

What Bird



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WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR

"Lots of hardships yet a chance to have the experience of a life-time, a chance to serve our country, to be in places which are the headlines of today, the history of tomorrow. An opportunity to serve in the places you are needed most and a chance to meet people and make friends that are more than just acquaintances because you have been through so much together.

"I get a big thrill when I look at a map and realize that in all the hot spots some of my friends are there and on the job. . . .

"I have a good chance of not coming out of this alive and I tell you that *I don't mind dying but I won't stand for anyone undoing all of the good work that all of us are doing.*"

—American Sergeant of Japanese ancestry in a Combat Zone.

—From a letter in War Department files.

WHILE THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY OVERSEAS, HOW ARE YOU BACKING THEM UP ON THE HOME FRONT?

Here's **WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST** at home

After fifty years of name calling, scare headlines, and "anti" laws, the American-Jap haters have tied up with the war effort and have stepped up their drive to oust all Japanese from this country or make them live from now on as fourth class citizens.

To cap their victory of evacuating 117,000 persons to barbed wire camps, they connive even more. For instance, these bills were introduced in the 77th Congress:

Anderson Bill.....This House of Representatives Bill provided for a Constitutional amendment taking away citizenship from all persons of Japanese ancestry, now and forever.

Holman Bill.....This Senate Bill provided for a Constitutional amendment whereby persons born in this country, claimed by another country as its citizens, such as Japan, cannot be citizens of the United States.

Stewart Bill.....This Senate Bill provided for the internment of all Japanese, citizens and aliens, at the discretion of any military commander.

TYPICAL of **WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST** in all the western states are six bills docketed on just one intermountain legislative calendar:

1. The State shall memorialize Congress to immediately *intern all Japanese*, regardless of birth.
2. The State shall *impose curfews and restrict travel of Japanese* aliens, and citizens of that ancestry.
3. All *Japanese shall be drafted and their labor regimented*.
4. The Relocation Center shall be divided into scattered small camps, so that *labor pools shall be created*.
5. *Out-of-state college fees shall be increased for evacuee Japanese students* entered in state institutions, since they do not intend to become state residents; and furthermore, costs have increased.
6. *No person of Japanese ancestry shall own or lease land or engage in certain types of businesses or professions.*

ADOPTED by the State of Arkansas by a vote of 30 to 1 is Senate Bill No. 11, by Senator B. Frank Williams, which says: "No Japanese or a descendant of a Japanese (either corporation, trustee, or agent) shall ever purchase or hold title to any lands in the State of Arkansas . . . directly or indirectly."

GALLUP POLL Results, reported December 30, 1942, showed 31% of California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona voters as being **AGAINST THE RETURN OF EVACUEES AFTER THE WAR**. To quote: "Throughout the western area there is almost unanimous public approval of the Army's action in evacuating the Japanese from the coast and sending them to detention camps. Of those questioned, 97% said they thought the Army did the right thing while 2% disapproved and 1% was undecided.

"More than *two-thirds of the voters in the five-state western area* who are opposed to allowing the Japanese to return *thought they should be sent back to Japan.*"

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THESE BILLS? WHO IS PROMOTING THIS UN-AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION?

DIES' CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

In its annual report for 1942, the Dies Committee claimed credit for evacuation. Read Page 12—"A direct result of the committee's report on Japanese subversive activities in this country was the removal of the Japanese population from vital west-coast areas."

CALIFORNIA JOINT IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE. "The lineal descendant of the old Asiatic Exclusion League and the Japanese-Korean Exclusion League is the California Joint Committee on Immigration. The anti-Oriental activities of these organizations and the exaggerations and distortions they sowed widespread are revealed in the Second Tolan Committee Report."—**JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE BRIEF, AMICUS CURIAE, Regan vs. King.**

In 1919 "a joint immigration committee was set up in California, composed of the American Legion of California, the State Federation of Labor, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the California State Grange, and individuals who had long been active in the exclusion cause, such as V. S. McClatchy and State Attorney General U. S. Webb."—Second Tolan Committee Report.

