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SUMMARY

There was some reduction in the amount of publicity originating from the Dies Committee investigation. 444 news articles were received, contrasted with 575 last week. Comparatively few new stories were released by the Committee; most of the clippings received were based on events occurring earlier. While the week saw a decline in news stories, more editorials appeared. Editors throughout the country seem generally to have been misled by the Dies sensationalism; indeed, some editors who apparently had opposed the Committee in the past seemed to feel that Mr. Dies at last had uncovered something really significant.

The entire California delegation in the House of Representatives was reported to have endorsed a program which would prevent the entry of Japanese-American soldiers into the West Coast zone or their use in the Pacific theater of war, and Rep. Johnson of California was reported to have introduced a resolution providing for the postwar deportation of Japanese-Americans.

Arizona papers gave considerable space to public hearings of the Arizona Corporation Commission at which WRA officials testified in favor of licensing the Gila River cooperative. From newspaper accounts it appeared that the hearing degenerated into a full-fledged witch hunt of Japanese-Americans and a heated argument between WRA attorney and commission members. The latest news indicates that Gila's application has been taken under advisement by the Commission.

A fair amount of interest was shown in the Supreme Court validation of the curfew order. Some papers were confused and reported that the court had also confirmed the exclusion order.

West Coast groups passed their full quota of anti-Japanese resolutions. Among them, the California Republican State Central Committee was reported to have endorsed the Dies Committee investigation.

An anti-Japanese group in California was informed by the War Department that "it (the Department) does not subscribe" to the principal of duration detention of evacuees.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS--

Dies Committee:

Cong. Costello "nominated" as Senator from California by President of Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, as result of his record in investigating Japanese. Hollywood CITIZEN NEWS, 6/10/43.

"Thing that interested Dies committee...the most here (Los Angeles) yesterday was the scant investigation made by WRA of Japanese...released from relocation centers under its liberal 'leave' policy." Modesto BEE, 6/11/43, by George Dean.

Norris James, former press officer at Poston, tells Dies committee "how the sudden revelation of the plan to release Japanese evacuees...by Dillon S. Myer...created a state of amazement and confusion...and was followed shortly afterwards by a long 'sitdown' strike." Sacramento BEE, 6/12/43, by George Dean.

Testimony of Norris James "strongly indicated that Japanese in the Poston relocation center may have been responsible for the wreck of a troop-laden Southern Pacific train on the desert on July 27, 1943, in which two were killed and a number of Army flyers injured." San Francisco EXAMINER, 6/13/43.

Elmer Rowalt says "FBI records are checked before Japanese are released from relocation centers." UP, 6/14/43.

Director Myer to be asked "who he conferred with before setting up a system of releasing Japanese...," Chairman Costello announced. Hollywood CITIZEN, NEWS, 6/14/43.

Rep. Costello declares that Japanese now held in relocation centers under no circumstances will be allowed to return to any section of Pacific Coast for duration of war. San Diego UNION, 6/14/43, AP, 6/14/43.

Further efforts will be made by Dies subcommittee to determine whether Japanese saboteurs wrecked a Southern Pacific train last July. Pasadena POST, 6/14/43.

Arizona sherrif warns Dies subcommittee of "rioting and bloodshed if more Japanese are released from relocation centers," "and president of Salt River Valley Water Users Association of Phoenix describes attempted sabotage vital water and electric power installations. Sacramento BEE, 6/15/43.

"Civilian officials of the War Department on May 14 indicated to the

War Manpower Commission that Japanese-Americans by the thousands are to be made available for employment in vital war industries, it was reported... by an aid to the Dies committee..." Plan C, a "scheme to nullify the army's move" was originated by Director Myer and Elmer Rowalt. Ray Richards, Chicago HERALD & AMERICAN, 6/16/43.

"The nation's worst war relocation center is either Rivers, Arizona, or Heart Mountain, Wyoming," Thomas Cavett, Dies committee investigator states. UP 6/16/43.

