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SUMMARY

A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR correspondent found the emphasis this week was shifting from the Tule Lake center itself to the "somewhat more calm and judicial precincts of a congressional committee room in Washington, D. C." Reports on new developments at the center were limited to the discovery of a "moonshine" still, plus a quantity of illegally manufactured whisky and saki, and an increase in the Army guard, which local community residents explained as due to "continued unrest" of the evacuees under Army control.

In Washington the Dies sub-committee hearings opened with criticism of WRA laxity at Tule Lake by Rep. Clair Engle of California and Dr. John T. Mason, former senior medical officer at the center. Rep. Costello, chairman of the investigating committee, disagreed with Rep. Engle's proposal to place the Tule Lake center under permanent military control, but advocated that Director Myer be replaced by a "man better qualified to establish and enforce discipline."

Demands for permanent Army control at Tule Lake and the other centers received a set back when War Department representatives, before both a Senate Military Affairs committee hearing and a Western tri-state congressional meeting, expressed the reluctance of the department to take over such a job. The Justice Department also reacted negatively to suggestions for its supervision of the centers.

In Arizona the State Supreme Court studied the validity of Arizona's "anti-Japanese" law requiring public notice of business relationship with persons whose movements are restricted because of the war. A letter was submitted from Attorney General Biddle stating that the law conflicts with the Federal civil rights statutes.

Antagonistic editors and contributors continued to denounce WRA's laxity and coddling at Tule Lake, although a larger number of them are now making it a point to differentiate between the disloyalists at Tule Lake and the loyal evacuees at the other centers. The Los Angeles TIMES carried a questionnaire to enable its readers to cast their vote on what should be done about the Japanese problem at Tule Lake and throughout the country. Latest reports found the editor "snowed under" with answers.

In California, the Assembly committee on the Japanese problem, headed by Assemblyman Chester Gannon of Sacramento, has commenced an investigation of the Pasadena chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, which has been charged with disseminating pro-Japanese literature.

TULE LAKE

S. F. CALL-BULLETIN report of current Tule Lake developments headlines fact that Army troops "tote garbage at Tule" according to a Tule Lake civilian spokesman. 11/22/43

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR correspondent, Rodney L. Brink, finds emphasis shifting from the environs of Tule Lake to the somewhat more calm and judicial precincts of a congressional committee room in Washington, D. C." Finds "passions run high" among West Coast populace where "pent-up animosity has been fanned by hate-breeding newspaper editorials, and aggravated by cruelty stories coming back from Japanese war fronts." 11/24/43

"WRA Planning Liberty for Tule Japanese" (headline). WRA regional director, Robert Cozzens, describes "tentative plan" for procedure to release, on indefinite leave, some of the segregees who followed their families when their parents listed themselves as disloyal, but against whom there is no record. Declares "there won't be anyone permanently released from Tule Lake who would be dangerous to the internal security of the nation." INS, L. A. EXAMINER, 11/25/43

Unofficial sources report that Army troops at Tule Lake have been "substantially increased". Army gives no reasons, but community residents say it is common knowledge that unrest in the center is continuing. Residents also disclose that WRA disposed of approximately 500 acres of crops planted by the evacuees at "extremely low" prices to local farmers. S. F. BULLETIN, 11/26/43, INS, L. A. EXAMINER, 11/27/43. UP version of the release reports local residents as saying they know of the additional troops but had not heard of any current outbreak at the center. S. F. CHRONICLE, Philadelphia, Pa. RECORD, 11/27/43.

Army censorship at Tule Lake is reported tighter than ever, but Tule Lake residents and former WRA employes explain that the additional troops are for the "obvious purpose" of completing a house-by-house inspection of the center, necessary to "clean out all the contraband known to be in Japanese barracks." New developments include plans by the Assembly Committee on Japanese Problems for an inquiry into the activities of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, the WRA handling of Japanese, and secret storage by evacuees of farm equipment. L. A. EXAMINER, 11/27/43

"WRA Under Increasing Fire" (headline). Lawrence E. Davies, N. Y. TIMES reporter finds progress of "campaign" for military control, begun by West Coast residents with the opening of the first relocation center in 1942, has been marked by several investigations by legislative and Congressional committees and helped by Hearst and other individual papers, as well as by organizations such as the American Legion and Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West. Points out that Army control of the centers would not necessarily mean the end of the permanent leave system for the evacuees as it is unconstitutional to detain forcibly any American citizens of Japanese ancestry against whom no disloyalty can be shown. N. Y. TIMES, 11/28/43

A large still and a quantity of illegally manufactured whisky and saki are discovered by Army authorities at the Tule Lake center according to California State Liquor Administrator, George H. Stout, who adds that investigation of the matter has been taken out of state hands by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

UP, Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 11/30/43 and Nevada State JOURNAL, 12/1/43

