteurs, and fifth columnists in general?"

Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, by Ray Richards, 5/24/43.

Rep. Thomas found "conditions very bad in War Relocation Centers... Short wave radios permitted." San Francisco EXAMINER, 5/24/43, by Ray Richards.

Rep. Thomas states 1,000 Japanese being released each week to scatter through all parts of country where surveillance of activities is virtually impossible. Thomas' telegram to President brings results with summoning of center heads to Washington for conference expected to bring about change in policy. New York SUN, 5/26/43

Committee investigators state confined evacuees are making generous gifts of butter and coffee to friends outside. San Francisco EXAMINER, 5/26/43

Committee investigators charge informants at Arizona center, described the pro-Japanese element as receiving news constantly from the outside by short-wave radio, visitors, and uncensored mail from Japanese who have not been confined or who have been released from the camps under WRA. Los Angeles EXAMINER, by Ray Richards, 5/27/43

Committee "spokesman" states subversive elements use direct physical threats to gain anything they wish. Baltimore NEWS POST, by Ray Richards, 5/27/43.

Chairman Dies quoted indirectly, Every phase of the investigation must be hastened in an effort to check the present release of Japanese from the camps. Hollywood CITIZEN NEWS, 5/27/43

"Investigators" report, Many of the estimated 1,000 internees released weekly are not loyal to the United States and others have professed loyalty to obtain their release...in other cases Japanese were released merely at the request of individuals who desired their services. AP, 5/28/43

Stripling states (indirect quotation), The pro-Japan element is determined to stay in confinement because "something terrible is going to happen on the West Coast by October 1." Milwaukee SENTINEL, by Ray Richards, 5/28/43

Stripling states public hearings to start June 7. INS, Sacramento BEE, Portland OREGONIAN, 5/28/43, Aberdeen, South Dakota, AMERICAN-NEWS, AP, Arkansas GAZETTE, 5/29/43.

Highlights of report received in Washington from field investigators; (1) Both alien and American-born Japanese are being fed so well through the Quartermaster Depot of the Army that they are sending packages of butter, coffee and other rationed foods to outside friends. (2) As many as 76%

of the Japanese in one camp have refused to profess their loyalty to the United States. (3) This has not hampered the release of 27,000 for work in agricultural and industrial communities and education at government expense. (4) Transcripts of organizations of Japanese by camp directors showed the latter pleading with the evacuees to change their answers from "No" to "Yes" on a question concerning loyalty to the United States. Young Japanese in particular were urged to assert their loyalty so they could be released for work in American communities. (5) National Youth Administration has set up two camps in Minnesota for Japanese boys and girls from 16 to 25 where they are to be trained in vital well-paying industrial work. Travel expenses are to be paid by WRA while the NYA will pay all students' expenses and an additional \$15.90 per month during training. (6) Practically every Japanese evacuee is convinced that an invasion of the United States is planned by the Japanese Naval forces sometime this summer and before October 1. (7) The camp directors, many of them recruited from the WPA, are anxious to release Japanese despite their assertions that they are not loyal to the United States. Washington TIMES-HERALD. 5/28/43, by Willard Edwards.

Jack Carberry reports interview with Committee investigators, (1) Evacuees refused to unload coal; (2) WRA Staff participated in banquet for and tried to protect Charles Takahashi, "who is under a four-year Federal prison sentence for having sold scrap iron to Japan..." (3) Granada residents drive own cars; (4) "white workers" at Minidoka forced to clear sagebrush because evacuees refused to do so, Denver POST, 5/29/43.

Stripling says, "...we have no evidence of proper check being made by the War Relocation Authority before releasing Japanese..." UP, 5/29/43

Stripling reveals many graduates of Tokyo espionage school (North American School of Military Virtue) being released. AP, numerous papers, 5/29/43.

Stripling states, "There is no way of determining how many are loyal and how many are loyal to Japan. An army checkup through the medium of questionnaires sent to all Japanese males between 17 and 37 years in relocation centers disclosed 24 per cent vowed allegiance to Japan." Washington POST, by Francis Connor, 5/30/43. Similar story in Washington STAR, and UP dispatch, same date.