"...evacuation was not based upon military strategy but was brought about by pressure groups of those racially prejudiced," A. L. Wirin, attorney for ACLU, tells Dies committee. UP, 6/16/43

"Every week a thousand Japanese, many of them dangerous enemy aliens capable of doing tremendous damage, are being turned loose upon the United States by the War Relocation Authority," Robert Stripling charges. AP, 6/17/43.

At least 86 papers on June 17 and 18 carried accounts of the testimony of Earl Best, former steward, who charged that secret hoards of food were stored by evacuees, some of which was traded for whiskey and chickens.

Office aids of Rep. Mundt say he will recommend definite changes in administrative policy in WRA camps. AP, 6/17/43.

Robert Stripling disclosed in Charlotte, N. C., that evacuees wasted gasoline and destroyed government property. Charlotte NEWS, 6/17/43.

Committee investigator Cavett says evacuees are issued meats and processed foods in quantities exceeding in point value those allowed civilians. INS, 6/17/43.

A 3-man Dies subcommittee visits Poston for personal inspection of camp. AP, 6/18/43.

Congressman Costello assails WRA invitation to evacuees to go directly to Washington without a definite offer of employment, basing statement on a notice on Poston's bulletin board. UP, 6/18/43.

Guy Robertson denies charges of Earl Best that food was secreted in attics at the camp and states that Best was asked to resign because he was inefficient. AP, 6/18/43, numerous papers.

Director Myer, "in March ordered the concealment of evidence of enemy activity in the Japanese war relocation centers, it was indicated today by seized files" of the JACL. Ray Richards, Hearst papers, 6/18/43.

"Apparently with permission of the War Relocation Authority" an evacuee "was allowed to describe how willingly Japanese turned to Japan when the Tokio militarists actually began to seek realization of their dream of world domination," JACL files reveal. Detroit TIMES, 6/18/43.

American Civil Liberties Union will test constitutionality of Arizona law which restricts business dealings with Japanese, A. L. Wirin tells Dies committee. UP, 6/18/43. Wirin asks return of all loyal evacuees to coast. Chicago TRIBUNE, 6/18/43.

Dies committee to present all "its evidence" on sabotage to Governors Warren and Osborn. INS, 6/18/43.

Congressman Costello "informs" Wirin that "there was plenty of it (sabotage) when the Japs landed" at Pearl Harbor. Los Angeles EXAMINER, 6/18/43.

Dies subcommittee found conditions at Poston "relatively satisfactory." AP, 6/19/43.

"Japanese school children at Poston...have little respect for the Dies subcommittee, members were told by a junior high school teacher today." UP, 6/19/43.

Testimony by Ralph Stringfellow, agent for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, implying that evacuees had stolen dynamite to blow up the aqueduct that furnishes water to Southern California, was reported by at least 50 papers on July 19.

Dies committee winds up Pacific Coast hearings "with 10-point brief charging WRA with unwise expenditure of government funds, with using too light a hand on offending Japanese evacuees and with the warning that more adequate protection should be given dams and public utilities near relocation centers." AP, UP, numerous papers, 6/20/43.

"Officers of the JACL have consulted 'liberal' attorneys regarding the prospects of forcing the United States to pay a huge indemnity after the war for confining 107,000 West Coast Japanese in war relocation centers," JACL files reveal.

Dies has been unable to prove that the JACL was subversive or that any of the evacuees released by WRA have engaged in subversive activity. New York PM, 6/24/43.

Dies committee to probe Detroit race riot; claims it has evidence that Japanese agents there had promoted racial prejudice. Washington STAR, 6/24/43.

Cong. Dies announces three Ickes' employees may be called before committee. Washington NEWS, 6/24/43.

Many of the 35 Japanese working in Washington "probably will be questioned" by the Dies committee. Washington TIMES HERALD, 6/24/43.

Other than Dies Committee:

Japanese in relocation centers "muffed a golden opportunity" in not putting forth "100 per cent effort" in picking Arizona's long-staple cotton crop, according to Senator McFarland (D.-Ariz.) upon return from visits to Rivers and Poston in company with the state commander of the American Legion. Arizona REPUBLIC, 6/20/43.