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Rep. Clair Engle of California introduces a resolution in the House for the permanent control of the Tule Lake center by the War Department; states WRA has "shown its inability properly or effectively to administer the camp where Japanese disloyal to this country have been segregated." AP, Arkansas GAZETTE, 11/25/43, S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/25/43. Ray Richards story adds Rep. Engle's comment that with Tule Lake under Army administration it may be easier to convince Congress of the need for Army or Justice Department control of the other relocation centers. Richards sees "shadows of official oblivion gathering about WRA Director Dillon Myer." S. F. EXAMINER, L. A. EXAMINER, Baltimore NEWS & POST, 11/25/43, N. Y. JOURNAL & AMERICAN, 11/26/43

Senate Military Affairs Committee hears testimony on Tule Lake from Rep. Clair Engle, WRA Director Myer and several War Department witnesses including Maj. Gen. Miller White, Assistant Chief of Staff. Defers action on pending bill (introduced by Senators Wallgren of Washington and Holman of Oregon) for Army control of the center, in face of "stout" Army opposition to the move. AP, Wash. D.C. POST, L. A. TIMES, 11/25/43. Ray Richards version claims Army's stand had been expected "because New Deal civilian personnel of the War Department long ago joined the Administration's attempt to protect WRA. Adds statement of committee chairman, Senator Sheridan Downey of California, that "we have heard the statements of both Congressman Engle and Mr. Myer, and I am sure that we all believe Mr. Engle, and not Mr. Myer." L. A. EXAMINER, Baltimore NEWS & POST, 11/25/43

Senator Downey informs Senate Military Affairs Committee he will go to Calif. to make a personal investigation of the Tule Lake center. Report also lists Breckenridge Long, Assistant Secretary of State, as one of witnesses at the committee's hearing. UP, Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 11/25/43 and S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/26/43.

California congressional delegation issues invitations to the State, War and Justice Departments to send representatives to a tri-state meeting of the entire delegations of California, Oregon and Washington on the "Japanese resident menace." Rep. John Costello of California states "it may be that the War Department will be able to swing enough weight in Congress to kill the project of military control for the camps"; suggests Department of Justice control might be the "best substitute" in such an event. Ray Richards story, L. A. EXAMINER, 11/27/43

"Senator Johnson of Calif. Hits Admission of Chinese" in discussion of bill passed by the Senate for repeal of the Chinese Exclusion act; bases his stand on economic grounds that embraced all Asiatic races, and more particularly the Japanese. S. F. EXAMINER, 11/27/43

Attorney General Biddle, WRA Director Myer, Maj. Gen. Miller G. White of the War Dept. and Bernard Gufler of the State Dept. are given "stormy reception" at tri-state congressional meeting. Western legislators, says the report, demanded "sweeping changes" in the conduct of the evacuee program. Attorney Gen.

Biddle registered the opposition of the Justice Department to any stern measures and the State Dept. representative cautioned the legislators against complicating the difficulties in arranging for repatriation of Americans held in Japan. The War Dept. renewed its reluctance to take over the administration of the centers, and Director Myer "continued to maintain the bulk of the evacuees at Tule Lake are trustworthy and law-abiding." L. A. TIMES, 11/28/43

West Coast Congressional delegations are "persuaded" to defer resolutions for correction of the Japanese relocation situation by Attorney Gen. Biddle and "other figures of the New Deal"; meeting adopts motion to appoint another investigating committee. "WRA is in its twilight" says Rep. Richard J. Welch of California. Ray Richards story, Baltimore, Md. AMERICAN, 11/28/43

Rep. Clarence Lea, chairman of the Western delegates group, says committee members desire a more satisfactory control of the relocation centers, but have not decided just what method of control to recommend as yet. Washington, D.C. STAR, 11/28/43

"Army Balks at Rule Over Japanese Camp" (headline). Rep. Costello says "the Army feels it (the Tule Lake center) is not within its sphere and questions why it should be called upon to take over the camp." Report adds that the Justice Dept. is opposing any move to classify Tule Lake with the eleven enemy alien internment camps now under the Attorney General's jurisdiction. UP, N.Y. TIMES, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 11/29/43

#### Dies Committee

Dies sub-committee, headed by Rep. John M. Costello of California, will open public hearings Monday, Nov. 29, on conditions at the Tule Lake center. AP, OREGONIAN, 11/23/43

Unspecified "offices of the Dies House Committee" promise WRA Director Myer will be asked 100 pointed questions, which he will not be allowed to evade by "a long harangue on the virtues of the Japanese people", when he takes the stand at the hearings of the sub-committee. Ray Richards adds that Director Myer, "in his previous appearances before the Dies committee, passed to subordinate the blame for all the authority's grave errors." S. F. EXAMINER, N.Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 11/26/43

UP report states that first witnesses at the Dies sub-committee hearings will include a surgeon who was stationed at Tule Lake when the first outbreak occurred Nov. 1, Rep. Clair Engle of California, and WRA Director Dillon S. Myer. Wash. D. C. NEWS, 11/29/43

Report emphasizes that the Dies sub-committee hearings prepare to start "amidst rumors that Japanese riots in segregation centers of the Far West will be renewed on the second anniversary of Pearl Harbor;" recalls Marzouk disturbance of last year. By Willard Edwards, Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, 11/29/43