NATIVE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST. Both these organizations appropriated \$1000 each to initiate funds to wage a campaign to revoke the American citizenship of all persons of Japanese ancestry. In June, 1942, the Native Sons, along with the American Legion and the Joint Immigration Committee, filed two suits to deprive nisei in San Francisco and Alameda Counties of their franchise.

"The organization to which the appellant belongs was one of the most vociferous in demanding evacuation. Evacuation was scarcely begun when the appellant and his friends were calling for the rescinding of citizenship on the basis of disloyalty implied by the removal. This will raise the ugly suspicion in some minds, that the evacuation was not so necessary as the clamor at the time would have indicated, but was encouraged so that it could be used as an argument in cases such as these.

"Perhaps the most amazing part of the appellant's brief is a series of totally unsubstantiated charges hurled. . . . The American citizens of Japanese ancestry, the great majority of whom have never seen Japan, are saddled by the appellant with the responsibility for Japanese foreign policy and the war!"—**JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE BRIEF, AMICUS CURIAE, Regan vs. King.**

AMERICAN COALITION. Composed of 250 national patriotic organizations and with 13 million claimed in its membership, one of their announced policies is to intern and deport all Japanese.

AMERICAN LEGION. "If the American Legion has anything to do with it, we will put them away for keeps" . . . (the relocation program is a) "dismal failure"—Leon Happel, California state commander of the American Legion.

"Opposing any release of evacuees from relocation centers to attend schools . . ." —Resolution passed by Yuba-Sutter post.

The seizure of farm machinery left behind by evacuated farmers of Japanese ancestry, both citizens and aliens, was demanded in a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard by John M. Gault, chairman of the War Advisory Committee of the Los Angeles County Council of the American Legion. Gault is Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles.

CERTAIN SUGAR BEET INTERESTS want to exploit Japanese for "slave" labor.

WEST COAST CONGRESSIONAL BLOC is a group of Pacific Coast politicians in Congress who high pressure for executive and legislative restrictions, at the insistence of political bosses and economic interests.

J. P. McEvoy in Reader's Digest for March, 1943, asks: ". . . how the sunkist hysteria of West Coast pressure groups could transmute an old local, political, economic and race feud into a national burden and an international reproach."?

SOME AMERICAN-JAP HATERS WHO PUSH THESE UN-AMERICAN CAMPAIGNS ARE:

James K. Fisk, Executive Secretary, California Joint Immigration Committee; **H. V. McClatchy**, Sacramento Bee and Fresno Bee publisher and owner of radio stations; **John T. Regan**, Executive Secretary, Native Sons of the Golden West; **ex-Representative Leland S. Ford** of California; **J. B. Hughes**, radio commentator; **John Lechner**, Americanism Committee chairman, American Legion.

Senator Hiram Johnson of California; newspaper columnists like **Westbrook Pegler**, and **Henry McLemore**, who wrote "I hate all Japs"; **ex-Gov. Chase A. Clark** of Idaho, who sloganized "Japs is rats"; **Senator Edwin C. Johnson** of Colorado; California Senator **Clair Engle** of Tehama County and Assemblyman **Lloyd Lowery** of Yolo County who introduced bills barring citizenship to those of the Japanese race, closing commercial fishing and prohibiting land leases; **Kilsoo K. Haan**, alien Korean propagandist, who said: "All Japs are spies; you can't trust any of them."

State Senator **Clarence C. Ward** is raising money and asking support for legislation permanently excluding persons of Japanese ancestry from California; **C. L. Preisker** declared: "We should strike now while the sentiment over the country will grow more bitter before this war is over, and if we begin now . . . Congress could easily pass an act ordering all nationals of Japan to return home after the peace"; **Don Underwood**, of Santa Maria, said organized labor "will contribute what it can to legally eliminate the Japanese from this area"; Los Angeles Parlor 45 of the **Native Sons of the Golden West** protested the formation of the Army combat unit composed of Japanese Americans; the **Orchard City Grange** resolved: "Americans of Japanese ancestry should not be trusted with an American uniform."