"Japanese resident subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee is to return a report to the whole committee this week on a resolution by Senator Mon C. Wallgren (D.-Wash.) directing the War Department to take charge of relocation centers..." San Francisco EXAMINER, 6/14/43.

"'At present the only good Jap is a dead Jap', Rep. Joseph O'Brien (R.-N.Y.) declared yesterday, as he expressed belief the army should take over custody of Japanese now in this country and rigorously restrict their movements." San Diego UNION, 6/15/43.

"'The Japs in this country should be placed under the immediate supervision of the Army,'" Congressman Hoffman's (R.-Mich.) reaction to Dies Committee disclosures. Washington TIMES HERALD, 6/21/43.

California delegation in the House votes formal protest against use of Japanese-American troops in Pacific, their entry into western defense zone, and return to West Coast. Los Angeles TIMES, 6/15/43. Entire California delegation endorse above program. Los Angeles TIMES, 6/16/43, San Francisco CALL BULLETIN, 6/16/43.

Rep. Leroy Johnson (R.-Calif.) will introduce legislation for postwar deportation of Japanese and establishment of a "Japanese deportation commission." 5 scattered papers.

Rep. Johnson introduces deportation resolution today (June 21) AP, Baltimore SUN, New York HERALD TRIBUNE, Schenectady, N. Y. GAZETTE, 6/22/43.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES--

Hearings of Arizona Corporation Commission on chartering the Gila River cooperative "developed into almost a full-scale investigation of the Japanese problem..." Arizona REPUBLIC, 6/15/43.

Commission chairman testifies that WRA had been advised that the attorney general's office had ruled "the venture was eligible for state license under non-profit corporation regulations." AP, Tucson STAR, 6/16/43, Arizona REPUBLIC, 6/16/43.

Witnesses for the government "charge bigotry and prejudice against hearing witnesses." Tucson STAR, 6/17/43. John H. Terry, WRA attorney, threatens "to bring damage suits against the commissioners individually" unless the commission "rescinds its previous order cancelling articles of incorporation" of the cooperative. AP, Denver POST, 6/17/43.

Commission "rejects WRA attorney's threat", says Terry's request to examine his remarks before a transcript is made is "amazing and highly unethical...should be brought to the attention of the appropriate state bar." AP, Sacramento BEE, 6/17/43.

Terry again makes compromise proposal "to take any action the commission might require to limit the operations of the cooperative to the Rivers relocation center." Commission takes case under advisement. Arizona REPUBLIC, 6/17/43.

Gila cooperative endorses compromise proposal. Arizona REPUBLIC, 6/20/43.

LEGAL--

Supreme Court Curfew Case:

"High Court Upholds Jap Curb" -- inch headlines. While tribunal did not pass directly on validity of exclusion it "had the effect of upholding the right of military authorities to remove any persons from areas where invasion is feared." Los Angeles TIMES, 6/22/43, by Warren Francis.

Discussing the Jehovah's Witnesses Supreme Court case as a "decisive victory for freedom," W. H. Lawrence in the New York TIMES (6/20/43) says that "probably the chief black mark on the nation's record was the wholesale imprisonment of Japanese and Nisei on the West Coast without regard to whether the individual himself was disloyal."

The High Court backs Japanese curfew but did not "decide the validity of evacuation regulations..." New York TIMES, 6/22/43.

Supreme Court rules unanimously that in time of threatened danger requiring prompt action, a military commander may impose a curfew upon all persons of Japanese ancestry. 12 scattered papers.

American Civil Liberties Union "has in preparation a test case which will challenge the constitutionality of the present exclusion of American citizens of Japanese descent," according to A. L. Wirin. Los Angeles TIMES, 6/22/43.

Federal Judge Fee rules that Minoru Yasui (involved in curfew case) must remain in jail pending his appeal. AP, 5 scattered papers.

American citizen of Japanese ancestry (Tsutomu Ikeda) brings action against Johnson-Pearce Commercial Company to test constitutionality of Arizona's law making it a crime to fail to publish notice of business transactions with persons whose movements are restricted. AP, Tucson STAR, 6/17/43.

Possibility of initiative measure on November general election ballot which would bar Japanese from California seen. AP, Los Angeles TIMES, 6/18/43.