Dr. John T. Mason, former senior medical officer at the Tule Lake center, describes Nov. 1 "riots"; deplores Director Myer's efforts to minimize the importance of the beating of Dr. Medicoré by the Japanese and his unwillingness to call in the Army that same day. States that Director Myer "warned us all to be careful what we said--that it might become an international incident." INS, N.Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, UP, Wash. D.C. NEWS, 11/29/43 and By Robert Brown, Wash. D.C. TIMES HERALD, 11/30/43

Report states that Rep. Costello, chairman of the Dies sub-committee holding hearings on the Tule Lake center, discloses that "the inquiry had indicated the riots were inspired by Tokio 'to make the American Government look bad', and that the committee had reports that leaders of the outbreaks were in radio contact with Tokio." Rep. Costello adds belief that Director Myer should be replaced by a "man better qualified to establish and enforce discipline"; has no candidate but thinks job could best be filled by a "retired Army officer with administrative experience. Disagrees with Rep. Engle's proposal to place the Tule Lake camp under military control. UP, Wash. D.C. NEWS, 12/1/43

AP, UP and INS releases recount the testimony of Rep. Clair Engle to the Dies sub-committee, laying emphasis on his charges that (1) the recent Tule Lake center disturbances were "well organized by Japanese who used a loud-speaker system to direct their activities", (2) the Japanese presented demands to WRA Director accompanied by the statement "Our demands will be met or else....", (3) that the Tule Lake Japanese-Americans stopped work and "then wanted unemployment compensation, and (4) that Chief Steward Ralph E. Peck, described by Rep. Engle as "a man with an exceptionally competent record" had been asked to resign by an assistant project director. AP, Wash. D. C. STAR, 11/30/43, UP, Wash. D.C. NEWS, and TIMES HERALD, 11/30/43, INS, S. F. EXAMINER, 12/1/43

#### PUBLIC ATTITUDES

##### Columnists

Arizona columnist comments that "sob-sister" sympathy, for the hardships experienced by the Rivers disloyal evacuees when they were shipped to Tule Lake, seems to have been wasted; "even the WRA officials would hesitate to claim the Japs are loyal or mistreated." "Petulant Palaver", Chandler ARIZONAN, 11/12/43

"...you can't swat those Japs with cream puffs to keep 'em in line", says "philosophic" columnist who offers several drastic suggestions as to how he would treat the Tule Lake segregees. "Mesquite and Cacti" by Joe Zilch, TOMBSTONE EPITAPH (Ariz.) 11/18/43

California columnist finds the "distortion of the Japanese relocation situation and the stooging by some politicians to get on the bandwagon presents a new low"; adds reminder that although the Tule Lake situation is bad, two-thirds of the evacuees in the centers are American citizens and are guaranteed certain rights by the Constitution. By Matt Weinstock, L. A. NEWS, 11/22/43

Author of "Petulant Palaver" feels loyal evacuees should realize that "white people" don't want anybody that looks like a Jap for their neighbors; criticizes those whites who are forcing relocation. Chandler ARIZONAN, 11/19/43

Chicago columnist finds the Tokio radio "still hard at work" on the Tule Lake disturbances; says "Tokio's charge that the internees were forced to work is not true, since labor in the camp was voluntary." "The Axis on the Air", By Harold Ettlinger, Chicago SUN, 11/27/43

"No Allied soldiers in Italy fight more bravely than American soldiers of Jap ancestry." "Walter Winchell in New York", Arkansas GAZETTE, 11/28/43

Drew Pearson notes that the Navy Department is "stalling" in decision on the use of about 400 Japanese-American experienced seamen for service aboard U. S.

merchants ships; all have been cleared by the FBI and Army Intelligence and the War Shipping Administration is ready to assign them to ships. "Washington Merry-Go-Round" Wash. D. C. POST, Philadelphia, Pa. RECORD, 11/26/43

Wash. D. C. columnist gives figures on Civil Service Commission investigations of persons applying for Federal jobs from July to Aug. 23, 1943; finds 313 were rejected because they were Fascists, Nazis or pro-Japanese. "U. S. and Us", by George D. Riley, Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, 11/30/43

### Editorials

#### Friendly

Michigan editor asks public "in the interest of fair play and democracy" to understand the important distinction between the Japanese in the Tule Lake center and the loyal evacuees of the other centers; declares "we owe it to ourselves to see that they are not made the victims of prejudice or unreason." Grand Rapids Mich. PRESS, 11/23/43

Illinois editor feels racial prejudices or ignorance regarding racial tensions should not be indulged in by people of any color; deplors both the "holier than thou" and the "chip on the shoulder" frame of mind." Illinois State JOURNAL and REGISTER, 11/21/43

Commenting on the plea of former Ambassador Grew that a distinction be made between enemy aliens and loyal Americans of Japanese descent, Minneapolis editor states that Mr. Grew's words were undoubtedly evoked by public reaction to the "colored accounts published by a few newspapers on the Pacific coast and by the Hearst press elsewhere." Minneapolis STAR JOURNAL 11/23/43

