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SUMMARY

The volume of news reports for the past two weeks indicates that the furor caused by the Tule Lake incident, Dies sub-committee investigations and the "Midwest Frontiers" bathing article, has considerably abated. Alarm over the Tule Lake situation was faintly aroused by a story in the S. F. CALL BULLETIN, which reported that the Army has relaxed its control at the center, and passed on a rumor that the State Department has ordered the replacement of the Army troops by 66 civilian guards. A Ray Richards story reported that some Dies sub-committee members feared another out-break by the Tule Lake segregants once the troops are withdrawn.

Congressional concern, however, was centered largely among West Coast delegates who were disturbed by the Army's admission that some individual Japanese are being allowed to return to the West Coast by the Western Defense Command. A special 15-man committee of the West Coast congressional members adopted a resolution calling for (1) the resignation of WRA Director Myer, (2) transfer of Tule Lake to the Dept. of Justice, and (3) the introduction of legislation that would deprive disloyal Nisei of their American citizenship. A bill for the deportation of any citizens who indicate allegiance to a foreign country was introduced by Senators Ernest McFarland (Ariz.) and Tom Stewart (Tenn.).

Editors and columnists continued to dwell on the "bathtub" article, several commenting on the fact that its author, much denounced as a typical example of the New Deal "experts", is actually a Republican. New editorial interest focused on reports of Japan's refusal to exchange nationals until completion of an investigation of WRA centers by the Spanish Consul, and on Attorney General Biddle's statement to the Dies sub-committee on the revocation of citizenship of disloyal Japanese-Americans.

Several community groups took an unfavorable stand toward the relocation of evacuees in their areas, while in Los Angeles the "American Foundation for Expulsion of Japanese" was formed. Among its objectives is the deportation of all alien Japanese.

In Arizona, the State Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional an anti-Japanese law requiring all business establishments in the State to give public notice before entering into business dealings with persons such as evacuees whose movements are restricted by law.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Ray Richards story finds Rep. Clair Engle warning that "unless the people of the West Coast continue and increase their demand for reform of the WRA,..... the proofs of maladministration that have just been established against the agency will come to nothing and the internal Jap danger will grow worse." Baltimore, Md. NEWS & POST, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/14/43.

L. A. TIMES staff correspondent, Warren B. Francis, finds high federal officials "cool" toward suggestions from Democratic members of Congress that Director Myer should be "ousted" from the WRA; quotes unnamed "prominent California Democrat" who sees little chance that White House advisers will urge the President to "shake up the WRA or create a new agency to supervise the 10 relocation camps...." Says special committee of Pacific Coast legislators may meet to discuss legislation to "force a sweeping change in the Jap resettlement plan." L. A. TIMES, 12/15/43

West Coast congressmen call committee meeting to plan an appeal to Congress for the abolition of WRA and military control of all Japanese evacuees. S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/15/43

Special committee of the West Coast House delegations adopts proposal demanding the resignation of Dillon S. Myer as director of WRA, and control of the Tule Lake center by the Department of Justice. Rejects proposal to urge Army control of all relocation centers, but agrees on program for "firmer discipline" and "sterner control", and asks legislation be introduced providing forfeiture of U.S. citizenship by disloyal Japanese-Americans. If approved by general meeting of the delegations, the above recommendations will be sent to the President. S. F. CALL BULLETIN, L. A. TIMES, Sacramento BEE, and Ray Richards story, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/16/43. Above proposals are drafted in the form of a resolution by Reps. Engle, Hinshaw, Welch and Gearhart of California and circulated among West Coast members of Congress for their signatures. AP, Phoenix, Ariz. GAZETTE, 12/18/43, N. Y. TIMES, 12/19/43, UP, Rocky Mountain, Colo. NEWS, 12/19/43

Senators Ernest W. McFarland of Arizona and Tom Stewart of Tennessee introduce a bill for deportation of citizens who indicate allegiance and fidelity to a foreign country; say bill is "particularly aimed" at American-born Japanese who gave negative answers to WRA's question No. 28 on allegiance. Wash. D. C. TIMES HERALD, Wash. D. C. NEWS, L. A. TIMES, Chicago TRIBUNE, 12/18/43, AP, Phoenix, Ariz. GAZETTE, 12/18/43

Rep. Clair Engle (Calif.) charges WRA "coddling" and "appeasing" are directly responsible for break in prisoner exchange negotiations, in denial of claim by R. B. Cozzens, assistant director of the WRA, that "witch hunters and agitators of race hatred" were to blame. Urges the dismissal of both Mr. Cozzens and Director Myer. AP, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/24/43, UP, N. Y. TIMES, 12/25/43. Ray Richards story adds Engle's warning that "democrats should seize the responsibility and the credit for an immediate cleanup of the WRA and not wait for Republicans to force it as a political coup." Richards notes that a Congressional holiday until Jan. 10 is delaying the vote by a general meeting of the West Coast delegations on the resolution asking the President to "request the resignation of WRA Director Myer, revamp the whole WRA and place Tule Lake under administration of the Dept. of Justice." N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/26/43

Dies Committee

NEA telephoto of WRA Director Myer shows him as he testified before the Dies sub-committee on the Tule Lake Disturbances. Bisbee, Ariz. REVIEW, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, 12/10/43

Ray Richards story states that Rep. Clair Engle (Calif.) has announced that he has prepared a digest of 69 statements, taken from WRA employees at Tule Lake, which contradict statements by WRA Director Myer and show that conditions at Tule Lake "were much worse than Myer admitted ...before the Dies House Committee." Says digest will be submitted to

the sub-committee "as a basis for the cross-examination of Ray Best, (Tule Lake project director) who sought to pay a secret visit to Washington, but who will be greeted by a subpoena when he arrives today." Baltimore, Md. NEWS & POST, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/20/43