Evacuee released from Rohwer (Emerson Kodani) arrested near Flossmoor, Illinois, for threatening with a pistol a chef at the club where he works. Chicago TRIBUNE, 6/21/43.

Four evacuees, in Denver in violation of their leave permits, arrested by local detectives -- first case of kind in city. Denver POST, 6/22/43.

MILITARY SERVICE--

94 American-Japanese, who were rejected by the Army for minor physical defects, seeking employment in Middle Western States, WRA Indianapolis office announces. Indianapolis STAR, 6/10/43.

General DeWitt's forthcoming assignment "will at least temporarily allow him to remain in San Francisco," Congressman Rolph of San Francisco states. San Francisco CHRONICLE, 6/15/43.

EVACUEE PROPERTY--

Other-than-Japanese owners of farm equipment warned by chairman of Fresno County Agricultural War Board that it is subject to seizure if not in use. Los Angeles TIMES, 6/17/43.

ADMINISTRATION--

WRA one of few war agencies listed in omnibus appropriations bill to escape congressional criticism as reflected by no cut of funds requested. AP and INS, 5 scattered papers, 6/16/43.

"Highlights of testimony on the appropriations bill...Among about 11,000 Japanese-Americans given work leaves from war relocation camps there has not been a single case of disloyalty to the United States." UP, Washington NEWS, 6/16/43.

In testimony released today, Director Myer told appropriation subcommittee of plan to move 30,000 evacuees during 1944. UP, Fresno BEE, Houston PRESS, Los Angeles DAILY NEWS, 6/17/43.

EDUCATION--

Japanese school children at Manzanar as patriotic as "their American counterparts" asserts Dr. A. A. Douglass, California state deputy superintendent of public instruction. INS, Santa Barbara NEWS PRESS, Stockton RECORD, 6/15/43.

INDIVIDUAL EXCLUSION--

U. S. District Judge postpones to July 8 final arguments to decide whether Mrs. Olga Schueeler of Philadelphia will have to obey Army exclusion order. Wishes time to study recent Supreme Court curfew ruling. Philadelphia RECORD, 6/23/43.

HAWAII--

More than 1,700 local persons of Japanese blood today presented check for \$10,340. with request that the money be used "to bomb Tokio." INS, Fresno BEE, 6/12/43.

EMPLOYMENT--

Milwaukee real estate board cooperates with Baptist Home Mission Society in finding a house which could be used as a hostel for evacuees. Arizona REPUBLIC, 6/20/43.

WRA halts further resettlement of evacuees in state of Arizona, according to J. H. Terry, who said his instructions from Washington ordered him to so inform Governor Osborn's special fact finding committee. UP, Las Vegas, Nevada, REVIEW-JOURNAL, 6/16/43, Arizona REPUBLIC, 6/17/43.

Jobs and rooms are still being sought "for a number of" evacuees

stranded in Minneapolis as a result of cancellation of the NYA program. Minneapolis STAR JOURNAL, 6/10/43.

Committee to investigate employment of eight evacuees in the Marbon plant in Tolleston, Indiana, appointed by members of Gary Sportsman Club which will cooperate with local American Legion committee. Gary POST TRIBUNE, 6/15/43.

In the Denver POST classified ad section, 6/20/43, four advertisements specified Japanese-Americans wanted.

MISCELLANEOUS--

Land owned by Canadian Japanese evacuees being set aside for settlement of veterans of this war. Denver POST, 6/17/43.

REPORTS--

Heart Mountain SENTINEL editorial condemning Dies committee reported with inch-high headlines, "Camp Japs Strike Back at Dies Group." Denver POST, INS, 6/15/43.

PUBLIC ATTITUDES--

Editorials:

Hostile (Based on Dies Committee testimony)

Public opinion poll of Salinas Chamber of Commerce shows return of evacuees would mean "instant trouble, riots and bloodshed." San Francisco CHRONICLE, 6/17/43.

"Nice set-up" at Heart Mountain where a "social worker takes her orders from a Japanese, Sam Nagata, boss of the camp..." Richmond, Indiana PALLADIUM-ITEM, 6/20/43.