Florida editor finds "a general feeling that the Tule Lake incident has been over-emphasized"; says "the American people would not approve of any 'illegal and inhuman' treatment of Japanese or other internees..." and hopes that Americans in Japan will not suffer as a result of conclusions drawn by Tokio from reports of Tule Lake. Jacksonville, Fla. TIMES UNION; 11/26/43

#### Hostile

Tule Lake uprising "would never have happened had the center been in charge of the Military Police, where it belonged", is opinion of Colorado editor who also points out that the problem there is quite different from that at the other centers where the disloyal have been sifted out. Rocky Mountain NEWS, 11/6/43

Arizona editor feels "sentimental" suggestions that Americans undo the "terrible wrong" done the Japanese-American evacuees by befriending those who are relocated is only a "beautiful theory"; suggests that best solution to the resettlement problem is to "let it lie until American bitterness at Jap treachery.... is forgotten in the intoxication of victory." Phoenix GAZETTE, 11/13/43

Spanish Consul only "performing his duty under international law" when he visited Tule Lake to inquire into treatment of Japanese there, says reproving editor in answer to contributors suggestion that the Consul would have done better to probe the conditions in Spanish concentration camps. S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/17/43

Arizona editor asks his readers to picture what would happen to 15,000 American "prisoners of war" in Japan if they duplicated the example of the Tule

Lake segregees; gives his own opinion of the Tule Lake situation in strong and no uncertain terms. Brewery Gulch, Ariz. GAZETTE, 11/18/43

"Japs Find it Easy to Get Past FBI" (headline). Editor quotes newspaper reports of Manzanar project director, Ralph Merritt's explanation of the leave procedure; emphasizes fact there is no FBI investigation other than a check against their records. Greencastle, Ind. BANNER, 11/20/43 Another editorial from the same paper lists a "few" of the atrocities being committed by the "Japs" in this war and points out the Tule Lake "riot" to those "friends of good Japs" who are "entertaining them in Greencastle." 11/20/43

L. A. TIMES of 11/22/43 carries a questionnaire on the Japanese problem for its readers to answer and return. Question number 8 provides space for "other suggestions." A news clipping of 11/29/43 reports that the "Jap Question Editor" has been so "snowed under" by the storm of answers that the results cannot be tabulated as early as was formerly expected.

California editor agrees with Governor Warren's request for permanent Army control of Tule Lake; feels "revamping of WRA would merely put another crew of tender-minded heart-bleeders in charge." L. A. TIMES, 11/24/43

OREGONIAN editor finds the California Newspaper Publishers Association absolutely "justified" in its criticism of WRA's suppression of news about Tule Lake; charges that such suppression "seriously endangered American citizens in that area." 11/24/43

L. A. EXAMINER cartoon depicts a released Jap internee "WRapped for a Gift" and tagged with such notices as "handle with care, he's used to a good home", deposited on the doorstep of the American Public. 11/24/43

Wisconsin editor feels the administration of the Tule Lake center was a "farce"; urges dismissal of Director Myer. Milwaukee, Wis. JOURNAL, 11/24/43

Editorial reiterates reports of continued demonstrations and demands by the Tule Lake segregees since the Army took control; claims condition should be handled "decisively" by the Government, "such acts of disloyalty and hostility should be punishable by law." Biloxi, Miss. HERALD, 11/23/43

Editor of the Albuquerque, N. M. JOURNAL comments that American Legion demands for Army control of the "segregg camps" coincides with the opinions expressed by "some investigators of the camps and by many newspapers." 11/23/43

Two midwest editors express same general opinion that the Tule Lake outbreak was no mere demonstration of loyalty to Japan, but a Tokyo inspired plot "to bring about an incident that may be used as an excuse for increased abuse of American prisoners in Japan." Mason City, Iowa, GLOBE-GAZETTE, 11/23/43 and Minneapolis, Minn. TRIBUNE, 11/26/43

Indianapolis editor feels public is "entitled to a sweeping probe and full enlightenment" on the failure to maintain discipline at the Tule Lake center; says Dies committee should "ascertain where the blame rests for conditions at the camp." Indianapolis, Ind. STAR, 11/26/43

Four editors note with varying degrees of irony Secretary of State Cordell Hull's doubts that the Japanese will be willing to include more than a few of the Tule Lake disloyalists on an exchange list. The New Haven JOURNAL-COURIER suggests

that they all be shipped back to Japan at the end of the war when Japan will be "taking orders rather than giving them." N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 11/26/43, Boston, Mass. POST, 11/27/43, S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/27/43 and New Haven, Conn. JOURNAL COURIER, 11/29/43

OREGONIAN editor comments on speech given to a Japanese mass meeting by a recently repatriated Japanese, who expressed his amazement, even after living in this country for a long time, at the freedom of speech allowed in America. "Another case of east being east and west being west." 11/27/43

"It's Time to Change Limbs!" is title of L. A. TIMES cartoon, half of which shows a smiling evacuee swinging himself from a WRA held umbrella, while the other half portrays him precariously balanced on the blade of a bayonet labeled "Full Army Control."