"Investigators" state, The 85,000 Japanese in relocation centers are among the best fed civilians in the world. A week's shipment to Manzanar from the Quartermaster Depot at Mira Loma, California, included 22,000 lbs. of white potatoes, 1,330 lbs. of coffee, 12,000 lbs. of hard wheat flour, (21 additional types of food listed). AP and UP, numerous papers, 5/31/43, similar story, Los Angeles EXAMINER, by Ray Richards, Washington TIMES-HERALD 6/1/43.

Stripling states (indirectly quoted) (1) 40,000 Japanese are at large in the United States. (2) The American loyalty of none of them is certain. (3) Many are on record as openly disloyal. (4) Unknown numbers have been trained in Japan as saboteurs. (5) 23,000 of the total at large never were confined. Detroit TIMES, by Ray Richards, 5/31/43.

First committee report will point out, according to Stripling, "That the Japanese, including the brazenly disloyal, are always well supplied with everything, even though a military cantonment here and there may run short of various items at times. The report will also include the observations of the investigators that the Japanese mostly live in idleness..." New York JOURNAL AMERICAN, 6/1/43, by Ray Richards.

Directory Myer denies Black Dragon espionage school graduates released. Los Angeles TIMES, 6/1/43, (buried in body of story). Says charge "show 'complete ignorance', New York SUN, 6/1/43, AP (23 scattered papers), 6/1/43, INS (two papers), 6/1/43, UP (five papers), 6/1/43.

Dies Committee "injects note of alarm into the Government's effort to deal fairly with (evacuees)." CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, by Mary Hornaday, 6/1/43.

House Appropriations committee "plans investigation of War Department's request for \$271,000,000 to handle war prisoners with the aim of determining the extent to which fund will be shared by WRA." UP, 6/1/43, Denver POST, 6/2/43.

Stripling states he has evidence "many Japanese released...have been trained in espionage and sabotage..." AP, 6/1/43.

WRA says evacuees rationed like everyone else. Washington POST, by Mary Spargo, 6/1/43.

Quartermaster report released by Stripling shows following amounts of food per person shipped to Manzanar: (1)  $11\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. of meat; (2) 9 lbs. of potatoes; (3)  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of granulated sugar; (4)  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. each of brown and powdered sugar. New York PM, 6/1/43.

Stripling states, "The committee is investigating information that the War Relocation centers are "heavily staffed" with Caucasian conscientious objectors to war. New York JOURNAL AMERICAN, San Francisco EXAMINER, by Ray Richards, 6/2/43.

Rep. Starnes states evacuees in centers permitted gas for pleasure driving. UP, 6/2/43

Rep. Starnes states "size and deadliness of the Japanese Butoku-Kai organization in the United States exceeds anything ever learned of the widely publicized German-American Bund youth movement." San Francisco EXAMINER, by Ray Richards, 6/3/43.

Rep. Starnes states, (1) The evacuees are permitted use of their automobiles for pleasure driving and have no trouble securing gas. (2) They are allowed five gallons of whiskey per person. (3) They receive

\$50. from the WRA in addition to clothing and transportation when they leave relocation centers to take jobs. Many make a practice of working a short time, then returning to the camp and leaving again to benefit a second time from the \$50-leave-taking present. Washington TIMES HERALD, 6/4/43, UP, 6/3/43.

Rep. Thomas writes Director Myer, attributing "wholesale release" to a "wild desire on the part of Dillon Myer to create another social experiment." Washington TIMES HERALD, 6/4/43. Los Angeles TIMES, by Warren B. Francis, 6/4/43.

WRA head tries to have house committee "gag" Robert Stripling, "brushes aside suggestion that further releases be deferred till Committee makes report in letter to Dies committee members. Los Angeles TIMES, by Warren B. Francis, 6/5/43.

Other congressional items:

Representative Sheppard (D-Calif.) opposes return of Japanese to West Coast. Los Angeles TIMES, Los Angeles EXAMINER.