"What's the matter with the American people" in allowing such laxity to exist? New London, Ct., DAY, 6/21/43.

The reason for the "fantastic situation" at Poston "can be laid directly at the door of administration bungling, confusion, irresolution, and every-day plain idiocy." 5 Hearst papers, 6/20/43.

Evacuees overfed while Butte miners starve for meat. Butte, Montana, STANDARD, 6/19/43.

"Certainly there must be no release that would privilege them (evacuees) to return to their former homes." Bakersfield, Calif., CALIFORNIAN, 6/14/43.

Dies committee testimony on food at Poston "proclaims gross mismanagement and suggests something worse." Waterbury, Ct., REPUBLICAN, 6/18/43.

"Probe should cover all Japanese camps." Modesto BEE, 6/11/43.

West Coast residents approve Cong. Costello's statement that "Japanese will not be returned to the Pacific Coast during the war." Sacramento BEE, 6/15/43.

A. L. Wirin, American Civil Liberties Union attorney, is a well-meaning soul, but "starry-eyed." San Francisco CHRONICLE, 6/19/43.

Another case of dreamers shoving aside practical men and "military leaders while they hoisted the American flag over their social experiments." Omaha, Neb., WORLD HERALD, 6/18/43.

"New and shocking facts are coming to light daily to prove" far sightedness of General DeWitt's exclusion order. California BEE papers, 6/15/43.

"The Dies Committee has turned up so many red herrings that its operations are open to some skepticism. Its most recent effort, however, seems to be more objective." Augusta, Mr., KENNEBEC JOURNAL, 6/18/43.

"There is no particular occasion for becoming excited over the new campaign of Chairman Dies. The chairman has switched from red to yellow." But the specific complaint that too many Japanese are being released is probably well-founded." Saboteurs from any country must be watched. Tulsa, Okla., WORLD, 6/17/43.

Comfort in Cong. Costello's assurances that no Japanese would be permitted to return to coastal states for duration of war. San Diego UNION, 6/15/43.

Dies committee probe direct result of Denver POST exposure of conditions at Heart Mountain. Denver POST, 6/13/43.

Release rules apparently formulated by "people who are unfamiliar with the extent of Japanese duplicity." Reno, GAZETTE, 6/11/43.

Rep. Mundt's suggestion that the Army control relocation centers "is the most practical suggestion yet made." Memphis, Tenn., COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 6/11/43.

"We cannot be sure" of the loyalty of the majority of evacuees. Seattle TIMES, 6/13/43.

Dies committee reports administration of camps "has not been

satisfactory." American people object to paying heavy taxes to teach judo to "interned Japs." Denver POST, 6/21/43.

Hostile (Based on sources other than Dies Committee)

Mistake to return evacuees (based on War Department letter). San Francisco EXAMINER, 6/16/43, Pittsburgh SUN TELEGRAPH, 6/21/43, Milwaukee SENTINEL, 6/18/43.

This is not time to break down exclusion barriers. California BEE papers, 6/16/43.

The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court upholding all the acts of Gen. John L. DeWitt (erroneous assumption)...is heartening news for the Pacific Slope..." Los Angeles TIMES, 6/22/43.

General DeWitt's doing all right - Californians support him in his wish to exclude evacuees. Pacific RURAL PRESS, 6/12/43.

Sympathetic

Dies committee method of examining policy of handling Japanese-Americans is "more apt to spread suspicion and distrust...than to make any careful search for remediable weaknesses." Wheeling, W. VA., NEWS REGISTER, 6/20/43.

The United States must not resort to barbarism in dealing with its Japanese population. Hollywood, Calif., CITIZEN NEWS, 6/17/43.

The Dies committee is more likely to make the Japanese-American question worse than it is to uncover dangers to the nation not already well known to the FBI and other similar agencies. St Paul, Minn., PIONEER PRESS, 6/16/43.

The "inscrutable expression" of orientals is largely "a literary fiction." Des Moines, Iowa, REGISTER, 6/17/43.

