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SUMMARY

Interest this week centered around the Dies sub-committee hearings on the Tule Lake disturbances. The hearings, however, received considerable competition as well as impetus from the reports of the now historic "bathtub story", discovered by the Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, in a WRA publication titled "Mid-west Frontiers", which was released by the Cleveland office. The article, by Everett L. Dakan, WRA relocation officer in Columbus, Ohio, was written to encourage the evacuees to relocate in the Mid-west, and noted incidentally that they could do much to stimulate more sanitary habits among the farmers of Ohio and Michigan. Immediate Congressional and public wrath descended, and copies of the publication were ordered recalled and destroyed by Director Myer who termed the article "somewhat indiscreet", but added that he did not think it was a serious matter.

Testimony before the Dies sub-committee was highlighted by a clash between Rep. Eberharter of Pennsylvania and Rep. Thomas of New Jersey over the constitutional rights of the Japanese at Tule Lake. Mr. Thomas shifted ground by drawing attention to the importance of national security and added that "WRA is a joke and a racket."

Rep. Engle of California laid the blame for the disturbances at Tule Lake on social service groups who egged on the Japanese with constant reminders of their constitutional rights. He demanded permanent Army control of Tule Lake but did not recommend the removal of Director Myer as head of WRA.

Director Myer testified to the sub-committee that "WRA recognized a dangerous situation at the Tule Lake center and handled it in a manner which probably prevented injuries and loss of life."

The Tule Lake center remained quiet although one correspondent described it as a "seething volcano, ready to erupt at any time" and unofficial sources reported that an "all-out" search of the center by the Army had disclosed "hundreds of knives, more than two radio sending sets and other contraband."

Several columnists predicted the resignation of WRA Director Myer, which he emphatically denied in a New York press conference. At the conference he announced his hopes of relocating the approximately 70,000 loyal evacuees still in the centers and asked for a favorable acceptance of them by the public.

The outstanding editorial received this week was one from the student newspaper of the University of California at Los Angeles which thoroughly denounced the Hearst press for its "premeditated misinterpretations" and its "vicious" attacks on the WRA.

Results of a L. A. TIMES poll revealed an overwhelmingly unfavorable attitude toward the WRA and the evacuees by Southern California citizens.

### CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Senator Sheridan Downey of California, on way to Tule Lake to hear testimony and gather data on the recent disturbances for the Senate military Affairs committee, expresses opinion to Los Angeles interviewers that "military emphasis should be partly shifted now from the war against Germany to our war in the Pacific." L. A. EXAMINER, 11/29/43

"Downey Blames U. S. Born Group For Jap Riots" (headline). In San Francisco, en route to Tule Lake, Senator Downey urges further segregation of approximately 1500 Kibei at Tule Lake, who he claims are the "principal elements causing trouble"; feels they should be turned over to the Department of Justice, and that all relocation camps should be "moved out of Pacific Coast states." Points out that the State Department "views with alarm" military control of the center because of "possible repercussions among American nationals interned by Japan." Sacramento BEE, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/1/43, S. F. EXAMINER, 12/2/43

"Halt Falsehoods, Dies Colleague Warns Myer" (headline). Ray Richards story claims that Congressman Karl Mundt of South Dakota gave "official warning" to WRA Director Dillon S. Myer that he "must discontinue his efforts to whitewash his administration with half-truths and falsehoods" when he appears before the Dies subcommittee; "made the declaration on the basis of Myer's testimony before the committee last July." S. F. EXAMINER, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/2/43

Rep. Lowell Stockman of Oregon tells Dies sub-committee it is "derelict" in failing to make an on-the-scene investigation of the disturbances at Tule Lake; testifies that the problem is serious with international implications" and urges "realistic instead of socialistic" handling of the segregants. UP, N. Y. TIMES, Portland, Ore, OREGONIAN 12/7/43, AP, Wash. D. C. STAR 12/6/43

Copyrighted story by the Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD reveals WRA circulation of a publication, titled "Midwest Frontiers", carrying article which urged Japanese evacuees to relocate in the Mid-west "for the purpose of teaching cleanliness and culture to American farmers." The article, written by Everett L. Dakin, WRA relocation officer in Columbus, Ohio, states in part, "Believe it or not, some few tenants and seasonal workers (in Ohio and Michigan) do not bathe! They think it is unhealthy. We need you people to change our ideas about this.... We need your faithfulness to your task, your willingness to work and your appreciation of a job well done. There are a lot of workers in the middle west, in Ohio and Michigan, who are not careful, painstaking, and accurate." The report adds that "discovery of the publication, produced in the Cleveland office of WRA, brought an immediate resentful response from members of congress." Chicago TRIBUNE, 12/5/43

December 6 reports in numerous papers find WRA under "blistering" congressional attack for "insult" to Mid-west farmers; carry indignant criticism, by various congressmen, of both WRA and the New Deal. Rep. Costello, chairman of the Dies sub-committee announces he will ask WRA Director Myer for a "full explanation" of the article. Some Michigan farm leaders "laugh off" the article, others say the only way they want to see Japanese is "in pieces."

Harry Weiss, editor of the "Midwest Frontiers" claims attacks on the article are "vicious distortion"; says he "wasn't afraid to say that we can learn things from the Japs." Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, UP, Wash. D. C. NEWS, Salt Lake TRIBUNE, N. Y. TIMES, L. A. TIMES and others.