Another Ray Richards story finds unnamed members of the Dies sub-committee alarmed over the possibility that the Tule Lake segregants "still are armed with short swords, dirks and other weapons, awaiting the withdrawal of troops to stage another uprising....." According to Richards, project director Ray Best testified to the sub-committee that "the WRA never made an attempt to confiscate the knives or stop their manufacture, although officials knew the Japanese were making the knives." Also said that Japanese-language schools are permitted by WRA at Tule Lake. N.Y. JOURNAL & AMERICAN, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/21/43

Ray Best, Tule Lake project director, describes events of Nov. 1 to Dies sub-committee; says he did not call in the Army on that day because the evacuees were not out of control. Did call in the Army on Nov. 4 when about 200 of the evacuees advanced upon his home. Estimates that about 2000 of the Tule Lake evacuees were troublemakers, 200 to 300 of whom were "intelligent", and the rest "muscle men." AP, Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 12/21/43. UP report adds statement of Rep. Costello that the testimony presented before the sub-committee "showed that the War Relocation Authority had no control over Jap-American internees at the Tule Lake, Cal., camp." Says hearings are completed unless the sub-committee decides to question Maj. Gen. White of the War Dept. on why Japanese are being allowed to return to California. UP, Wash D. C. NEWS, N.Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 12/21/43

AP and UP releases on Attorney General Biddle's testimony before the Dies sub-committee on the constitutionality of legislation to revoke the citizenship of American-born citizens of Japanese descent who have openly professed loyalty to Japan (see Review, 12/15/43) were also received from eight additional papers. UP, Yuma, Ariz. SUN & SENTINEL, 12/9/43, Portland OREGONIAN, 12/11/43, AP, Santa Fe, N. M. NEW MEXICAN, Seattle, Wash. TIMES, Boulder, Colo. DAILY CAMERA, 12/9/43, Albuquerque, N. M. JOURNAL, Idaho STATESMAN, Seattle, Wash. POST INTELLIGENCER, 12/10/43

TULE LAKE

Report says OPA will investigate shipment of 50 cases of whisky supposedly sent from Los Angeles by a defense worker, Harold J. Burk, Jr. to a tavern keeper in the town of Tulalake. Burk denied any previous knowledge of the matter, and federal authorities are said to have "attached peculiar significance" to the fact that all serial numbers on the cases had been cut out contrary to federal regulation. L. A. EXAMINER, 12/9/43, L. A. TIMES, 12/10/43

INS release credits the S. F. CALL BULLETIN for report that the Army has relaxed its control at the Tule Lake center and that "internees are again holding 'mob meetings' in defiance of military orders." The report adds the statement of an unnamed center official that the State Department has "ordered" Army troops withdrawn and 66 additional civilian guards hired. Citizens of the Tule Lake area were said to fear another outbreak of violence,

and WRA civilian employes were reported quitting their jobs. INS, Denver POST, N. Y. JOURNAL & AMERICAN, Chicago HERALD & AMERICAN, 12/19/43

Headquarters of the Ninth Service Command at Salt Lake City, Utah refuses to confirm or deny that Army restrictions have been "relaxed" at the Tule Lake center. INS, Baltimore, Md. AMERICAN, 12/19/43

Public Attitudes

Columnists

Writer laughs off idea that Japanese Americans can teach cleanliness to Ohio and Michigan farmers; recalls his visits to California, maintaining that Japanese then living on Coast had nothing but most primitive bath and sanitation facilities. "Newsman's Notes" by Ralph B. Jordan, Salt Lake NEWS, 12/10/43.

Winchell notes that in Manila prison camp, Japanese military authorities punished American men responsible for unwed mothers with a 90 day jail sentence; reveals that at the same time, hundreds of third and fourth generation Japanese are being born in our relocation centers; charges that Manzanar and other centers are tolerating Judo and Kendo which are "pure military projects." Walter Winchell in NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR, 12/27/43

The bathtub story is a good indication of what the New Deal thinks of American farmers, says writer; next thing you know, Government will be telling farmers how often to bathe, change their clothes, etc. Author is certain that OWI will not include in its political propaganda to the boys in the Pacific "the high esteem in which the Japs are held by the Administration and its reliance upon them for teaching cleanliness and culture to American farmers." "In Washington" with George Morris, Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 12/17/43

Comments on "good old days" when we bathed in old wooden tubs; quotes Rep. Cliff Clevenger's statement that a single county in his Ohio congressional district has more bathtubs than the whole Japanese empire. "Washington Sidelights" by James L. Wright in Buffalo NEWS, 12/17/43

Columnist comments on L. A. TIMES "Jap Problem" questionnaire reprinted in Sacramento paper; warns readers of the legal aspects of deportation, denaturalization and civil liberties; feels that intense hatred toward enemy will be lessened by victory and advises against making decisions now which may have to be altered or modified later on. "Sacramento" by C.J.L. in Sacramento UNION, 12/9/43

Scripps Howard papers weekly news roundup says that Everett L. Dakan's bathtub article couldn't be used in countering attacks on "New Deal bureaucracy" because Democrats learned too late that Dakan was registered as a Republican. "In the Offing" in Wash. D.C. DAILY NEWS, 12/18/43

Another article recalls that it was the Republican members of Congress who were the loudest in their denunciation of their fellow Republican, Mr. Dakan, finding him typical of the New Deal, and calling him such things as "a starry-eyed, fuzzy-wuzzy professor." By Carroll Kilpatrick, Chicago SUN, 12/20/43, also in Phila., Pa., RECORD, 12/20/43

Columnist feels that WRA has made too many mistakes and that the bathtub incident was the climax of previous errors; supports demands of West Coast congressmen for removal of Director Myer. "Brass Tacks" in Casper, Wyoming TRIBUNE HERALD, 12/19/43

Columnist reveals that plans to scrap WRA have been abolished by White House; claims new proposal is being urged by Budget Bureau and OWM Director James Byrnes which will call for the transfer of Tule Lake to the Immigration Service. "9 to 4:30" by John F. Cramer in Washington (D.C.) DAILY NEWS, 12/15/43