Released Japanese-Americans have a right to be free to do useful work "for their, and our native land." Decatur, Illinois, HERALD, 6/16/43.

Bitter discussions about Japanese-Americans "only serve to promote disunity and reduce our fighting power." Portland, Oregon, OREGON JOURNAL, 6/12/43.

The Dies committee "has found a field in which it has a good chance to work new and more serious mischief." Minneapolis, Minn., STAR JOURNAL, 6/14/43.

Alabama Senate's "action in defeating a bill which would have prohibited Japanese and their descendants from owning property in this state proves that war hysteria is not ruling the minds of these legislators." Anniston, Ala., STAR, 6/18/43.

Supreme Court decision on curfew "sets up a discrimination hard to accept in connection with citizenship and civil liberties as defined by the constitution." Springfield, Mass., REPUBLICAN, 6/22/43.

"In upholding the authority of a military commander to enforce a curfew upon American citizens of Japanese ancestry, the Supreme Court has performed a duty for which it obviously had little relish." Washington POST, 6/25/43.

In refusing to visit Heart Mountain, Senator Robertson did the "expected." The Senator "only represents the chosen few in our national congress." Lovell CHRONICLE, 5/17/43.

Columnists:

In agreement with War Department's letter approving return to California of certain categories of persons of Japanese descent and in disagreement with belligerent attitude of certain California Congressmen and civic bodies. By Chester Rowell, San Francisco CHRONICLE, 6/15/43.

Return of evacuees to West Coast inadvisable. By Malcolm Epley, "Today's Roundup", Klamath Falls, Oregon, HERALD & NEWS, 6/17/43.

"America, with its contempt for pagan racial doctrines of the Nazis, has not solved racial problems here, " for instance, American Legion post resolutions for internment of all American citizens of Japanese descent, by William Evjue, "Hello Wisconsin," 6/18/43.

In considering the charges of mismanagement against WRA, let's not "make worse the plight of those entrusted to the care of the WRA." by Lee Casey, Rocky Mountain NEWS, 6/18/43.

Written debate between James R. Young, author, and Roger Baldwin, ACLU, on "Is Internment of Japanese-Americans Constitutional?" "Wake Up America". San Francisco CHRONICLE, 6/20/43.

"Sensational disclosures are expected soon on the operations of the War Relocation Authority..." New York MIRROR, 6/21/43.

Features:

Pictures showing relocation center life appeared in seven scattered papers. Among these was an AP wirephoto showing Dies Committee members inspecting Poston.

A story by Jack Stevens about the experiences of a former tennis star as a Japanese prisoner quotes the star as saying, "Everyone connected with the movement to release Japs from relocation centers should be ashamed of himself." Milwaukee SENTINEL, 6/19/43, Los Angeles EXAMINER, 6/19/43.

The Washington DAILY NEWS (6/24 et seq.) carried a series of four favorable NEA articles on Jerome, Manzanar, Gila and Poston.

Letters to newspapers:

24 letters received, 20 hostile, 4 sympathetic, all in either Arizona or California papers.

Resolutions, statements, etc.:

Hostile

Among the California organizations which were reported this week to have passed anti-Japanese resolutions of one sort or another were the following:

Bar-Le-Duc post, American Legion; Northern California Peace Officers' Association; California Savings & Loan League; California State Grange executive committee; Southern California Republican Women; East Pasadena Post, American Legion; Reedley Chamber of Commerce; Yolo County Unit, Associated Farmers; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Roseville Post; Yolo Board of Supervisors; California State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Elks; Pasadena Board of City Directors; Fresno Post, American Legion; Fresno Lodge of Eagles; County Treasurers Association of California; Republican State Central Committee.

The State Grange urged deportation after the war; one Veterans of Foreign Wars post urged holding WRA officials "individually responsible for any act of sabotage" which might be committed by "released evacuees"; several groups charged that WRA is sending out form letters indiscriminately seeking character references for evacuees; the Republican State Central Committee endorsed the Dies Committee investigation.

American Legion committee assembling anti-Japanese statements for presentation "to Washington" receives hundred of letters and resolutions. Los Angeles EXAMINER, 6/18/43.