WHILE JAPANESE AMERICANS ARE FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY OVERSEAS, WE'RE UP AGAINST THE FOES OF DEMOCRACY, ACTIVE HERE AT HOME

The heat is now on to nullify and cancel our American citizenship.

Who's Doing Anything About It? Are You?

The Japanese American Citizens League is on the job, ceaselessly and vigilantly, to uphold and maintain your citizenship and property rights. Against these clamorous, self-seeking million dollar lobbies and pressure interests, the JACL rallies the forces of justice and humanity and freedom.

Responding, and activated by the JACL, are church, civil liberties, social agencies, and many other recognized and influential individuals and groups, awakened to these attacks not on the Japanese alone, but on American democracy itself.

HERE'S HOW this support came through in one case: During the hearings on the Stewart Bill, the JACL called the Bill to the notice of influential persons and organizations and urged quick action. These organizations, representing memberships totaling millions, made official protests. In addition, *thousands of telegrams and letters* rained down on the committee congressmen over a ten-day period. This is the first time in history such concrete and positive resistance has turned up on a bill affecting Japanese.

Do You Remember:

It took 16 years to have Congress pass a law which granted the right of citizenship to all Oriental veterans who served in World War I, while those of other races received it automatically after the war?

If your American-born mother or sister married an alien, "ineligible to citizenship," she lost her American citizenship?

When in Walnut Grove, they had separate school houses for Japanese; and when in San Francisco, they segregated Japanese school children?

Mobs in Oregon and Arizona forced Japanese out of homes and jobs?

A "Committee of One Thousand" in Southern California worked to boycott all things Japanese?

In the middle-thirties the Hearst press blamed the nation's slow recovery on the Orientals?

When they refused to sell you a home or rent you a vacancy?

When they refused to sell you a main floor ticket in a theatre?

That only those of the Japanese race were evacuated from the West Coast, and are still barred therefrom?

Those signs: "JAPS KEEP MOVING;" "NO JAPS ALLOWED;" "FOR WHITE TRADE ONLY"; "JAP, DON'T LET THE SUN SET ON YOU IN THIS TOWN"; "JAPS DON'T LIVE; THEY EXIST"?

Those lapel badges: "JAP HUNTING LICENSE—OPEN SEASON—NO BAG LIMIT"?

DO THIS NOW — BEFORE IT'S "TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE"

Join and get others to join the JACL. This is more than an organization; it is a crusade. Your part in this crusade is to TALK IT UP. KEEP OUR CAUSE ALIVE BY PASSING ON THIS PAMPHLET.

If there is no local chapter, fill the blanks below and

MAIL NOW!

JACL, 415 Beason Building
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sirs:

Keep up the good work. Here's my donation: \$.....

Please print name

Address

Mail copy of "WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR" to addresses attached.

JACL, 415 Beason Building
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sirs:

Count me in as cooperative, too. I'm doing more than merely talking.
Enclosed find my Associated Membership Fee\$3.50

Please print name

Address

Mail copy of "WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR" to addresses attached.

Each additional member of a family can join for \$1.50 more. Sign them all up and wake them up to political consciousness.

Relocation Center Associated Member Fee is \$3.00
Each additional family member: 50c

JACL, 415 Beason Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sirs:

I recognize yours as an American, not a Japanese problem. While I am not eligible for general membership, I want to convert my good will into tangible help. Please record me as a contributor to this common cause for democracy:

- (1) Contributing member\$ 5.00 per year
- (2) Sustaining member\$10.00 per year
- (3) Patron\$25.00 or more, per year
- (4) Pacific Citizen, 52 issues on Japanese American problems,
nationally covered in this weekly newspaper.....\$2.50

Enclosed is my financial contribution, as checked above.

Please print name

Address

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