#### Letters to the editor

##### Friendly

Three readers condemn the editor of the Greencastle, Ind. BANNER for his stand that there are no "good Japs, reminding him of the Japanese-Americans fighting against the Germans in Italy and warning him not to "do Hitler's work." Greencastle BANNER, 11/20/43

Chicago contributor finds "Dies committee smells too much of politics to warrant its continuance"; claims that "any and all of their investigations are in a field already covered by the FBI whose experience and training better fit it for the work." Chicago SUN, 11/27/43

Japanese-American soldier stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. thanks the editor of the Idaho STATESMAN for his helpful editorial and corrects mistaken impression that any Japanese-Americans are as yet allowed in the U. S. Air Corps. 11/28/43

##### Hostile

Seattle soldier doubts if reports of the "riots at Tule Lake" are helping to increase the morale of our soldiers fighting abroad; recommends an immediate change in the administration of the center. Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 11/18/43

Three West Coast men advise shooting instead of coddling for the trouble-making disloyalists at Tule Lake; express disgust and alarm that they are permitted to "get away" with their demonstrations. OREGONIAN, 11/23/43, Fresno BEE (no date given)

California contributor condemns Director Myer's theory for assimilation of the Japanese-Americans, misconstruing the Director's statement to mean biological rather than cultural assimilation. (unnamed paper)

Kentuckian is "disgusted" to read that farmers "have to pay those Japanese over \$70 a week to harvest the food." Suggests they should "work or starve, and adds "there is too much politics in California." Sacramento BEE 11/26/43

San Francisco reader notes that no one thinks it is "un-American to censor the mail of our fighting men, but that the Japanese at Tule Lake were able to smuggle in radio parts by mail because it was considered "un-American" to search



theirs. S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/26/43

Ohio woman urges mothers of American soldiers to demand that all relocation centers be placed under the Army and "those animals be treated tough." Toledo BLADE, 11/27/43

Contributor to the Denver POST protests the continued criticism of the striking coal miners; says "they, unlike our pampered Japanese enemies, are not offered \$70 per week, plus food and other supplies." S. F. EXAMINER, 11/27/43. A San Francisco shipyard worker, on the other hand, comments that he read with great interest the "expose of the Tule Lake mess", but feels there is an even bigger story to be found in the Richmond shipyards. S. F. EXAMINER, 11/27/43

Idahoan does a little "beefing" on subject of selling "our best land" to Japanese who will enter into competitive farming with the boys who are now out fighting to save this same land. Idaho STATESMAN, 11/28/43

#### Feature Articles

A picture of two "loyal American Japanese", girls presenting War Fund gifts which they have solicited, is carried in the publication of the Community and War Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc. THE THREE STAR FEATHER, 11/24/43

Full page article by the Rev. L. H. Tibesar, M. M., missionary at Dairen, Manchuria for eight years, who went to the Minidoka center when it was established, is titled "Are Japanese Evacuees Getting a Fair Break?" Describes various reactions of the evacuees to the evacuation order; finds "the naive confidence in the fundamental fairness of the American people on the part of the young folks" was the hardest hit, and expresses the difficulty the Japanese-Americans are having in reconciling America's democratic objectives with the treatment they are receiving. (Unnamed paper)

#### Resolutions and Statements

"No Japs will be released to this state", says Governor Sidney P. Osborn of Arizona in speech to annual meeting of the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation at Phoenix. Phoenix GAZETTE, 11/15/43

"Take a look at Tule Lake if any one of you harbors any friendly thought about any Japanese", urges Rilea W. Doe, Safeway Stores executive, in address to Oakland, Calif. Chamber of Commerce. Salem Oregon JOURNAL, 11/16/43

Dist. Attorney, Fred N. Howser, in speech to Monrovia, Calif. Rotary Club, blames coddling of evacuees by "three or four religious or ministerial organizations" for disturbances at the Tule Lake center; points out the contrast between American treatment of Tule Lake Japanese and Japanese treatment of Americans held prisoner in Japan. L. A. TIMES, 11/18/43

"Forum Speakers Outline Steps in Pioneering For 'The World We Want'" (headline). John F. Aiso, Japanese-American lawyer, speaking to Forum group in New York, points out that "seventy-five thousand Americans of Japanese ancestry remain firm in their faith in America." Urges reforms of Niponese institutions, but feels Japan is not yet ready for a republican form of government. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 11/18/43

Members of Inyo Associates discuss plans for post-war program in Inyo county; advance suggestion that the Army be induced to turn the \$3,000,000 Manzanar relocation center into a rehabilitation center for war veterans. Inyo, Calif. REGISTER, 11/19/43

Judge Russ Avery, president of the Pacific Coast Japanese Problem League has launched an independent survey into the disturbances at Tule Lake, and will issue resolutions to oppose Japanese resettlement in six Western States for the duration. L. A. TIMES, 11/20/43.