Washington correspondent reviews the whole problem of evacuation, segregation, and the civil liberties of Japanese Americans; feels Director Myer is "not only competent, but almost unique in experience and ability for this job"; warns of the dangers to all races and creeds if our rights are taken away without fair trial. Ralph W. Page in Philadelphia BULLETIN, 12/22/43

Writer attempts to laugh off the bathtub incident by comparing the bathing habits of the Russians, Finns, Japanese and Americans; concludes that "the Dies Committee should be given funds to investigate any American who bathes more than once a week." K. M. Landis in Chicago SUN, 12/13/43

Concluding that Japanese are unassimilable, writer favors proposal to deport all persons of Japanese ancestry after the war; suggests peace treaty with Japan should include provision for their deportation to Japan at Japanese expense; deportation of disloyal evacuees only would not be sufficient, since it would not meet the real need of "getting rid of as many unassimilable people as possible." "The Political Mill" by Gould Lincoln in Washington (D.C.) STAR, 12/23/43

Editorials

Announcement of Japan's refusal to exchange nationals until WRA centers are thoroughly investigated by the Spanish Consul is the theme of a new series of editorial outbursts from an indignant press. Several editors loudly shout, "It's all WRA's fault!" Others subtly point out what would have happened had Americans interned in the Far East "revolted". Feel we should treat internees at Tule Lake "humanely" but not feed, clothe, and care for them better than we do for our own citizens. (San Diego UNION, 12/14/43, New London, Conn. DAY, 12/15/43, Johnstown, Penna., TRIBUNE, 12/15/43, and Schenectady GAZETTE, 12/17/43.) S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/16/43, is sure that we have nothing to fear in any investigation of our treatment of Japanese nationals. Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL, 12/18/43, supports Attorney General Biddle's word of warning regarding our treatment of evacuees and internees, since it is a delicate problem which might result in mistreatment of our nationals in Japan. Council Bluffs, Iowa NON PAREIL says "the only thing we can do is to keep still while the Government does everything possible to get nationals exchanged." 12/20/43 Others call for a firmer attitude by responsible Government agencies, and the control of centers by the Army. Louisville TIMES, 12/15/43, St. Paul PIONEER PRESS, 12/16/43, Spokane SPOKESMAN REVIEW, 12/15/43, Portland OREGONIAN, 12/15/43, and Cleveland NEWS, 12/14/43.

Additional editorials on the bathtub incident were received during the past week. Practically every critic attacks WRA, the New Deal, and Director Myer for wasting taxpayers' money on publications such as MID-WEST FRONTIERS; others challenge WRA's "charge" that mid-west farmers are unsanitary, praising

the high standard of living of the American farmer as compared to the Japanese. The general attitude is one of "WRA certainly stuck its neck out that time." Indianapolis STAR, 12/16/43, Miami NEWS, 12/10/43, S.F. CHRONICLE, 12/12/43, Houston POST, 12/10/43, Springfield (Mass.) REPUBLICAN, 12/16/43, and 15 scattered papers.

Attorney General Biddle's statement before the Dies sub-committee regarding the revocation of the citizenship of disloyal Japanese Americans is the basis for considerable speculation. Two California editors heartily endorse the suggestion, recommending that we go one step further and deport "decitizenized" evacuees. Sacramento BEE and Fresno BEE, 12/11/43. The Sheboygan (Wis.) PRESS on December 11 echoes this suggestion, and adds that the property of such persons should be taken over by the Alien Property Custodian. A Washington (State) editor, writing in a less hysterical tone, admits the possibility of taking away citizenship from disloyal Kibei and Nisei, but points out that deportation is unlikely since America is the land of their birth. Tacoma NEWS-TRIBUNE, 12/12/43. Still another California editor supports the plan, even though it did come from Mr. Biddle whose "addiction to New Deal liberalism has caused him to be labeled something of a softy." "The test of one's loyalty", this writer says, "should not be the slant at which his eyes are fixed...but his attitude to the United States as disclosed by his words or actions." Long Beach (Calif.) PRESS TELEGRAM, 12/10/43. The San Francisco CHRONICLE cautiously warns that the legal "ice for such a move is thin" and hints that the revocation of citizenship of Japanese Americans might set a very dangerous precedent.

Tule Lake is still in the news. Hearst editors continue to demand Army control of Tule Lake and removal of Director Myer. Baltimore NEWS & POST, 12/23/43, and N. M. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/28/43. A Kansas editor heartily concurs, since the Army has always "exercised good judgment which prevents it from using kind words and soft soap when nothing but a good poke on the nose.... will get results." Selma, Kansas JOURNAL, 12/15/43. Several other editors recommend Army control of Tule Lake at least, if not all centers. Erie DISPATCH-HERALD, 12/16/43, Davenport DEMOCRAT & LEADER, 12/10/43, and Topeka CAPITAL, 12/19/43. San Francisco CHRONICLE favors Army control of alien Japanese, despite Attorney General Biddle's fear of Japanese reprisals; points out, however, that Japanese Americans are really no more concern of Tokyo's than would Japanese citizens of American descent--if there were any--be of ours. 12/13/43

Minneapolis editor staunchly supports Former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew's plea for fair treatment of Japanese Americans; finds Grew's views a true symbol of freedom under our Bill of Rights. Minneapolis TIMES, 12/16/43 New York editor takes exact opposite side, warning against "Japanese peril"; urges readers to read Alan Hynd's book, "Betrayal from the East: the Inside Story of Japanese Spies in America" which tells of the widespread sabotage and espionage activities of Japanese in America and Hawaii. (Ed. note: This editorial gives the impression that the Japanese residents of the Hawaiian Islands, supposedly "loyal to us" were responsible for the naval debacle at Pearl Harbor. This rumor has been denied by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and other officials.) N. Y. MIRROR, 12/24/43

Iowa editor condemns the "witch hunting type of persecution which all Japanese Americans are undergoing." Feels attitude of ignorant prejudice is inexcusable on the part of intelligent Americans whose spirit of fair play supposedly exists. Warns that we must learn to distinguish between our enemies

and loyal Americans if the "experiment" of American democracy is to go forward. Waterloo, Iowa, COURIER, 12/20/43.