WRA Director Myer tells Dies sub-committee that a major problem in getting Japanese-American internees to take jobs in the Middle West is "Believe it or not--a shortage of bathing facilities in some places." Adds that the author of the article in the "Midwest Frontiers" had been "somewhat indiscreet", but that he did not think it had caused serious trouble. Orders copies of the pamphlet recovered and destroyed, and demands that future issues be submitted for review in Wash. before distribution. UP, N.Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, Wash. D. C. NEWS, 12/6/43, Chicago SUN, Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, 12/7/43, AP, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, Wash. D. C. POST and others 12/7/43

Everett L. Dakan, head of poultry husbandry department at Ohio State University for 24 years, and author of the controversial article, stands back of his statements but admits "it should have been better worded." Columbus, Ohio CITIZEN, 12/6/43

Census Bureau reveals that "eighty-four percent of Michigan's farm homes are without bathrooms and that Ohio's bathing facilities are four-tenths per cent better than Michigan's. Report adds "the 'insulted' states were 5 and 4 per cent above the national average." Grand Rapids PRESS, 12/8/43

"Jap-Praising WRA Publication Assailed Anew" (headline). Rep. Fred Crawford of Michigan, in a statement placed in the Congressional Record, describes the "Midwest Frontiers" article as "verging perilously close on treason." Comments "Japs are probably being told today that their race has taken over the farming area of Michigan and Ohio." In Lansing, Mich., Governor Harry F. Kelly defends the farmers of his state for their "outstanding contribution" to the war effort and expresses his indignation that they should have to "defend themselves against slanders on their cleanliness and ability." Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, 12/8/43

"Cut of WRA Funds Proposed After Farmer-Bathing 'Slur'" (headline) Congressional group prepares to "pursue" WRA's next appropriation. Rep. Crawford (Mich.) states he will "ask the House Appropriations Committee to make a thorough inquiry, with a view to holding WRA funds to a basis preventing the financing of publications of the character of the first issue of Midwest Frontiers." Correspondent adds that he was refused permission to see a copy of the pamphlet by John C. Baker, chief of reports office. Baltimore, Md. SUN, 12/8/43

Rep. Edward Rowe of Ohio condemns WRA for displaying a "complete asininity and lack of foresight" in allowing publication of an appeal urging Japanese evacuees to teach habits of cleanliness to American farmers; doubts that WRA officials are progressing very well with their program of relocation. Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, 12/10/43

#### Dies Committee

Ray Richards story reports that James Stedman, West Coast investigator for the Dies Committee has presented the committee with formal charges that WRA Director Myer "knowingly introduced in evidence a completely false document

when he was testifying under oath before the Dies sub-committee last July." The document was a "purported stenographic transcript of a conversation between Wade Head, Poston project director and Harold H. Townsend, supply and transportation officer at Poston in which "Townsend meekly accepted Head's charge that he was a coward and not fitted for duties at the camp." Mr Townsend, now returned from "a war task in Central America", states this transcript "is wholly and entirely false....and is perjury in every sense of the word." (Ed. note: A photostatic copy of the transcript, sworn to by the recording stenographer, was introduced into the record by Director Myer at the Dies subcommittee hearings.) L. A. EXAMINER, 11/29/43

"Tule Lake Testimony Eases Tension" (headline). CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR correspondent feels "calm testimony" of Dr. John T. Mason and Rep. Herman P. Eberharter of Pennsylvania at Dies subcommittee investigation of Tule Lake riots should "dampen considerably the fires of resentment raised against Japanese-Americans and the WRA." Finds Dr. Mason "at least partially effective in disposing of some rumors...which have inflamed sentiments against Japanese-Americans anew in some West Coast communities." By William H. Stringer 11/29/43

Dies committee spokesman predicts "that testimony being heard by a subcommittee will provide ample justification for removal of Dillon S. Myer as national director of the War Relocation Authority." Rep. Clair Engle of California tells sub-committee he feels WRA was "incompetent" in operating the Tule Lake center and that it should be controlled permanently by the War Department; did not recommend the removal of Mr. Myer, however. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, UP, S. F. NEWS, 11/30/43

Report reveals "clash" over the rights of the Japanese at Tule Lake between Rep. J. Parnell Thomas of New Jersey and Rep. Herman Eberharter of Pennsylvania during Dies sub-committee questioning of Rep. Engle of California. Eberharter points out that the constitutional rights of "these people--many of whom are American citizens--are involved" and Thomas counters with "and don't you think the security of the nation is also involved?" Adds "the WRA is a joke and a racket", and "We want to get rid of this fellow Dillon Myer just as quickly as we possibly can." Rep. Engle testifies that his constituents question the advisability of having a WRA center at Tule Lake, a spot "which particularly is vulnerable to sabotage." UP, N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, Wash. D.C. TIMES HERALD, Sacramento BEE, 12/1/43 and S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/1/43; S. F. Chronicle, L. A. TIMES; 12/2/43

Rep. Engle blames Tule Lake riots on activities of WRA social service workers, conscientious objectors, members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and War Resisters League, who, with workers from the Civil Liberties Union, constantly reminded the Japanese of their constitutional rights. Chicago, Ill. and Ray Richards story, S. F. EXAMINER, 12/1/43. AP report adds announcement by Rep. Lea of California of a new committee of West Coast congressmen, headed by Rep. Sheppard of California, to investigate problems relating to Japanese relocation centers. Sacramento BEE, 12/2/43

Dies sub-committee chairman, Rep. Costello backs Rep. Engle's charge with statement that "The Japanese on the West Coast did not resent being moved from the Coast for security reasons, and there was no trouble until WRA social workers convinced them they were mistreated." UP, S. F. NEWS, 12/2/43