California State Senator, Jack B. Tenney, voices opposition to the return of Japanese in address to members of the Associated Executives Trade Conference at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Reports his investigators have uncovered unpublicized disturbances similar to that at Tule Lake at other relocation centers, and advocates Army control of Japanese centers. L. A. TIMES, 11/19/43

Negro paper lauds efforts of Fair Employment Practice Committee in ferreting out elements of racial prejudice prevalent in West Coast unions. Notes General McCoach's condemnation of District Attorney Fred Howser of Los Angeles county, who recently expressed "public concern" over the potential return of Japanese to California. Sees present hue and cry against "the yellow peril" in California as dangerous inasmuch as it may easily become "the Black menace" of tomorrow. Atlanta, Georgia DAILY WORLD, 11/23/43

Thomas P. Ryan, High School principal, speaks at meeting of 2,000 teachers in San Jose, Calif.; criticizes WRA's "super benevolent treatment" in providing Thanksgiving turkey for the disloyal Japanese at Tule Lake. His proposal, that telegrams protesting the handling of Japanese evacuees be sent by the California Teachers' Association to all relocation centers, failed to pass a vote. S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 11/24/43

Brig. Gen. Ray W. Hays tells press interviewers at Los Angeles that in his opinion Japanese should never have been concentrated in California as they are at the Tule Lake center; warns that "trouble is inevitable if the Japanese are returned to California now or later, and urges permanent Army control of relocation centers. S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 11/23/43, L. A. TIMES, S. F. CHRONICLE, L. A. EXAMINER, 11/24/43

Former woman missionary speaks to Hopewell, Va. school assembly on "some of the admirable things about the Japanese people" and sings the Japanese national anthem in Japanese; protests to the school's authorities bring statement from Supt. of Schools Charles W. Smith denouncing the "untimeliness of her remarks." AP, L. A. TIMES, 11/24/43

Seattle chapter of Fraternal Order of Eagles urges military control of all "interned" Japanese, and their postwar deportation, in resolution stipulating that no Japanese be returned to the Pacific Northwest either during or after the war. Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 11/25/43

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a letter to Rep. John Anderson of Calif., states that negotiations for further exchanges with Japan are in progress but that the procedure is being slowed by Japan's shipping shortages and the difficulty of finding a sufficient number of Japanese in this country

eligible for exchange and acceptable to Japan. Estimates that Japan would take only a few of those at Tule Lake. S. F. Call-Bulletin, TIMES, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, P.M. (N.Y.C.) 11/25/43 and AP, Wash. D. C. STAR, Denver POST, S. F. Examiner, UP, Salt Lake Tribune, 11/25/43

"Pasadena Committee Called 'Pro-Japanese'" (headline). Assemblyman Chester Gannon of Sacramento, chairman of the Assembly committee on the Japanese problem, announces his committee is investigating the Pasadena chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, who, he charges, has been sending out "pro-Japanese" literature attacking the American Legion. Will hold hearings shortly. UP, L. A. TIMES, 11/25/43, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, L.A. HERALD EXPRESS, 11/24/43, L.A. EXAMINER, 11/25/43

INS carries column by Chester Gannon deploring "kiss a Jap a day" theorists denounces "possibly well-meaning, but nevertheless ill-guided organizations and groups preaching the gospel of fair play for our hated enemies." L. A. EXAMINER, L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 11/25/43

Mrs. Mynard F. Thayer, acting chairman of the Pasadena chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, states that the organization "stands back of the Government in its policy toward the handling of the Japanese, explains its principles and denies that she ever said "such Japanese as those at Tule Lake should be returned to their homes" as was claimed by Assemblyman Gannon. Adds that so-called "pro-Japanese" pamphlet, issued by the group and containing a letter from Private Robert Borchers of the Marine Corps, in which he claimed Japanese-Americans were being persecuted, was written by William C. Carr, Pasadena real estate man. L. A. EXAMINER, Pasadena POST, 11/25/43, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 11/24/43

"Fair Play Group Welcomes 'Jap Activity' Probe" (headline). Officials of the Pasadena chapter deny their activities or aims have anything to do with alien or disloyal Japanese; claim chapter is concerned only with the preservation of constitutional rights of all American citizens. Pasadena INDEPENDENT, 11/26/43

Assembly committee will hold hearings in Los Angeles Dec. 8 and 9 on activities of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, the WRA's handling of Japanese and the secret storage by evacuated Japanese of farm equipment valued at "many thousands of dollars. Pasadena STAR NEWS, 11/26/43 and L. A. EXAMINER, 11/27/43 and L. A. EXAMINER, 11/27/43

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson declines to comment on proposals that the Army take over permanently the Tule Lake center. Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, 11/26/43

Grand Rapids Mich. Federation of Labor adopts resolution opposing WRA's program for relocating Japanese-Americans in that area; claims manpower shortage is not great enough to warrant bringing in outsiders. Grand Rapids HERALD, Grand Rapids PRESS, 11/27/43