Mid-west paper finds freedom from arbitrary arrest the first and greatest of the Four Freedoms, reminds readers that we still have 75,000 loyal Japanese Americans behind barbed wire with no charges against them other than their ancestry. Des Moines REGISTER, 12/18/43.

Two West Coast papers attack Director Myer personally and blame him for the laxity and "coddling" at Tule Lake. Quote from Director's testimony before Costello group as indication of his "social service" viewpoint, and lack of firmness. San Diego UNION, 12/10/43, and Salem, Oregon JOURNAL, 12/9/43

New York editor points to Nisei troops fighting in Italy along with troops of various other origins as the most spectacular rebuke to Hitler's racial theories. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 12/18/43.

Maine editor does a workmanlike job of differentiating between loyal Japanese Americans and the Tule Lake trouble makers. Declares that our job from here on out is to correct the injustice done to loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry who were hurriedly evacuated and placed in relocation centers. Portland (Me.) PRESS HERALD, 12/13/43

Chicago writer finds the results of the L. A. TIMES poll on the "Jap problem" sufficient proof that WRA has bungled the job; would like to see the agency and "alphabetocracy" in Washington staffed by more plain people and fewer experts and highbrows. Chicago NEWS, 12/15/43

Assistant WRA Director Cozzens' warning that critics of WRA are "race haters and are making it tougher" for Americans interned in Japan is clearly a case of intimidation, says San Francisco editor; "If anything more had been needed to show that the WRA setup should be curbed, Assistant Director Cozzens has supplied it." S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/17/43

Hoosier editor can't understand our "soft" treatment of "interned" Japanese in the light of the enemy's treatment of our nationals, particularly giving them "food and keep so copious, that it would stir the envy of the average American seeker for ration points." Terre Haute, Indiana STAR TRIBUNE, 12/12/43

Twin Falls editor again debunks rumors of the town being a "Jap Hot Spot"; (Review, 12/15/43), quotes official sources denying stories that evacuees were buying up rich land and businesses in the area. Twin Falls, Idaho TIMES NEWS, 12/21/43.

Idaho editor finds the successful completion of the beet harvesting, done with the aid of Jamaicans, Mexicans and evacuees, one instance in which the "Bureaucratic boys" stepped in and did a good job. Jerome NORTH SIDE NEWS, 12/9/43

Idaho editor reprints Minidoka IRRIGATOR editorial on anniversary of Pearl Harbor in which the evacuee paper expressed the hope of better things to come for Japanese Americans. Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 12/14/43

Massachusetts editor comments on revelation that Roger Clapp of the Boston WRA office has been making a tour of the relocation centers to induce some of the evacuees to locate in New England; says there is not as yet a critical labor shortage in New England, and that if such a shortage did exist, "the average New Englander would prefer to plug all the harder rather than depend upon these migrants about whom we know little." Adds that the East coast has plenty of problems without shouldering one "which is definitely a responsibility of the Western states." Lowell, Mass. SUN, 12/16/43

Feature Articles

WRA official helps to find work for 350 evacuees in New York City area; praises acceptance of Nisei youth and good work records of employed Japanese Americans; explains leave clearance for Eastern Defense Command and tells of experiences of relocated evacuees. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 12/27/43

Writer tells of visit to YWCA where boys from Camp Savage were being entertained; ponders over the problems of minority groups as exemplified by the Nisei soldiers; lauds efforts of YWCA in breaking down prejudices and providing decent entertainment for Japanese Americans. Minneapolis SHOPPING NEWS, 12/17/43

Letters to the Editor

Reader takes Everett Dakan to task for saying that Japanese can teach midwest farmers cleanliness; declares that "everyone knows the average Japanese family does not have a bath tub" and uses community bathing pools. Chicago TRIBUNE, 12/16/43

Contributor tells of letter received from soldier husband in Attu in which he talks of patriotism of former Japanese American member of his company; says that flag presented to the troops by the Nisei soldier now proudly flies over North Pacific outpost. Chicago TRIBUNE, 12/27/43

Resolutions and Statements

Greeley, Colorado Chamber of Commerce, asks WRA to close Weld county to further relocation because it "has already more than its proportionate share of Japanese and more than it should have as a matter of public policy"; opposition to WRA relocation efforts growing in district. Greeley, Colorado TRIBUNE, 11/24/43 and 11/29/43, and Ruth, Colorado PROGRESS, 12/2/43

Supt. L. V. Rawson of Idaho State Liquor Dispensary, refutes charges that Japanese Americans are buying up available supply of whiskey; declares that evacuees are purchasing only 3 to 4 percent of total volume. Boise STATESMAN, 12/11/43, and Twin Falls TIMES-NEWS, 12/11/43

Powell, Wyo. City Council, fearing trouble between evacuees and city residents, asks Heart Mountain Project Director Robertson to curtail passes and leaves to a minimum; Robertson replies that evacuees have legal right to go anywhere in the country except into the evacuated zone; Powell objects to housing of evacuees in city, despite fact that they were sent there to relieve farm labor shortage. Cheyenne, Wyo. EAGLE, 12/21/43, Cheyenne, Wyo. TRIBUNE, 12/22/43, Casper, Wyo. TRIBUNE, 12/21/43, and Denver, Colo. POST, 12/20/43

California American Legion executives demand removal of Dillon Myer as head of WRA; group further urges that steps be taken to keep Japanese out of California permanently; also want control of relocation centers turned over to Army. S. F. EXAMINER, 12/13/43 and L. A. EXAMINER, 12/13/43