"Dies Pokes Nose Into Relocation Centers" (headline). Report finds Dies sub-committee "has come along to stir up the hornet's nest just as things have quieted down at the Tule Lake center;" is aided by Rep. Engle of California who "has been upset by the riot at the camp and excited by all the Hearst exaggeration." N. Y. DAILY WORKER, 12/3/43

Dies sub-committee requests War Department to make an immediate report on charges by Rep. Stockman of California that soldiers at the Tule Lake center were subject to the "wildest kind of abuse from interned Japs." INS, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/6/43

Report states "WRA Director Myer, told a Dies investigating sub-committee today that the WRA recognized a dangerous situation at the Tule Lake center and handled it in a manner which probably prevented injuries and loss of life." Wash. D. C. STAR, 11/6/43

Dies sub-committee will ask WRA Director Myer to explain charges by California State Senate investigating group, that "at least two" WRA employes were discharged because of their unpopularity among internees, according to chairman John Costello. Report finds that "congressional tempers appeared to be cooling off" over controversy started by "Midwest Frontiers" article; Rep. Mundt of South Dakota discourages proposal to call author before a congressional committee, says "his action was not un-american, it was just plain stupid." Up, Wash. D. C. NEWS, 12/7/43

Robert Stripling, Dies committee investigator, presents statement by Ralph E. Peck, former chief steward at Tule Lake, charging WRA with "criminal negligence" in its administration program and asserting that "food thieves" and "Jap lovers" went unpunished. Questioning the "objectivity" of Mr. Peck's statement, WRA Director Myer told the sub-committee that he had been "a pretty good employe" but that his resignation had been requested after he had been found intoxicated on the project. AP, Denver POST, 12/7/43 and UP, Wash. D. C. NEWS, 12/7/43

WRA Director Myer tells Dies sub-committee "that he saw no reason why Japanese internees should not be used to police their own part of the Tule Lake internment camp," according to PM report; explains that the Caucasian police force was being expanded from 6 to 72 men. 12/7/43

Director Myer deploras general accusations of "lack of firmness" and "social-mindedness" made by members of the Dies subcommittee; asserts his "complete confidence" in ability of WRA officials to command the situation at the Tule Lake center, and tells sub-committee it might be possible for his agency to resume control of the center in about two months. AP (unidentified source).

Rep. Costello (Calif.). chairman of the Dies sub-committee, announces that War Department officials will be asked to answer charges that "hundreds" of Japanese-Americans and alien Japanese are being permitted to return to the West Coast; finds situation "potentially very serious." UP, Wash. D. C. News, 12/8/43

#### TULE LAKE

Report gives synopsis of events at Tule Lake; claims the center "even under army control....is a seething volcano, ready to erupt at any time." By

Jay Rosenberg, N.M., Arizona DAILY STAR, Toledo TIMES, 11/28/43

S. F. EXAMINER states "all-out search" of Tule Lake by the Army is "a complete success"; says "amount of contraband discovered is unknown, but is expected to be tremendous." Predicts "big break", hinted at by WRA officials, will be a WRA announcement "that the 3,700 acres which disloyal Japanese refused to harvest will be turned back to the Bureau of Reclamation." Finds reports persisting that "the WRA will be out of the camp within a week."  
11/28/43

Tulelake residents are "unofficially" informed that "hundreds of knives, more than two radio sending sets and other contraband" were found in a 20 hour search of the Tule Lake center by the Army Nov. 26. Report adds that "though the Army maintained official silence.....officers admitted after the search that 'newspaper accounts of conditions at Tule Lake were not exaggerated.'" S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 11/30/43

## PUBLIC ATTITUDES

### Columnists

Arizona columnist comments that gift of chrysanthemums to Mrs. Roosevelt from Gila River evacuee suggests "polishing the apple." Feels it would have done more to help the cause of loyal Japanese-Americans if the flowers had been sent to any Army or Navy hospital. "The Rambling Reporter" By Platt Cline, Holbrook, Ariz. TRIBUNE, 11/26/43

Clifford Evans, radio commentator, calls repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act "a major defeat to Japanese propaganda." "Radio Roundup", N. Y. POST, 11/30/43

Commenting on the current controversy over the abridgment of civil rights through Civil Service investigations, Washington, D. C. columnist wonders if military authorities would be interested to know how many Japanese, past or present members of military honor societies, can be found in Federal jobs. "U. S. and Us", By George D. Riley, Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, 12/3/43

Foreign broadcast analyst finds Tokyo is making full use of the recently repatriated Japanese who report that the American fighting spirit is high, but find our "democratic system" one of our many weak points. "The Axis on the Air" By Harold Ettliger, Chicago SUN (no date given)

Washington Staff members of Scripps-Howard newspapers predict resignation of WRA Director Dillon Myer "to appease West Coast Congressmen, up in arms since Tule Lake Jap riots;" say "Army won't take over Jap relocation centers, but compromise plan probably will satisfy most Westerners." "In the Offing" Wash. D. C. NEWS, 12/4/43

"The resignation of Dillon Myer, chief of WRA, is expected by Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill." "The Federal Diary, By Jerry Kluttz, WASH. D. C. POST, 12/7/43

Another D. C. columnist reveals that "insiders say they await only the final approval of the President" on "well-advanced" plans for the scrapping of the WRA. "9 to 4:30" By John F. Cramer, Wash. D. C. NEWS, 12/7/43

Navy imposes two-week censorship restriction on Gripsholm passengers; columnist tells of one repatriate from Japan who refused to answer any phone calls the day after he came home because he hadn't had a bath for four months and wouldn't get out of the bathtub. By Leonard Lyons, Wash. D. C. POST, 12/8/43