California State Senator Randolph Collier of Yreka urges a special session of the State Legislature to consider the entire Japanese problem in California, in letter to Governor Earl Warren; declares Japanese exclusion from California for all time "is very desirable and necessary." Pasadena STAR NEWS, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 11/26/43 L. A. EXAMINER 11/27/43

Malcolm Pitts, WRA field assistant director, announces that officials of WRA will meet with members of the Greeley (Colo.) Chamber of Commerce to discuss problems arising from the relocation of Japanese in Weld County. Meeting is result of resolution forwarded to WRA by the Greeley organization asking that such relocation cease. Rocky Mountain NEWS, 11/27/43

Native Sons group forms committee to coordinate the activities of all organizations opposing the release of Japanese from relocation centers; members of the committee will include Walter Odemar, Native Sons grand trustee, Dean Rockwell Hunt of the University of Southern California and Sheriff Biscailuz of Los Angeles. L. A. EXAMINER, 11/27/43

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play ("of which President Robert G. Sproul of the University of California is honorary chairman") sends telegrams to President Roosevelt and the War Department suggesting that Tule Lake be restored to WRA rule, with the Army continuing to be responsible for external security of the center; also asks "Full public interpretation by the State Department of the international implications involved since segregation is not prisoners of war." UP, L. A. TIMES, 11/28/43

Report states an investigation by the Los Angeles EXAMINER and the California legislative fact-finding committee on un-American activities has exposed the fact that "hundreds of Japanese are pouring into California in a virtual unchecked 'invasion' of the State...." R. E. Combs, chief investigator for the committee headed by Rep. Tenney, announces "we found at Parker, Ariz., that Japanese rode on passenger trains out of Arizona and into California daily, as well as in automobiles." N. Y. Journal & American, 11/30/43

Ralph P. Merritt, Manzanar project director, releases figures and data to refute assertions that Japanese are being turned out of the center in wholesale numbers and discounting reports that the released Japanese headed for war-working centers; explains strict regulations and checks kept on released evacuees and declares published statement, attributed to him, to the effect that "disloyal" Japanese were given a "second chance" to pledge loyalty to the U. S. is "false." Series of three articles by Tom Caton, L. A. TIMES, 11/19,20,21/43

Mrs. Francis Farrell, WRA evacuee escort, reports "insulting" treatment when she accompanied a Japanese woman and her two sons from the Topaz center to an Oakland, California hospital on an authorized visit to the woman's husband. Was told at hotel where rooms had been reserved for her and her charges to "take your Japs and get out of here." S. F. EXAMINER headlines fact "Japs Travel Freely, Women Only Guards." 11/23/43, S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/23/43, Oakland, Cal TRIBUNE, 11/22/43

Harold M. Mann, WRA relocation officer in Minnesota, speaks at first meeting of the Macalester college Intercultural forum; asserts that the "present Japanese relocation program is helping close the gap between the Japanese minority group and the American people." St. Paul, Minn. PIONEER PRESS, 11/24/43

#### AGRICULTURE

Alden Ingraham, farm superintendent at Heart Mountain, announces that a total of 2,069,735 pounds of crops have been harvested at the center this year. AP, Wyo. State TRIBUNE, 11/30/43

EDUCATION

"Officials of WRA Seek Teachers For Topaz Center" (headline). Announcement by civil service representative, Robert Simpson, states that teachers in all fields are needed "urgently and right away." Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 11/24/43, Salt Lake TELEGRAM, 11/25/43

EVACUEE PROPERTY

Blaze in San Francisco "Japtown slum" home, occupied by a Negro family results in new "get tough" policy on part of city officials as check shows former eviction orders have been ignored. More than 100 residents are ordered to move within forty-eight hours or face arrest, despite flat statements of Federal and War Housing Agency officials that there is no available housing in the city. S. F. EXAMINER, 11/23, 27/43 and 12/1/43, S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/27/43 and S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 11/26/43

LEGAL

Arizona State Supreme Court considers four actions brought to test the constitutionality of Arizona's law requiring public notice of business dealings with persons whose movements are restricted because of the war. Letter from U. S. Attorney General Biddle, submitted by Thomas J. Croaff, assistant state attorney general, states the law conflicts with the federal civil rights statutes. Phoenix Ariz. Gazette, 11/15/43, Arizona REPUBLIC, 11/16/43, AP, Arizona DAILY STAR and Tucson DAILY CITIZEN, 11/16/43

Western Defense Command lifts exclusion order against Dr. Otto H. Uhle, Portland physician who was evicted from "Certain military areas" on Oct. 22, 1942; announces that the commanding general "is now reviewing all non-Japanese exclusion cases." Portland OREGONIAN, 11/27/43

Federal District Judge Louis E. Goodman rules California's state law, prohibiting inheritance of real and personal property in the State by aliens residing in enemy lands, unconstitutional, in case of Alien Property Custodian Leo T. Crowley against Alvina Allen, her five cousins and the State of California. (Unspecified paper)