Senator Chandler exposes "penalty and reward system" of WRA to persuade Japanese to retract their testaments stating disloyalty to United States. Ray Richards, San Francisco EXAMINER, 5/30/43.

Fight on Japanese pushed by West Coast congressmen. Warren B. Francis, Los Angeles TIMES, 6/3/43.

EMPLOYMENT - -

Around fifty evacuees have made home for themselves in state of Wisconsin. AP, La Crosse, Wisconsin TRIBUNE, 5/26/43.

Americans of Japanese ancestry available for jobs on farms, according to M. C. Geuther of WRA Chicago Office, who came to Bloomington, Illinois, to check on labor needs in McClean County. PANTAGRAPH 5/25/43.

Five hundred and three evacuees leave Granada in one month to take outside jobs. Denver POST, 6/1/43, Denver NEWS, 6/2/43, INS Omaha, Nebraska, WORLD HERALD, 6/2/43, Rocky Mountain NEWS, 6/2/43.

Evacuees favored to come to Indiana to relieve labor shortage. Ft. Wayne JOURNAL GAZETTE, 6/3/43, Indianapolis STAR, 6/3/43.

Lake County Industrial Union Council, representing all CIO unions in country, favors use of Japanese Americans in industry. Gary, Indiana, POST TRIBUNE, 5/26/43.

Idaho agriculture wage board to hold public hearing in Preston to determine farm laborers' pay including evacuees. Boise, Idaho STATESMAN, 5/27/43.

Utah Copper Company Bingham Open Pit Miners' Union, CIO, protest employment of evacuees. Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 5/29/43.

In view of miners' protest WRA to limit such employment to less than the 50 such workers already on payroll. Salt Lake City DESERT NEWS. 5/29/43.

#### PUBLIC ATTITUDES

##### Editorials      Hostile to Evacuees

As evidence of Dies Committee is developed there is more conclusive proof of need of careful supervision of these treacherous enemies in our midst. Bakersfield, California, CALIFORNIAN, 5/21/43.

No judicial or scientific method of determining Jap's loyalty or harmlessness. Would be distracting attention from war effort and waste to attempt test. San Antonio, Texas, LIGHT, 5/25/43.

DeWitt scarcely in need of sneering solicitude of Japanese in re-location projects, in reference to editorial appearing in Granada Pioneer. Sacramento BEE, 5/26/43.

American-born Japanese may run afoul of laws against treason if he tries any tricks. Biloxi, Mississippi, Herald, 5/26/43.

Native Sons of Golden West suggest exchange of Japanese evacuees for American war prisoners. Why not? Oakland, California POST ENQUIRER, 5/27/43.

No upset of DeWitt's policy is wanted. Stockton, California, RECORD 5/27/43.

Seems that these interned Japanese could subsist on little plainer food. Altoona, Pa., TRIBUNE, 5/27/43.

Pressure groups shedding tears for Japanese are not "getting" General DeWitt, but may achieve their real purpose if people of West Coast do not keep on alert. San Francisco NEWS, 5/27/43.

Bleeding hearts and humanitarians working for a "cause" have been out to get General DeWitt's scalp. San Diego, California, UNION, 5/28/43.

General DeWitt has proved wisdom in Japanese policy. Los Angeles TIMES, 5/28/43.

Question of Japanese is minor indeed in total job of commanding Western Defense Area. San Francisco CHRONICLE, 5/28/43.



West is against return of any Japanese. Sacramento BEE, 5/28/43.

Cartoon showing Japanese in relocation center pledging "arregiance" to flag with their fingers crossed. Los Angeles, EXAMINER, 5/28/43.

Believe DeWitt saved from riots and bloodshed by efficient handling of Japanese. Seattle TIMES, 5/29/43.

Three good and sufficient reasons why Japanese should not be released from relocation centers. Yakima Washington HERALD, 5/29/43.

Careful Dies investigation into relocation centers ought to reveal it in its true significance. New Haven, Connecticut REGISTER, 5/29/43.