### Editorials

Editorials on the now historic "bathtub boner", contained in the WRA publication "Midwest Frontiers", run the gamut of reactions from (1) those who felt it an "insult" and "body-blow" to the American way of life (Denver POST, 12/6/43, Hartford, Conn. COURANT, 12/7/43), through (2) those who thought it a "stupid" and "offensive" blunder, typical of the WRA and all government "bureaucrats", and not particularly helpful to the loyal Japanese-Americans (N. Y. TIMES, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, Phila. Pa. RECORD, Louisville, Ky. COURIER-JOURNAL, Chicago TRIBUNE, Cincinnati ENQUIRER, 12/8/43) to (3) those who found it an "absurd" and "silly" example of indiscretion, hardly worth the furor it has aroused (Phila. Pa. INQUIRER, 12/7/43, Wash. D. C. POST, 12/8/43, Wash. D. C. NEWS, 12/9/43. Title of the week; "Poultry Professor Lays an Egg."

### Friendly

Utah editor finds Governor Maw's appeal for tolerance toward the loyal Japanese-Americans, and his warning that restricting the freedom of one minority group in America opens the way for oppression and ultimate loss of liberty in general, "timely and good advice". Asks for change of intolerant attitude toward Japanese who have relocated to the Ogden area at the request of employers for whom they are doing "useful work." Ogden STANDARD EXAMINER, 11/18/43

Student newspaper asks, "How much longer is Hearst going to get away with his alarmist tactics, his garbling of the facts, his premeditated misinterpretations?" Deplores vicious attacks on the WRA by papers who "deliberately confuse" the relocation of loyal evacuees with stories, "entirely out of proportion", on the recent Tule Lake disturbances, and give WRA no space in which to defend itself. CALIFORNIA BRUIN, UCLA, 11/22/43

Florida editor describes Ambassador Grew's defense of the loyal Japanese-Americans as "refreshing--after the flood of bilge and hysteria loosed against all Japanese-Americans, loyal and disloyal, in aftermath of the Tule Lake riot." Miami HERALD, 12/1/43

Speaking of the "tough time of it" some loyal Japanese-Americans are having, Illinois editor points out that "human nature seems about the same everywhere, but in war time there is danger of overlooking such facts." Peoria, Ill. JOURNAL TRANSCRIPT, 12/2/43

Midwest editor approves of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act; says "there can be no justification for excluding the Chinese alone", but adds that higher barriers against immigrants from all countries may be necessary later. Grand Rapids, Mich. HERALD, 12/3/43

### Neutral

Commenting on Secretary of State Hull's announcement that negotiations for further exchanges of internees with Japan are being made, Atlanta editor

suggests that some mid-Pacific island be used as the point of exchange in order to simplify and hurry matters. Atlanta, Ga. CONSTITUTION, 11/30/43

California editor points out possibility that some of the Japanese evacuees may sue Uncle Sam for damages; finds they have a precedent in some Indian tribes who collected "on the basis of treaties which were in the nature of contracts" after they were "relocated" on reservations. Comments that the evacuees are actually in a class with other American citizens who had to leave their homes and businesses "simply because the President sent them greetings. S. F. NEWS, 11/30/43

### Hostile

On two consecutive days, editor attacks first the reliability of the Manzanar evacuees' loyalty pledge "in the face of former refusal to sign," and second the administration of the Tule Lake camp, pointing out that California is fortunate to have a Governor who has the courage to protest to the Federal government "for remedial measures." Bakersfield, Calif. CALIFORNIAN, 1/24, 25/43

Editor criticizes WRA's policy of "coddling and appeasement"; feels House should adopt without delay Rep. Clair Engle's resolution for permanent Army control of the Tule Lake center. Fresno, BEE, 1/27/43

Editor condemns fact that Japanese evacuees have "an abundance of turkey for Thanksgiving" while "descendants of the Pilgrim fathers" in Plymouth, Mass. go without; sums up "attitude of the entire nation" in the words of a young sailor who commented, "things like this make me mad as hell." San Diego, Calif. UNION, 11/27/43

Indianapolis editor describes Tule Lake center as a "hot potato" which "nobody seems to want." Names War and Justice departments as the "principal nobodies." Indianapolis, Ind. STAR, 11/30/43

We in America have earned and are still earning our reputation as a soft group of "suckers", says Illinois editor who feels Tule Lake represents an "extreme but typical" case. Admits there are "probably a few" decent Japs or Japanese-Americans but defies anyone to be sure of the ones they pick out. Finds charges of race prejudice a "threadbare" theme of those who chose to ignore realities. Macomb, Ill. DAILY JOURNAL, 12/1/43

California editor feels that the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision, upholding the Army's order for exclusion of the Japanese from danger areas on the Pacific Coast, "will meet with nearly unanimous public approval." L. A. TIMES, 12/4/43

N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN cartoon titled "'Relocate' Him!" pictures the large arm of Uncle Sam daintily removing a figure labeled WRA from the mire of the "Tule Lake Mess." 12/6/43

L.A. TIMES cartoon, depicting the "long arm" of the Pacific coast states pressing thumbs down on "Jap Molly-coddling", is framed by a page of representative letters from the 11,621 received in answer to the questionnaire ballot on the Japanese problem carried by the TIMES Nov. 22. (See REVIEW of 12/1/43).