Local FBI agents disclose that several Japanese women, "most of them American born and married to American men", have been permitted to return to the Pacific Coast by Army authorities. Arizona REPUBLIC, 12/9/43, and San Diego UNION, 12/9/43

Dr. John Lechner warns that West Coast will not permit evacuees to return to area while the war lasts; says those who are really loyal will find Americans all over "most hospitable, provided they give up forever their associations with Tokyo." Phoenix GAZETTE, 12/13/43, 12/14/43, and 12/15/43

Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Central Labor Council supports Army control of Tule Lake; recommends permanent exclusion from the U.S. of disloyal Japanese. Pasadena POST, 12/12/43

Washington Farmer's Products Control Board opposes return of evacuees to Puyallup Valley and surrounding area. Portland OREGONIAN, 12/14/43, and Seattle POST-INTELLIGENCER, 12/14/43

American Foundation for Expulsion of Japanese formed in Los Angeles. Purposes of group include: (1) deportation of all alien Japanese; (2) restricted immigration; and (3) the promotion of "greater happiness and a more abundant life for the laboring classes of California and the United States." Seattle POST-INTELLIGENCER, 12/17/43

American Legion Commander Warren Atherton warns that "anti-Jap words and deeds should find expression only on the battlefronts or in production lines for war." Pleads for careful talk, lest Japan retaliate against our nationals in their hands. L. A. TIMES, 12/16/43

Local authorities deny that any evacuees have been returned to Bakersfield and Kern County; Attorney General Kenny announces plan to check on all evacuees released in order to keep better control on location of relocated evacuees. Bakersfield (Calif.) CALIFORNIAN, 12/16/43

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play expresses vote of confidence in Director Myer's administration of WRA in telegram to President Roosevelt. N. Y. P. M., 12/23/43

Baptist pastor to speak to Denver congregation on Christian Mission conducted at Granada. Denver POST, 12/4/43

Grand Rapids Federation of Labor asks city commission to oppose importation of evacuees for work in area; City Commissioner declares evacuees who might relocate are citizens and loyal Americans and are entitled to same benefits as other Americans. Grand Rapids HERALD, 12/11/43

Rep. Carl Hinshaw says, win or lose the war, Japan intends to dominate West Coast and Hawaii; thinks Japan will, in the future, claim all members of the Japanese race regardless of their land of birth; charges that 8600

Japanese Americans now hold commissions in Japanese army. L. A. EXAMINER, 12/13/43

Heart Mountain Community Council urges greater degree of evacuee participation in relocation program. Cheyenne TRIBUNE, 12/14/43

L. A. Councilman answers "Midwest Frontiers" article by claiming that Japanese families formerly on Coast lived in filthy dwellings amidst rats and dirt. L. A. TIMES, 12/8/43

Canadian political candidate George Cameron advocates repatriation of all Japanese in Canada, alien and Canadian-born alike. Seattle TIMES, 12/19/43

Fifteen additional clippings on the California State Senate committee's report of its findings and recommendations on the Tule Lake situation (see Review 12/15/43) and its protest to President Roosevelt against the Army's "new leniency in permitting the return of Japanese to the West coast", are belatedly received. S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/12, 13/43, S. F. EXAMINER, 12/12, 13/43, S. F. NEWS, 12/13/43, INS, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 12/12/43, Phoenix, Ariz. GAZETTE, 12/13/43, AP, Raton, N. M. RANGE, 12/13/43, Casper, Wyo. TRIBUNE, 12/12/43, Seattle, Wash. POST INTELLIGENCER, 12/14/43, UP, Billings, Wyo. GAZETTE, Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 12/12/43, Durango, Colo. DEMOCRAT, 12/13/43, Portland, Oreg. GREGONIAN, 12/14/43

REPORTS

Assistant WRA Director Cozzens blames agitators of race hatred for the cessation of negotiations for the exchange of American nationals held in Japan; charges present situation due to "witch hunters" who distorted the facts and reported half truths and exaggerated tales of the Tule Lake situation; pledges that WRA will continue to conduct its program with full consideration of the security of the nation and the delicate international situation which is involved. Boston CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, 12/17/43, S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/16/43, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 12/17/43, N. Y. SUN, 12/16/43, and Indianapolis NEWS, 12/16/43.

WRA to consider establishment of appeal board to hear cases of Tule Lake segregants desiring to transfer to other centers; Assistant Director Cozzens says board will be set up to aid "some innocent Japanese which may have been caught in the net" at segregation time. Durango, Colorado DEMOCRAT, 12/26/43

Relocation officer E. H. Leker at Manhattan, Kansas reveals plans for establishing an evacuee truck gardening project in the Arkansas Valley near Dodge City, Kansas. Topeka CAPITAL, 12/13/43

Relocation Division Chief Edwin G. Arnold arrives at Granada to discuss relocation. Lamar NEWS, 12/9/43

Relocation Officer Cecil Morgan announces transfer of relocation office from North Platte, Colorado to Sterling, Colorado. Sterling ADVOCATE, 12/27/43

Dr. Joseph L. McParron, head of Gila River medical staff, addressed Phoenix Hiram Club; talks of his experiences during 25 years he spent in Japan and warns of tough job ahead in defeating Asiatic enemy. Phoenix ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 12/16/43

REPATRIATION

Reports stating that Japan has terminated negotiations for future exchanges of prisoners with the U. S. until Spanish diplomats have reported on their investigation of the relocation centers (see Review for 12/15/43) were received from ten additional papers. S. F. CHRONICLE, 12/14/43, INS, Portland OREGONIAN, 12/14/43, UP, Yuma, Ariz. SUN & SENTINEL, Phoenix, Ariz. GAZETTE, Tucson DAILY CITIZEN, Butte, Mont. POST, Lamar, Colo. NEWS, 12/15/43, N. Y. DAILY MIRROR, Worland, Wyo. NEWS, Twin Falls, Idaho TIMES NEWS, Idaho STATESMAN, 12/14/43. Three additional papers carried an AP report that according to government officials, negotiations are under way for a third exchange but final decisions cannot be made until Tokyo has received its report from the Spanish consul. AP, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, Salt Lake TRIBUNE, Seattle, Wash. POST INTELLIGENCER, 12/14/43