Why has segregation of loyal from disloyal taken so long? New Orleans TIMES PICAYUNE, 5/29/43.

WRA alibi for swimming pool extravagance false. American taxpayers, not Japanese evacuees, will pay for it. Denver POST, 5/29/43.

No change is wanted in DeWitt's Japanese stand. Fresno BEE, 5/20/43.

Roane Waring's recommendation that administration of centers be turned over to Army should be given careful consideration. Seattle TIMES, 5/30/43.

Dangerous plan to free disloyal Japanese. Sacramento BEE, 6/1/43.

Mistake to have put WRA relocation center near Tule Lake area. Advantages overshadowed by fact it has concentrated thousands of persons of questionable loyalty within short distances of coast facing Pacific and Japan. Klamath Falls HERALD AND NEWS, 6/1/43.

Why does Washington ignore Coasts peril? San Francisco EXAMINER, 6/2/43.

#### Favorable to Evacuees

Factual and unbiased survey of Japanese problem as presented in series by Mary Ellen Leary in NEWS reveals no such extreme conditions as advocates of both sides of argument have advanced. San Francisco NEWS, 5/25/43.

Rumors of abandonment of Minidoka center and that Japanese will be spread into agricultural areas surely must have good reason if true. FBI in charge of all transfers of Japanese and we can trust process to be safe and sure. Boise Idaho STATESMAN, 5/26/43.

Entitled to earnest consideration of all Americans is credo of Heart Mountain army volunteers. Public should judge them by results. Hollywood Citizen NEWS, 5/25/43.

Prefer to accept judgment of General Marshall as to what strategy shall be followed on West Coast than to accept judgment of DeWitt or Congressman Thomas. Hollywood California CITIZEN NEWS, 5/27/43.

Referring to letters received from Nisei to OREGONIAN, says their testimony is their own comment. If you can close your reason to this, your heart, your conscience, your humanity you are deaf dumb and blind. And the Lord pity you for the seeds of strife are in you still. OREGONIAN 5/27/43.

University of Utah president clears record on Japanese in report that University is overrun by Japanese students. Hopes that stand taken by University reflects care being exercised in other public establishments facing a similar problem. Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 5/28/43.

Report on Governor Osborn's fact finding committee on relocation of Japanese an unfortunate one because by the very blindness of its language it seeks to stop the government from doing almost exactly what the committee wants done. Tucson Arizona STAR, 5/28/43.

Government plan of employing and relocating Japanese in areas having labor shortage will benefit evacuees and make available to the country several thousand persons for employment on farms and in industry. Albuquerque New Mexico JOURNAL, 5/29/43.

American Japanese should have opportunity to give their best to their native or adopted land during the war. Their hopes for the future are no different from other Americans. Terre Haute Indiana STAR, 5/29/43.

Great many people will side with DeWitt in attitude on Japanese Americans. We only hope events prove him wrong. Wichita Falls Texas TIMES, 5/30/43.

Present experience to loyal Japanese must be cruel test. Are not we subjecting them to greater temptation to turn their backs on their foster country? St Louis POST DISPATCH, 5/30/43.

Article in Christian Science Monitor written by a "nisei" should be read by many Americans. Especially by those who have let their thoughts run wild concerning treachery of "all Japanese". Birmingham Alabama AGE HERALD, 5/31/43.

If General Emmons is placed in command of Western mainland defenses his knowledge of air warfare and his experience in Hawaii fit him admirably for Pacific Coast command. Portland Oregon OREGON JOURNAL, 5/29/43.

Hostile statements and resolutions:

WRA dishonest; Army should control centers, Roane T. Waring, National Commander American Legion. Wire service dispatches in 14 scattered papers.

Vegetable crops increase despite Japanese evacuation, Harold Ryan, County Agricultural Commissioner. Los Angeles TIMES, 5/26/43.

WRA lax in securing employment for evacuees in impractical manner under private sponsorship, Pacific Coast Japanese Problem Conference. Wire service dispatches in 10 papers, mostly California.