Results of the poll according to the Editor, show "a tremendous majority of Southern California citizens condemning the policy of the WRA and demanding Army control of all Japanese in this country for the duration. A slightly smaller percentage opposed the freeing of "avowedly loyal Japanese" to take jobs in the Midwest, while a large majority expressed approval of a proposed constitutional amendment after the war to deport all Japanese and forbid further immigration, and "nearly every ballot" favored permanent exclusion of Japanese from the West Coast. L. A. TIMES, 12/6/43

N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM cartoon shows a Japanese evacuee in high hat and tails lecturing to a midwest farmer with such suggestions as "always stab chickens in the back—then wash hands", and "infiltrate into neighbor's farm and see he is washed up." 12/7/43

#### Letters to the Editor

Sacramento contributor condemns any "appeasement tactics" toward the Tule Lake Japanese, especially through the efforts of the clergy who "should realize" the Japanese are members of the "unsaved" class and "belong to the devil." Sacramento BEE, 11/16/43

Californian suggests that perhaps the Japanese in America became Christians and professed loyalty to the U. S. in order to hide their fifth columnist activities. Sacramento BEE, 11/16/43

Army control is needed at Tule Lake—not a man who recommends "inter-marriage between whites and Japanese in order to take care of the Japanese problem on this coast," declares another California reader. Sacramento BEE, 11/16/43

Sacramento contributor agrees that "our boys" in Japanese prison camps would never have "gotten away with" what the Japanese at Tule Lake did, but points out that, not only would punishment here bring "further torture" for Americans in Japan, but that "Americans are a humane people who believe in a square deal for all." Sacramento BEE, 11/16/43

Law clerk criticizes paper for joining the ranks of those "who can spray out a nauseating mixture of half-truths, innuendoes, lies and plain nonsense with the skill characteristic of the front-page Hearst-paper editorials"; suggests a good comic-strip would build up a better circulation than a front-page discussion of Tule Lake, but adds "P. S. I think the WRA stinks too...." S. F. RECORDER, 11/16/43

Seattle resident deplores prejudiced attitude of Kent, Wash. people who would exclude all their former Japanese residents. Answering letter from Kent resident says let the loyal Japanese-Americans prove their loyalty to this country by adopting American customs; points out that it is hard to feel kindly toward the Japanese in this country when members of our families are "fighting them to make the world safe." Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 11/19,25/43

Idahoan, who lost a brother at Wake Island, suggests that a few loyal Americans, who can't go deer hunting because of gas rationing, should be glad to contribute enough shells to get rid of the "pests" at Tule Lake. Idaho STATESMAN, 11/21/43

San Francisco woman feels that "methods for separation" of loyal and disloyal Japanese-Americans should be in operation "so that the children of loyal parents could hold fast to what was instilled in the public schools-- freedom from race prejudice and trust in American fairness and justice." S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/1/43

Midwest reader hopes the government won't allow the Japanese "to come in and take the jobs away from our boys after the war is over." Grand Rapids, Mich. HERALD, 12/8/43

Californian feels we are following the example of Tokyo's suppression by "preventing internees at the Tule Lake center from owning radios." Asks, "Do we distrust democracy so much that we are afraid to allow these people to listen freely?" S. F. CHRONICLE, 11/30/43

Native Sons of the Golden West member reveals that over five thousand signatures were received to an advertisement sponsored by the Santa Rosa chapter urging "the Japs be kept in internment camps." S. F. EXAMINER (date not given)

One contributor praises the S. F. EXAMINER for the revealing stand it has taken on the "facts" of the Tule Lake outbreak, while another criticizes the paper for printing a letter from a loyal Japanese; feels it isn't "proper to give even a loyal Jap so much publicity and buildup." S. F. EXAMINER, (date not given)

#### Feature Articles

PM's Sunday magazine section carries cover photograph and inside illustrated article on Sono Osato, 24-year old Japanese-American ballerina, who became an overnight hit in the current New York stage production of "One Touch of Venus." Daughter of an American mother and a Japanese father, Sono pointed out that their mixed parentage was no problem to her or her brother and sister as they grew up because they never thought of themselves as "different" and nobody treated them any differently. 12/5/43. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE theater column comments that she has received featured billing for her part in "One Touch of Venus" (which stars Mary Martin). 11/29/43

"Freedom Of Japs To Roam Over U. S. Arouses The Ire of Former Platform Lecturer" (headline). Article by J. E. Branstetter, North Hollywood resident "who served eight years on the Platform as a Lecturer," deploras conditions which allow the Japanese evacuees to "swarm forth" from the Manzanar relocation center merely by signing their names to a pledge of loyalty to the United States. Comments on reports and rumors of the Tule Lake disturbances and is indignant that American civilians and soldiers should be called upon to sacrifice so much while the evacuees are pampered and coddled. (unidentified source)

#### Resolutions and Statements

Spokane Valley (Wash.) Chamber of Commerce appoints committee to attempt to prevent Japanese from buying or leasing property in the valley. Committee member, Charles Vaughn states, "residents feel property values will deteriorate if Japanese buy or lease property ....there is no objection to Japanese seasonal laborers working in the valley." Plan to ask cooperation of realtors and the Japanese Protective association. Spokane, Wash. DAILY CHRONICLE, 11/19/43

"Ho Hum...Manzanar Investigated Again!" (headline). Owens Valley Defense Council meeting finds local public apparently satisfied with the present management of the Manzanar center as J. H. Mulvey, of the State Attorney General's office, questions business men and other valley residents on the possible need for a state senate fact-finding investigation of conditions at the center. Inyo REGISTER, 11/26/43