Salinas Chamber of Commerce has questioned 900 residents and found them "almost unanimously against return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast during the war." San Francisco CHRONICLE, 6/16/43, San Francisco EXAMINER, San Francisco NEWS, 6/15/43.

Pacific Coast Japanese Problem League, formed "to combat the release of Japanese," receives letter from Col. Scobey saying, in part, "The War

Department does not subscribe to the view stated in the resolution (duration detention)." San Diego UNION, 6/16/43.

"California cities and communities are almost unanimously demanding that the Japanese who are now in relocation centers never be allowed to return to California." UP, Mobile, Ala., REGISTER, 6/16/43.

National County Officials Association in convention at Omaha, Nebr., endorses strict control of centers and requirement that residents "maintain themselves from their own available private assets." Fresno BEE, 6/15/43.

State convention of New Hampshire American Legion: National president of Legion Auxiliary demands firmer control of evacuees. Boston POST, 6/19/43. Convention passes resolution urging army control of relocation centers for "interned Japanese." Concord, N. H., MONITOR, 6/19/43, Manchester, N. H., UNION, 6/21/43.

California Senate committee investigation: Meets at Modesto for "organization and investigation" session. Hears witnesses from veterans' organizations who oppose return of evacuees, either now or after war, 8 papers, mostly West Coast. To meet at Turlock and Merced next, AP, San Francisco EXAMINER, 6/16/43. Questionnaires filled out by more than 500 Turlock residents to be submitted to committee almost unanimous in opposition to returning any Japanese during war, most favoring deportation. UP, Sacramento BEE, 6/16/43. Participants at Turlock hearing adopt resolution "expressing opposition to reintroduction of any Japanese into the Pacific Coast area," Modesto BEE, San Francisco NEWS, 6/18/43. Commander of State American Legion tells committee that "Japanese naval officers have all information available about California coastal waters because they once were allowed to fish there." UP, San Francisco NEWS, 6/17/43.

"Only way to treat Japanese is to put them behind barbed wire 24 hours a day," says 24 year old Phoenix veteran of South Pacific. AP, Tucson STAR, 6/19/43.

"We should stop coddling our enemies in this country," referring to evacuees, says director of the American Legion National Americanism Commission speaking to members of the Nashville, Tenn., Exchange Club. Nashville, Tenn., BANNER, 6/17/43.

Americans have turned "soft" in treatment of American-born Japanese, commander of Ohio Department of the American Legion. Cleveland PRESS, 6/19/43.

Urges army control of release program, National Commander of the American Legion speaking in Boston. INS, Jackson, Miss., CLARION-LEDGER. Boston HERALD, 6/17/43.

Statements by State Governors

Governor Earl Warren's statements to the annual Governors conference that the release of evacuees may lead "to a second Pearl Harbor in California," was reported by 9 papers in addition to those mentioned last week.

Governor Osborn of Arizona "says residents of his State believe American-born Nipponese should be sent back, after the war, to the States whence they came." AP dispatch appearing in 13 papers, mostly central and southern states, separate news stories in Los Angeles EXAMINER and TIMES.

Governor Moses of N. D. opposes use of Japanese labor. Grand Fords, N. D. HERALD, 6/15/43.

Governor Ford of Montana declares "Jap internees should not be fed at the expense of Butte's copper miners (indirect quotation)." Butte STANDARD, 6/18/43.

Sympathetic

Baptist student retreat urges that some youths now held in relocation centers "be provided for in southern schools and colleges." Charlotte, N. C., OBSERVER, 6/18/43.

Northern California-Nevada conference of Methodist Church favors release of loyal Japanese-Americans. AP, 5 western papers, 6/15/43.

Advocates resettlement and opposes bar to Japanese immigration and naturalization after war, Illinois Methodist conference. AP, Decatur, Illinois, HERALD, 6/19/43.

Director Myer writes Women's Republican Study Club of Los Angeles that releases of evacuees will continue. Los Angeles EXAMINER, 6/16/43.

Leaders among Japanese-American Christians to feature Sunday evening services at Denver First Baptist Church. Denver POST, 6/17/43.