Stands firm on view that Japanese should be deprived of citizenship, Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles. Los Angeles TIMES, 5/27/43.

Kibei to play part in Japanese invasion which is certain to come; Hearst papers complimented for vigil, Dr. Chung, Korean National Front Federation. Los Angeles EXAMINER, 5/28/43.

Forest sabotage feared by Japanese if returned to Coast, Joseph Elliot, supervisor Modoc National Forest. San Francisco NEWS, 5/28/43, Oakland POST INQUIRER, 5/29/43.

15,000 American educated Japanese now being trained in Japan for purposes of sabotage if invasion comes, James R. Young, INS correspondent. San Francisco EXAMINER, 5/31/43.

Some American Japanese who "had leaned toward American loyalty" have become pro-Japanese since Pearl Harbor, FBI agent. Sacramento BEE, 6/2/43.

Oppose release of Japanese, Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officials. AP, Richmond, Va., NEWS LEADER, San Francisco EXAMINER, 6/3/43.

Opposes importation of evacuees into Nevada, Governor Carville, UP, Rocky Mountain NEWS, 6/3/43.

FEATURE ARTICLES +---+

Clippings on last week's Tule Lake feature articles received from twenty-two additional papers. Two new Tule Lake feature articles were received. Harry Johansen, Oakland California POST ENQUIRER 5/26/43, writes very favorable story on centers. Don Thomas Oakland TRIBUNE 5/24/43, 5/26/43, 5/27/43, gives unbiased report.

Japanese American unit at Shelby. Officers praise soldiers highly

for zeal, for military training, sports, and sociability. Excel as combat unit. Have made name for themselves in athletics, music and in war bond buying. Photograph showing Japanese American soldiers buying bonds with caption "Americans of Japanese parentage all out for war." New York TIMES 6/6/43.

COLUMNISTS --

Majority of Californians hate Japanese. Westbrook Peglar, "Fair Enough", San Francisco NEWS 5/27/43.

One of the most cheering bits of news is that Japanese Americans are being repatriated to America. The action of evacuation was clearly unconstitutional. We have great rejoicing that this great wrong is gradually being undone. "Lee Casey", Rocky Mountain NEWS, 6/3/43.

Two sets of questions on which to disagree in relation to Japanese. Whether Japanese Americans should be released to join army or to farms in middle east and west. "Lookout", Pasadena California POST, 5/29/43.

What accounts for sudden outbreak of campaign against immediate return of evacuees? "Lookout", Pasadena California POST 5/30/43.

Pacific Coast also fears that Japanese will return after the war. Coast citizens have always believed that they should be scattered over the entire land when peace comes and not concentrated on the coast. Damon Runyon, "The Brighter Side", New York City MIRROR 5/31/43. San Francisco EXAMINER 5/31/43. Idaho Daily STATESMAN 6/3/43.

It is strange that the greatest experts on the subject of Japanese in U. S. are not people of the Pacific coast who have known the Japanese all their lives but newcomers and transient easterners or southerners who have briefly viewed evacuees in centers and then issued reports and recommendations. Damon Runyon "The Brighter Side", Idaho Daily STATESMAN 6/4/43.

MILITARY ----

Lieut. General DeWitt transfer

Representative Richard J. Welsh (Rep. Calif.) quoted as saying DeWitt to be removed from Western Defense Command because of policy of "treatment of Japanese" and Lieut. General Delos Emmons to be successor. AP, 7 scattered papers; INS 3 California papers. The San Francisco CALL BULLETIN (5/26/43) carried two page story on report of shift, with emphasis on West Coast stand on DeWitt policies.

Statement laid to Gen. DeWitt in San Francisco CALL BULLETIN 5/25/43, "

"Bring the Japs back and we'll bury them." an error. It was made by Representative Anderson. San Francisco CALL BULLETIN, 5/28/43.

Stimson denies disagreement with War Department cause of DeWitt's transfer. Praises DeWitt on record with command of Fourth Army and handling evacuation. UP. Sacramento BEE, Louisville Kentucky TIMES, Berkley Daily GAZETTE 5/27/43.