"Win the war first and then relocate the Japanese", urges Sheriff Biscailuz of Los Angeles at Native Sons luncheon. Walter Odemar, Grand Trustee of the Native Sons, announces that California chapters are now acting on a resolution against the return of the Japanese to coast areas. L. A. TIMES, 11/27/43

Mrs. Elmer Shirell, wife of WRA's supervisor in the Chicago area, speaks to Gary, Ind. YWCA fellowship forum on "American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry--Our Responsibility"; urges the acceptance of those whose loyalty "has been ascertained by the FBI and are now relocated in jobs throughout the country." Gary, Ind. POST TRIBUNE, 11/30/43

Los Angeles Forum Club committee will meet to draft a resolution requesting that Japanese centers be placed under military rule. L. A. TIMES, 12/2/43

Governor Earl Warren of California rejects resolution, offered to the State War Council by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz and Assemblyman Don Allen of Los Angeles, which would petition Secretary of State Hull to start negotiations for an exchange of Japanese at the Tule Lake camp for American nationals held by Japan; feels subject "is outside the jurisdiction of the State government and might be embarrassing to the Federal government because of international regulations." State Senator Irwin T. Quinn tells War Council there is need for "a complete overhauling of the Tule Lake camp by the Government and the only safe place for authority is with the Army." S. F. EXAMINER, AP, L. A. TIMES, Portland OREGONIAN, 12/3/43

State-wide meeting of Junior Chamber of Commerce officials at Long Beach, Calif. adopts resolution condemning WRA's handling of the Japanese problem and urging that the Army take over all relocation centers. L. A. TIMES, 12/6/43

UP report states that "some 1500 Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska farmers" hold an "indignation meeting" in Hamburg, Iowa and wire protest to WRA against a proposal to "lease 612 acres of land near Hamburg for three Japanese families now living in California." Feeling against relocation of Japanese in Fremont County, Iowa and the adjoining county of Atchison, Missouri is found to "run high." UP, L. A. TIMES, 12/6/43

Southern Californians vote 14 to 1 in favor of deporting all Japanese from the U. S. and a ban upon further immigration, in poll conducted by the L. A. TIMES. (see Editorial section) UP, Chicago SUN, Wash. D. C. NEWS, 12/7/43

Report reveals disclosure by the S. F. EXAMINER that the Fellowship of Reconciliation, now "under investigation by an Assembly committee headed by Assemblyman Chester F. Gannon of Sacramento, 'planted' ten school teachers--all members of the Fellowship--in the Tule Lake Segregation Center more than a year ago." Miss Jean McKay, one of the ten "planted" teachers, states "our big objective there was to show that race and color make no difference--we sought to give the young Japanese a sense of security." Adds that WRA officials at Tule Lake could not be "blamed" for the presence of fellowship members

"because the WRA knew nothing about it for a long time." N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/8/43

REPORTS

Raymond Booth, head of the Cincinnati relocation office, speaks to Cincinnati Womens Club on race conflicts; deplores the American heritage of intolerance. Cincinnati, Ohio TIMES STAR, 11/20/43

Parker, Ariz. Lions Club holds meeting at the Poston center. Makes inspection tour of the land development work which the evacuees are carrying out, and is told by project director Wade Head, "We feel that in such development lies the future greatness of this area". AP, Arizona REPUBLIC, Phoenix GAZETTE, 11/22/43

Reports say Hugo W. Wolter, assistant director of the Gila River center will speak before Tucson, Ariz. Methodist Forum on WRA's three-fold job of administration of the centers, segregation of loyal and disloyal Japanese, and the resettling of the loyal Japanese. Tucson, Ariz. DAILY CITIZEN, 11/20/43, Arizona DAILY STAR, 11/21/43

Miss Martha Smyser, Spokane resident who was among the personnel assisting with the segregation program at Tule Lake (in August, tells of the "hundreds of tragic and difficult decisions" made by evacuee family groups in which many children, "often American in their loyalty, had to choose between breaking with their parents, who had been classed as disloyal, or with their country. Spokane, Wash. CHRONICLE 11/26/43

Ralph Gelvin, associate project director of the Poston center, denies charge by California Senator Jack B. Tenney that "hundreds of Japs" were entering California by automobile and train without supervision and free to "go anywhere they pleased." Declares that "any Japanese coming into California did so under a permit of the commanding general of the Western Defense Command" and that they were "merely proceeding to Cadiz to board the Santa Fe train for points east"; adds that "in each case there was a WRA escort." Senator Tenney also said that his investigation disclosed evidence that Japanese in Arizona may have possessed arms. This fact was given prominence in an extra edition of the L. A. EXAMINER whose headline banner declared "Armed Jap 'Evacuees' Pouring Into State", and which reported "Japanese 'evacuees' are supplied with pistols and rifles, used for 'target practice.'" (Ed. note: completely untrue) L. A. EXAMINER, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, S. F. EXAMINER, L. A. TIMES, INS, Sacramento BEE, Portland OREGONIAN, 11/30/43

In New York press interview, WRA Director Dillon Myer appeals to the public to accept the loyal evacuees, now being released at the rate of about 2,000 a month, as trustworthy workers and residents. States "we hope to relocate all of the 65,000 to 70,000 who are eligible to leave the centers in communities throughout the United States during the next year...our big job ahead is to persuade the families they can live outside in safety." Explains that the Tule Lake center will be restored to normal operation as soon as a roundup of the "strong arm" boys, who caused recent disorders, has been completed. N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, Sacramento BEE, 12/3/43, Denver, Colo. POST, S. F. CHRONICLE, N. Y. TIMES, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, N. Y. DAILY MIRROR, AP, OREGONIAN, S. F. EXAMINER, UP, L. A. TIMES, 12/4/43