A further report by Lawrence E. Davies, N. Y. TIMES correspondent, says that for Tokyo's information it can be noted that the California State Senate Committee, headed by Senator Hugh Donnelly, has reported it found that the Japanese at Tule Lake were treated "with kindness, fairness and with utmost consideration...that their food was 'sufficient and wholesome', and that living conditions, recreational and medical facilities were adequate and satisfactory." Davies finds WRA continuing to "weather a barrage of criticism" coming chiefly from the West Coast; adds that the Donnelly committee still insists that Tule Lake be under Army control despite Army opposition to the proposal. N. Y. TIMES, 12/19/43

Raymond F. Cronin, AP correspondent recently repatriated on the Gripsholm, describes Christmas celebration in a Japanese prison camp. Says hundreds of presents were made for the internee children from make-shift materials and that "scores of roasted turkeys and pigs, ice cream, cakes by the hundred, and candy were received from Filipino and other friends outside. Wash. D. C. POST, 12/19/43

Dr. MacClellan C. Fellows, Gripsholm repatriate, finds "lure of Orient calling him back." Was a dentist in China before the war and reports that the Japanese allowed him to take his dental equipment to the camp in which he was held, and that there he carried on his work for the benefit of the prisoners. Wash. D. C. POST, 12/20/43

RELOCATED EVACUEES

"Jap-American Girl Pacifist Meets Speaker" (headline). L. A. EXAMINER report finds speech to monthly meeting of the War Resisters League and the Fellowship of Reconciliation by Joan Ishiyama, WRA employee in Washington, D. C., a "further revelation of the direct connection between the WRA and the country's most extreme pacifist groups." 11/30/43. (Ed. note: Miss Ishiyama was present at the meeting but did not make a speech.)

Madison; Wisc. YMCA will hold reception to acquaint Madison people with the 75 evacuees who have recently relocated there. Welcomes will be extended to the evacuees by Mayor Law in behalf of the city, Rev. A.W. Swan for the Madison churches and by Mr. Benjamin Bull in behalf of the Madison Committee on Relocation of American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry. Madison, Wisc. CAPITAL TIMES, 12/12/43

Miss Rose A. Reynolds, WRA employee in the Boston Relocation office expresses hope that her boss, Roger F. Clapp, Relocation Officer, will bring back many evacuees from his tour of the centers; says jobs are awaiting evacuees in the New England area; could use 50 laborers and 50 for domestic service "right now." Describes some of the jobs open and some of those now held by relocated evacuees, adding "We have yet to find one instance of prejudice against these people where they are working." Boston, Mass. GLOBE, 12/14/43

Brotherhood Committee of the Utica, N. Y. Council of Churches and the Fellowship of Reconciliation sponsors talk to be given on the relocation program by former Tule Lake evacuee, Rev. Ferry Saitu. In press interview Rev. Saitu notes that "people find it difficult to differentiate between the internment camps and the relocation centers."; describes some of the disheartening attitudes people have taken toward him. Utica, N. Y. OBSERVER DISPATCH, 12/16/43. Another report describes his speech to an Albany, N. Y. audience in which he asked for understanding and tolerance toward loyal evacuees; notes that he has been employed by the Fellowship of Reconciliation since his release from the center. Albany, N. Y. NEWS, 12/18/43

Minneapolis STAR JOURNAL carries picture of Thomas Sasaki who is employed as a part-time streetcar conductor in Minneapolis. 12/17/43

"Jap-American Evacuees Aided by Church Groups" (headline). Article finds "social, spiritual adjustment stressed; jobs and homes found for 1,600" loyal evacuees in Chicago. Edwin C. Morgenroth, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee in Chicago, states, "Chicago's reception of the American-Japanese is wonderful. Calls for workers are much greater than the number of evacuees available." By James O. Supple, Chicago SUN, 12/18/43

Article describes some of the evacuees who have relocated to New York City; several hundred now live in the city or its suburbs, and WRA officials predict a great increase by next spring. Accompanying picture shows a Japanese-American girl and a Chinese girl who "work together beautifully" according to their employer. N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 12/23/43

EVACUEE PROPERTY

Western Farms, Inc. offers to settle with creditors and WRA (acting as resident agents for evacuated Japanese) at 20 cents on the dollar; was incorporated in 1942 to lease and operate some of the most fruitful Japanese farms in King County, Wash., but failed to make a success of the venture. Seattle, Wash. POST INTELLIGENCER, 12/7/43

San Francisco health officials continue drive against the substandard "Japtown" housing conditions; outgoing grand jury leaves report warning

that conditions in the area should be given "the immediate attention of the city administration." Robert B. Flippin, executive director of the Booker T. Washington Community Service, protests order by Dr. J. C. Geiger, city health director, for the eviction of 29 "Japtown" residents from condemned buildings, says "Evictions...accompanied by the pugnacious attitude and abusive language of officers may well lead to serious trouble." Dr. Geiger asks for court authority to have three buildings torn down. S. F. CALL BULLETIN staff writer finds the Negro housing problem in San Francisco is being sidestepped, as is any post-war planning for the housing of various racial groups including the Japanese, "if they are allowed to return"; points out that 40 per cent of the property in the "Japtown" area is owned by American-born Japanese who will want to take over their property again. S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 12/15,16,17,20/43

MILITARY SERVICE

Selective Service still refuses to accept Japanese aliens for military service; announce new regulations on aliens which apply to German, Hungarian, Rumanian, and Bulgarian citizens. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 12/29/43