MILITARY SERVICE

AP feature article tells of member of the Japanese-American Combat team, winner of the 72-hole Mississippi Junior golf championship, who "swings from either left or right and plays barefooted." AP, Rocky Mountain NEWS, 11/14/43

"Loyalty is Demonstrated--Jap-American Soldiers Prove Worth in Combat" (headline). Article describes heroic actions of American soldiers of Japanese descent against the Nazis in Italy. Grand Rapids HERALD, 11/25/43

Captain Kainuma, Hawaiian of Japanese ancestry, is listed by the Army as one of three Wash. D. C. men injured in Italy; wife is Red Cross secretary. Wash. D. C. POST, 11/30/43

REPATRIATION

"Gripsholm's 1500 Repatriates Home After 16,000-Mile Voyage" (headline); plead that other Americans be brought home or, according to Mrs. Jessie Mann, con-

sular service employe among group, "they will be a lost tribe." Food and clothing are found to be major problems at Santo Tomas, internment camp in Manila. Wash. D. C. POST, 12/2/43

Chinese boy refugee, adopted by an American in Singapore and sent to America with repatriates on the first trip of the Gripsholm, will be heard in L. A. TIMES-sponsored broadcast "Eye-witness News." L. A. TIMES, 11/28/43

#### RELOCATED EVACUEES

George Morey, evacuee head of the Amache Cooperative Enterprise, becomes head buyer for Federation of Center Business Enterprises in New York. Lamar, Colo. DAILY NEWS (date not given)

Miss Alice Miyamoto, one of the first Americans of Japanese descent to be relocated in Grand Rapids, Mich., is employed as a typist by local business firm; says "everybody has been nice to me although I have no intimate friends here." Report adds that her brother is a Technical Sergeant in the U. S. Army. Grand Rapids HERALD, 11/21/43

Dr. Mark A. Dawber, secretary of the Home Missions Council, reports that twelve Japanese-American ministers have been assigned to interdenominational service in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis in an attempt to integrate Japanese-American Christians in Caucasian churches. THE PROTESTANT VOICE, 11/26/43

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Roosevelt receives box of chrysanthemums from Itaro Nakata, Gila River evacuee, who is "recognized as one of the nation's outstanding growers." First lady had expressed a desire to see specimens of his unusual varieties when she visited the center last April. AP, Phoenix GAZETTE, 11/18/43 Arizona REPUBLIC, Prescott COURIER, and Arizona DAILY STAR, 11/19/43

"Methodists Plan National Crusade to Insure Peace" (headline). Third Annual Assembly of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Northeast Ohio Conference meeting in Youngstown will hear a discussion of inter-racial differences by white, negro and relocated Japanese speakers. Youngstown, Ohio VINDICATOR, 11/21/43

Miss Mary McMillan, former member of WRA personnel at the Topaz, Ariz. center is elected student president at The Nashville School of Social Work. Nashville, Tenn. BANNER, 11/22/43

Roy Yamada, 15-year old son of a Japanese father and a German-Irish mother, is "captured" after escape from Juvenile Hall in Los Angeles where he was held on a car theft charge; is awaiting transfer to the jurisdiction of the WRA. L. A. TIMES, 11/24/43

Eight Pasadena jail prisoners refuse to work on Thanksgiving "because Japs in relocation centers don't have to", eat their holiday meal in separate cells after sit-down strike against a two-hour cleanup detail. L. A. TIMES, 11/26/43

Senate passes and sends to White House House-approved bill to repeal the Chinese Exclusion Act. Bill provides for the admittance of 105 Chinese annually under a quota system and also lifts the ban against the naturalization of Chinese.

AP, S. F. CHRONICLE, S. F. EXAMINER, Grand Rapids, Mich. PRESS, Wash. D. C. STAR, 11/27/43 and INS, Portland OREGONIAN, 11/27/43

Part of graduation program will be in Japanese at Colorado University's exercises for the Navy's Japanese language school. Denver POST 11/27/43

MAGAZINES

The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science; Sept. 1943; "The Japanese Family in America", By The Bureau of Sociological Research Colorado River War Relocation Center.

An explanation of the "unique position" of the Japanese minority group in America with a picture of both the disintegrating and solidifying influences of evacuation on the Japanese family life.

Outcasts! The Story of America's Treatment of Her Japanese-American Minority: By Caleb Foote.

A 24-page booklet which discusses the reasons behind evacuation, the life at the relocation centers with its psychological effect on the evacuees, and both the progress and opposition to resettlement of the evacuees throughout the country.. It is ably described, in a foreword by Galen M. Fisher, as "not an appeal for sympathy for the evacuees, but an argument for justice."

Education for Victory: Dec. 1, 1943: "Libraries and the War"

Three public libraries of Poston, Ariz. center complete first year of service Librarian's report points to need for current magazine subscriptions, new nonfiction and professional books for the use of doctors, lawyers, clergy, and others cut off from their usual resources.