Report of the New York interview states that WRA Director Myer "denied reports that he will resign to appease West Coast Congressmen angered by the Tule Lake riots." N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 12/4/43

"WRA Head Hits Phony Stories on 'Jap Rioting'" (headline). Article says WRA Director Myer will tell Dies sub-committee the "true story of the so-called riots at Tule Lake", which he told in lesser detail at a New York press conference Dec. 3. Notes that "he singled out the Hearst newspapers for their inflammatory stories....pointed out that such stories are used by the Japanese Government in dealing with the State Dept. for release of Americans and may have an effect on their treatment." By James R. O'Hanlon, PM (N. Y.), 12/5/43

INS reports disclosure by Otis Peterson, WRA regional head at Salt Lake City, Utah, that under present plans most of the loyal Japanese-Americans, at centers other than Tule Lake, will be released during the winter and spring. INS, Memphis, Tenn. COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 12/5/43, Denver, Colo. POST, Sacramento, Cal. BEE, 12/6/43

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Bob Baker, former Twin Falls County deputy sheriff accepts job in cost department at Minidoka. Twin Falls TIMES-NEWS, 11/25/43

Kenneth Barclay, Chief of internal security at Minidoka, returns to project after temporary assignment at Tule Lake. Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 11/29/43

#### AGRICULTURE

Magic Valley farm labor camp closes; crop losses not extensive during season; Mexican farm workers return to their homes, while evacuee workers to go back to projects; employment sub-office will remain open to handle winter employment of evacuees. Jerome, Idaho NORTH SIDE NEWS, 11/25/43, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 11/21/43, and Twin Falls, Idaho TIMES-NEWS, 11/21/43

Future Farmers of America at Granada produce 1,693 tons of farm products during past season; evacuee boys set production record equal to almost any school of FFA boys. Lamar (Colo.) DAILY NEWS, 11/30/43

CCC buildings, equipped to house evacuee seasonal workers for Millard County, Utah; expect to employ 50 evacuees on local harvesting projects. MILLARD COUNTY CHRONICLE (Delta, Utah), 11/4/43

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Heart Mountain Community Council to ask WRA to arrange conference of evacuee leaders from nine relocation centers; desire to "crystalize evacuee viewpoints and make them known to the Washington Relocation Division." SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, 12/6/43, and WYOMING STATE TRIBUNE, 12/7/43

Holly basketball team (local school) to play team at Granada. Lamar DAILY NEWS, 11/27/43

Granada elementary school students present musical drama. Lamar DAILY NEWS, 11/27/43

### EDUCATION

Two thousand evacuee students now enrolled in American colleges, according to announcement made by John Rich, Secretary of American Friends Service Committee; WRA's efforts on behalf of Nisei who have not volunteered for military service subject to nationwide criticism for some time. CHICAGO HERALD AMERICAN, 12/3/43, and N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/3/43

### EMPLOYMENT

Job sought for Nisei woman whose husband is in U. S. Army; evacuee woman appeals for employment, fearing the adverse effects of "abnormal living in confinement" of relocation center. FORT WAYNE (Ind.) NEWS-SENTINEL, undated.

### EVACUEE PROPERTY

San Francisco Health Department and other officials continue drive to clean up "Japtown"; warrants issued for those who refuse to heed city order to move out of unsanitary dwellings; property owners to be called into court unless they heed orders to evacuate property. S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/3/43, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/1/43, S. F. NEWS, 11/29/43, and 12/2/43, and S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/2/43

### INTERNAL SECURITY

"Sentry Shoots Jap for Refusal to Halt." (headline) Report says a Gila River evacuee, who kept walking when ordered to halt by a member of the military police, was shot three times but not seriously wounded. AP, L. A. TIMES, S. F. EXAMINER, 12/2/43

### LEGAL

Rep. Quayle Cannon Jr. of Salt Lake, Utah attacks validity of a ruling, by State Attorney General Grover A. Giles, permitting establishment of a revolving fund within the state civilian defense council for the housing of Japanese farm laborers. Salt Lake TELEGRAM, 11/12/43

Kenneth W. Donelson, referee for the California state personnel board holds hearings of the protests of 90 former Japanese employes of the state government, now in relocation centers, against dismissal from their state jobs in April 1942. Sacramento BEE, 11/30/43

Police and Federal authorities ponder problem of half white, half Japanese girl found living in the San Francisco home of her Caucasian half-sister who is married to a Chinese. The girl, who came from "her native Utah" in June 1942 to care for her blind and crippled mother, was released after an investigation. U. S. Attorney Frank J. Hennessy announced there had been no violation of military law and that prosecution would have to be ordered by the Attorney General. S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/2/43

Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds the constitutionality of Lt. Gen. John DeWitt's order for the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from West Coast military areas. The decision, by Judge Curtis D. Wilbur in San Francisco was made in the case of Fred T. Korematsu of San Leandro, Cal. who had defied the order to leave. S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/2,3/43

S. F. NEWS, S. F. CHRONICLE, S. F. EXAMINER, 12/3/43, INS, Memphis, Tenn.  
12/3/43

Relocated evacuee is arrested in Phoenix, Ariz. on charges of stealing \$50 worth of canned goods from the Rivers center; she denies the charges and asserts the cans were given her by a camp dietician. Chicago HERALD AMERICAN 12/5/43