General Mark Clark decorates two Nisei soldiers for outstanding battlefield leadership. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 12/27/43

Former Seattle physician, Victor K. Nakashima, promoted to Captain at Camp Chafee, Ark. Seattle TIMES, 12/17/43

Sgt. Ben Kuroki returning to United States for additional training before being assigned to action in Pacific. Pictures and captions in Memphis COMMERCIAL APPEAL (undated) and N. Y. SUN, 12/9/43

Japanese American soldiers in Italy receive Christmas mail. Pictures and captions in Seattle TIMES, 12/15/43 and Washington, D. C. STAR, 12/18/43

Five Nisei girls begin training at WAC Training Center at Fort Des Moines. Picture and caption in Washington D. C. STAR.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Philip Schafer and Marlow Glenn, Minidoka project officials, leave to accept posts in the AMG--Allied Military Government division of the Army; Dean W. Miller, Boise resident, to join staff as Assistant Project Director in charge of Administrative Management, replacing Schafer. Twin Falls TIMES-NEWS, 12/19/43 and Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 12/18/43

Project Director James Lindley of Granada announces appointment of three new employees on project staff. Lamar NEWS, 11/30/43

AGRICULTURE

AP dispatch reveals that Heart Mountain crops totaled 2,069,735 pounds during past season; plans going forward for larger acreage in coming year. Casper, Wyo. TRIBUNE, 11/29/43, and Sheridan, Wyo. PRESS, 11/29/43

Granada grows nearly four million pounds of crops during past year; 16 carloads of vegetables shipped to other relocation centers; cost of production estimated less than \$50,000, while crops were valued at \$190,000.

Pueblo, Colo. STAR JOURNAL, 11/18/43, and Rocky Ford, Colo. GAZETTE & TOPIC, 12/22/43.

Minidoka grows over two million pounds of vegetables on 232 acres, according to AP dispatch; planned acreage for next year will be over 1,000 acres. Seattle TIMES, 12/18/43, Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 12/19/43, and Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 12/19/43

Evacuees assigned to harvest crops in Upper Snake River Valley to remain throughout winter in area, says county agricultural agent; some seasonal workers have accepted work in food processing plants, potato warehouses, and coal mines. Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 12/13/43

Tule Lake growers ask return of 3700 acres of land now being used by WRA; also demand release of farm machinery now held by WRA. Portland OREGONIAN, 12/19/43

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

More than 2,500 persons view four-day art exhibit at Granada. Lamar NEWS, 12/6/43

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Granada co-op has membership of 2600 evacuees; celebrates first anniversary as community enterprise. Lamar NEWS, 11/29/43

Granada feeding 150 head of cattle at the XY ranch; program will continue for 90 days. Lamar NEWS, 12/11/43

Granada gets third Navy order for more than 52,000 silk screen posters; 26 different posters called for in new order. Lamar NEWS, 12/16/43

Minidoka calls for trees and shrubs needed to landscape project grounds; center residents offer to thin out groves free of charge for neighboring farmers. Jerome (Idaho) NORTH SIDE NEWS, 12/16/43

EDUCATION

Over 1100 students enrolled in adult education classes at Granada; 417 studying sewing in 16 different classes; 27 teachers on faculty of adult education school. Lamar NEWS, 12/16/43

Heart Mountain High school given Class I rating among Wyoming schools. Cheyenne EAGLE, 12/16/43

EMPLOYMENT

About 50 evacuees from Minidoka now employed on Anderson Ranch Dam project, which will be the highest earth fill dam in the world. Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 12/14/43

HAWAII

Many Hawaiian Japanese language schools, closed after Pearl Harbor, now being used as community centers; buildings now house auxiliary public schools, air raid headquarters, ration boards, etc. Christian Science Monitor, 12/18/43

INTERNAL SECURITY

Nine employees of Granada co-op overstay leave privileges in Lamar; project residents warned of serious consequences if they fail to heed regulations. Lamar NEWS, 12/15/43

LEGAL

Anti-Japanese law declared unconstitutional by Arizona Supreme Court, says AP dispatch; law which requires that public notice be given before engaging in business dealings with persons whose movements are restricted by law held to "violate the first principle of due process and is therefore unconstitutional." Bisbee (Ariz.) REVIEW, 12/14/43, Douglas (Ariz.) DISPATCH, 12/14/43, ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 12/14/43, Tucson CITIZEN, 12/13/43, Holbrook (Ariz.) TRIBUNE, 12/17/43, and Phoenix GAZETTE, 12/13/43

Earl Best, former Heart Mountain steward and Dies Committee witness, held on charges of entering the United States illegally. Dept. of Justice reveals Best had previously been deported from this country in August, 1939, according to UP story. Worland, Wyoming NEWS, 12/18/43, Denver POST, 12/18/43, Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 12/19/43, Rocky Springs, Wyoming, ROCKET, 12/18/43

Leupp resident given six months jail sentence for counterfeiting; Frank Fukuchi, who had served previous prison term, cast coins of potmetal, using his expert knowledge of machine tools in making counterfeit coins. Holbrook (Ariz.) TRIBUNE, 12/17/43, Phoenix GAZETTE, 12/14/43, Arizona REPUBLIC, 12/14/43

Three evacuees accused of selling 120 gallons of sake to Poston residents; trio charged with bringing liquor into a Federal Indian reservation, according to AP story. Prescott (Ariz.) COURIER, 12/15/43, Phoenix GAZETTE, 12/15/43, and L. A. TIMES, 12/15/43

Eight Japanese arrested for gambling; police seize dice and other gambling equipment. Spokane REVIEW SPOKESMAN, 12/10/43

Visalia residents sue two evacuees now in relocation centers for damages; charged with indirectly poisoning cattle with grasshopper poison; Fresno BEE, 12/12/43

