

# Challenge to Democracy



Grandfather and grandchild awaiting evacuation bus. The grandfather conducted a dyeing and cleaning business. The family unit is preserved during evacuation and at War Relocation Authority centers where evacuees of Japanese ancestry were housed for the emergency.

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Centerville, Calif., 1942.—This girl, who worked as a strawberry picker on an Alameda County farm, awaits evacuation bus to take her to an assembly center.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Nearly 12,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry are in the armed forces of the United States?

Out of the 1400 Japanese-Americans in the 100th Battalion in Italy, 900 have been awarded the Purple Heart honor for being wounded in battle; 36 have been honored with the Silver Star; 21 have won Bronze Stars; three wear the Distinguished Service Cross? according to an Associated Press dispatch from the front.

One Relocation Center has a Japanese-American War Mothers Club of 155 mothers whose sons are in the service and that one of these mothers has five sons in United States Army uniforms? At some camps American Legionnaires of World War I hold regular meetings?

More than 24,000 Japanese-Americans have been resettled in other states of the Union?

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"The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—President Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943, in endorsing the formation of the combat team of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

## "CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY"

In Color and Sound

16 Millimeter Film

What has become of the 110,000 Japanese-American citizens and Japanese aliens who formerly lived on the Pacific Coast?

Some are waiting out the war and war hysteria in eight centers of the War Relocation Authority. Many thousands more are relocating in other parts of the United States.

The WRA has prepared a color and sound film of their story — the largest mass hegira in history — giving many cross sections of the evacuation from the West Coast, settling in camps, readjustment of lives of men, women and children, relocation in other sections of the country and the training of Japanese-American soldiers, many of whom have already given their lives for our country.

*This film is available to any group of 50 or more persons, clubs, church groups, fraternal, business and labor organizations.*

The running time of the film is 17 minutes, and has a sound commentary explaining the various phases of the "Challenge to Democracy."

There is no charge for this feature. In some cases a sound projector with operator will be available. *Because of the limited number of copies of the film, we would appreciate several tentative dates being furnished us.*

If your organization is interested, write for this film to

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