Buddhist priest and Japanese doctor are among four Japanese arrested by the FBI in Chicago as suspected dangerous enemy aliens. Japanese flags, maps of the U. S. and photographs "of naval importance" were confiscated from them according to Spencer J. Drayton, chief of the Chicago FBI. Chicago TRIBUNE, SUN, NEWS, and INS Wash. D. C. POST, 12/5/43. Dr. Shionji, Hammond, Ill. doctor, who was one of the four arrested, says federal agents and the WRA had seen and regarded as harmless the non-commercial photographs taken by him of the yacht club grounds at Bellevue hospital, New York city and of two destroyers taken in 1930 or 1931 on the annual visit of fleet units to New York harbor. Hammond TIMES, 12/5/43

#### REPATRIATES

Numerous reports find the Gripsholm's passengers in "good" health, overjoyed to be back in America and unwilling to talk about Japanese atrocities for fear of reprisals against those left behind in Japanese internment camps. Some express their bitterness at the "indignities" of internment, others say "life there wasn't too bad", but all agree that food and medicine are badly needed and plead that every effort be made to get the estimated 6,000 Americans still held by Japan "out of there". S. F. NEWS, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/1/43, Boise, Idaho STATESMAN, S. F. EXAMINER, L. A. TIMES, 12/2/43, Wash. D. C. POST, STAR, and NEWS, 12/6/43 and others.

Thirty of the Gripsholm's 1491 passengers are taken to Ellis Island for questioning by FBI, Navy and Army intelligence officers; spokesman terms the action "just the usual precaution", but adds that "none will be released until investigators are convinced of their bona fide status." Mrs. Wilfred Moreau, "socially prominent Denver woman," is returned to the ship for further questioning about jewelry "allegedly brought back from the Far East." AP, S. F. CHRONICLE, INS, S. F. EXAMINER, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/3/43

William Tullock Alexander, repatriated from Shanghai, declares he would like "to get a whack at running one of those camps for interned Japanese nationals in Arizona." Says he "can't resist a few comparisons when I read about the beef stew and the jello, coffee sugar, milk and mattresses provided for those people." Chicago TIMES, 12/5/43

#### MILITARY

Article tells of five Mormon soldiers of Japanese descent who have organized a Sunday School at Camp Shelby, Miss. and who plan to spend their first furlough in Salt Lake City; will bring five associates with them to be baptized. Desert, Utah NEWS, 11/13/43

"American Japs In Italy Like To Stay at Front" (headline). AP correspondent writes "it is virtually impossible to evacuate to rear areas any of the Japanese-American troops..." Finds they don't want to go back, even though injured, for fear they will never catch up with their buddies again. AP,

Seattle, Wash. TIMES, 11/19/43, Deseret NEWS, 11/19/43

N. Y. Sun Carries AP radio photo of two Japanese-American soldiers buying religious post cards from a priest in Italy. 11/27/43

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Report discloses that Protestant missionaries who have carried on their work for nearly two years at the Tule Lake center are now moving elsewhere. Finds that "fewer than 100 of the 18,000 Japanese at the center are registered as Christians," and that "present residents openly are antagonistic toward Christianity." Sacramento, Cal. BEE, 11/17/43

B. R. Smith, special agent of the Santa Fe railroad, reports that two men "appearing to be Japs, Filipinos or Mexicans" were seen searching for dynamite allegedly cached in the vicinity of Parker, Ariz. Yuma SUN & SENTINEL, 11/20/43

Phoenix, Ariz. residents will see uncensored film of Japanese atrocities, "made at the scenes where the atrocities were committed." Phoenix, Ariz. GAZETTE, 11/23/43

Jerome county (Idaho) goes over the top in War Fund drive with total collection of \$8,565.18, in addition to which Hunt evacuees have contributed \$1000. Jerome NORTH SIDE NEWS, 11/25/43

"Spies Who Think Americans Lumb Give G-Men Chuckles" (headline) Third of series of four articles on the FBI tells of tricks its agents have played on Japanese and German spies and saboteurs who thought they were actually getting away with their work. By Frank I. Weller, AP, Seattle, Wash. TIMES, 11/24/43 and Twin Falls, Idaho TIMES NEWS, 11/27/43

Report discloses that the New York city Welfare Department is now feeding five Japanese aliens daily and giving lodging to three--will provide for them as long as they assert they are unable to support themselves. Quotes one Japanese-American who said, "Japan would not do this for Americans." By Justin Gilbert, N. Y. DAILY MIRROR, 12/1/43.

Three-year old junior commando does sentry duty in front of Los Angeles market with toy gun; tells questioning shoppers, "I'm not going to let those Japs get back here to all those pretty vegetables." L. A. TIMES, 12/2/43

Syndicated comic strip "Little Joe" contains episode in which fifty escaped Japanese internees are rounded up and put to work by a group of Indians guarding them with guns. When asked "Are they willing to work like that?" one Indian answers, "three say no--others work fine now", as he points to three newly dug graves. Chicago TRIBUNE, 12/5/43

#### MAGAZINES

The Christian Century: Dec. 1, 1943: Letter to the editor titled "Who's at Tulelake?"

Californian commends the CHRISTIAN CENTURY for its attitude toward the evacuation of Japanese from the Pacific coast and its editorial (see Nov. 17, 1943 Review) deploring the race hatred--flaming reports of Tule Lake by

newspapers which neglected to point out that "the Tule-lake camp houses only the Japanese loyal to Japan." Correspondent calls attention to the fact that many who wished to keep their family intact, as well as "hundreds of children who are considered too young to decide for themselves" are also at Tule Lake and "may yet have an opportunity to prove their preference for and their loyalty to America."