Pocatello, Idaho youth sues Japanese farmer for \$36,250; asks damages for being imprisoned for four hours, for hurting reputation, injuring his feelings and upsetting his mind; plaintiff formerly found innocent of charge of shooting at the Japanese farmer. Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 12/14/43

Rev. Hiram Kano, Japanese clergyman interned on Pearl Harbor day, released on interim parole after rehearing of case; decision on case expected in 30 or 40 days. Omaha WORLD HERALD, 12/18/43

MISCELLANEOUS

Rep. Lowell Stockman of Oregon announces that Secretary of Navy Knox has approved the construction of a \$2,500,000 recuperation center for marines at Klamath Falls, Oregon; will be used by marines injured in the South Pacific. AP, 11/30/43 (unidentified paper)

Japanese-American young man is shown in picture of a National Maritime Union group posed with a piece of steel from a ship recently sunk. Inscription on the steel reads, "Our answer to W. Pegler. The crew of this ship gave their lives." The PILOT (National Maritime Union paper) 12/3/43

WRA questions taxes due Los Angeles County on the Higashi Hongwanji Mission, Japanese church there; is told tax exemption for religious buildings in California is dependent upon their use, and that the buildings in question are boarded up and closed. L. A. TIMES, 12/8/43

"Park Here Has Japanese Name, Why or Since When is a Puzzle" (headline). Records fail to reveal answer to mystery of why small park at Riverside Drive and 122d St., in New York city is called "Sakura." Article finds officials curious but not annoyed about name. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 12/9/43

Several hundred evacuees of Buddhist faith at the Gila River center give pledge of loyalty to the U. S. and express hope for an allied victory in Pearl Harbor day church gathering. AP, Prescott, Ariz. COURIER, 12/9/43

Two national secretaries of the Y W C A meet with Little Rock, Ark. Public Affairs committee, local Y W C A members and other leaders interested in helping relocated Japanese-Americans adjust themselves to the communities in which they settle. Little Rock, Ark. DEMOCRAT, 12/10/43

Methodist Youth fellowship of Twin Falls, Idaho entertains 40 Hunt evacuees at evening service and social meeting. Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 12/11/43

Phoenix, Ariz. U. S. Civil Service Commission representative announces government war job openings; lists need for high school teachers, nurses and cost accountants for the WRA centers at Poston and Rivers, Ariz. Prescott COURIER, 12/15/43, Kingman, Ariz. MOHAVE-MINER, 12/16/43

Morristown, N. J. Chamber of Commerce considers request of Aiko Kuroki, blind evacuee at the Granada center who is seeking a community where she will be welcome. In her letter she expressed her desire to do her part in winning the war by finding work in a New Jersey war industry. AP, Newark, N. J. STAR LEDGER, 12/19/43

Salt Lake TRIBUNE carries picture of the University of Utah's basketball team; lineup includes Wat Misaka, apparently a Nisei boy who, according to the accompanying article, is "assured of seeing plenty of action" in this season's games. 12/19/43

Macalester College (Minn.) students raise \$1,300 for World Student Service, Chinese students in particular. Japanese-American student, Ellen Okagaki, is cited for making the largest contribution "in cash and effort." St. Paul, Minn. DISPATCH, 12/22/43

Dr. W. T. Carstarphen, head medical officer at the Amache center, hits "a new high in his medical experience" as 11 babies are born at the center in one night. UP, Denver, Colo. NEWS, 12/23/43

Syndicated comic strip "Little Joe" continues unfavorable series on "Jap internees" as their Christmas gift to little Joe's family proves to be a bomb which explodes when opened. Chicago, Ill. TRIBUNE, 12/26/43

MAGAZINES

Christian Century: Nov. 15, 1943: Editorial: "Repatriates Maintain Silence on Treatment"

Editor points out that the exchange of hundreds of other Americans in Japan may depend on the silence kept on their experiences by those recently repatriated; asks that they "be welcomed and honored and understood when they keep their own counsel."

The Compass: Nov. 1943: "A War Relocation Authority Community" By Philip Schafer, Assistant Project Director of the Minidoka center.

Mr. Schafer describes some of the problems confronting the WRA, and particularly the Minidoka center, in attempting to carry out the ultimate objective of relocating the evacuees in communities where they will be welcomed and where their sense of security can be re-established. Points out the factors leading to demoralization of the family group at the centers and describes Minidoka as "a sociologist's and social worker's nightmare and opportunity." Urges social workers throughout the country to take a greater interest in the problems which the relocation of this group presents.

The New York Times Book Review: Dec. 19, 1943: "Personal View of the Sons of Heaven", by Burton Crane: A review of "Paradox Isle", written by Carol Bache.

A story of the "unofficial little people" of Japan among whom Carol Bache has spent a large portion of her life, and the memory of whom has not been dulled by the actions of the "greedy Japanese militarists." Mr. Crane describes her story as told "in careful, economical sentences, with sentiment but without sentimentality."

Survey Graphic: Dec. 1943: "Green Light for the FEPC", by Winifred Raushenbush.

An account of the "precarious career" of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee since its creation in June 1941, highlighted by details on the recent hearings in Washington, D. C. on the discrimination against skilled Negro railwaymen by 22 railroads operating in the southern states. The author urges the establishment by Congress of the FEPC as a permanent function of the federal government; notes that "as it now stands, non-discrimination in industry, as guaranteed by Executive Order 9346, will lapse with the end of the war."

Asia and the Americas: Dec. 1943: "The Japanese Are Still In Peru", by Manuel Seoane

Manuel Seoane, "a leading member of the revolutionary Aprista Party of Peru" now living in exile in Chile, describes the gradual penetration of the Japanese into Peru, where there are now about fifty thousand of them. Finds the order of the Peruvian government, that all Japanese must have sold or liquidated their businesses in that country before January 1, 1944, meaningless, as many have become Peruvian citizens in law if not in spirit, and others are buying their citizenship papers now with the date moved back before Dec. 7, 1941.