Lieut. General Delos Emmons will relinquish his command and be succeeded by Major Gen. Robert C. Richardson. Rumored to take over Western Defense Command. AP, wire service dispatches in 12 papers.

Lieut. General Delos C. Emmons to relinquish post on June 1. Receives distinguished service medal for his work in Hawaii, does not disclose new post but says, "there wouldn't be more pleasant place to serve than San Francisco." Wyoming State TRIBUNE. Fresno California BEE, 5/20/43.

#### Miscellaneous

A few loyal Japanese Americans married to Caucasians may be allowed to return to Pacific Coast, according to Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, in letter released by Representative Ward Johnson (Rep. Calif.). AP, Sacramento BEE, San Francisco CALL BULLETIN, Los Angeles TIMES, 5/26/43.

#### EVACUEE PROPERTY ----

War Food Administration announces it will requisition idle farm machinery, paying farmers reasonable price. "Windfall" of Japanese implements to get first attention. AP, Harrisburg, Pa., TELEGRAPH, 5/28/43.

#### MAGAZINES ----

Asia, June, 1943

Two pictures of Hawaiian combat team members -- "Hawaii's Aloha to American Soldiers of Japanese Descent."

Education for Victory (official organ of U.S. Office of Education), May 15, 1943, "War Relocation Centers"

Another of the series of articles about center education, this time on Tule Lake.

Harpers, "The Japanese-Americans in Hawaii", June, 1943, by Cecil Henry Coggins.

Hawaii's treatment of her Japanese population since Pearl Harbor, and

the people's response to this treatment, from the dismemberment of the Territorial Guard to the formation of a combat team. WRA is mentioned in passing as administering Relocation Centers --"a thankless task". American-born Japanese are now being accepted for enlistment in the army.

St. Anthony Messenger (Catholic magazine), "Minidoka", by John Bigelow, WRA Reports Officer, June, 1943.

Discussion of activities of the Catholic church at Minidoka.

LEGAL ---

Japanese Americans may legally transfer title to property owned by them in California, states Attorney Robert W. Kenny, and even alien born Japanese can convey property title. Los Angeles EXAMINER, 5/25/43, 5/26/43, San Francisco CHRONICLE, 5/26/43, UP, Seattle Washington STAR, 5/26/43.

Twenty three Japanese reported to be enemy aliens held in custody of police pending their removal to Utah where they are supposed to have jobs. Police state that Japanese have been given leave from relocation center but had no papers of any kind to show they were entitled to travel through vital defense areas. Las Vegas Nevada REVIEW JOURNAL, 5/26/43.

Governor Warren signs act protecting California against future collection of more than \$100,000. in back salaries by ex-state employees of Japanese-American ancestry. San Francisco CHRONICLE, 5/28/43.

Japanese American on indefinite leave charged before U. S. Commissioner R. H. Carter with failing to possess a draft classification card. New Orleans Louisiana TIMES PICAYUNE, 5/29/43.

ADMINISTRATIVE ---

NYA:

National Youth Agency cancels agreement to train Japanese Americans for war work. Dillon Myer states he believes decision prompted by public reaction to Dies investigation charges. UP, Idaho Daily STATESMAN 6/4/43.

NYA releases about 275 evacuees from training centers. Action announced by WRA which said it followed "recent unfounded allegations by investigator of a congressional committee." AP, Denver POST, 6/4/43.

Des Moines citizens volunteer to take into private homes 50 Japanese Americans en route to Des Moines from Manzanar after cancellation of NYA. Des Moines REGISTER, 6/3/43.

GRANADA SWIMMING POOL:

Plans for swimming pool to be constructed at Granada at estimated cost of \$50,000, according to Denver POST, 5/28/43.

WRA states government has no intention of building swimming pool but evacuees have asked to build one for themselves. If project is approved evacuees will finance it themselves. UP, Pasadena California POST, Pueblo Colorado CHIEFTAN, Butte Montana STANDARD, 5/29/43. Denver NEWS, 5/29/43.

