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AMERICAN INTERNEE RETURNS CURFEW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Returned to the United States after internment in Japan, Theodore Walser, a former missionary, tells a different story of concentration camps there.

Mr. Walser has no "horror story" to tell. His story does not neglect the considerate and courteous treatment he received from the day after Pearl Harbor, when he was arrested, until the evacuee ship left Japan with him on board.

Japanese--friends and strangers--brought food and gifts to the "enemy-alien" internees. Some of them braved the police warnings and appeared at the station to bow farewells as their friends were taken to the ship.

In the camp where he has interned, Mr. Walser's principal discomforts were poor food, close confinement and lack of communication with family and friends.

Of the enemy-aliens in Tokyo, all of the women and half of the men were not interned. Mrs. Walser was not insulted or maltreated. All foreigners received an extra pound of sugar monthly over the ration of six-eighths of a pound.

Mr. Walser reminds us of the "forgotten man" in Japan--the ones

In a test case of the curfew regulations Federal Judge James Alger Fee of Portland ruled that the curfew orders were "unquestionably" void with respect to citizens of the United States. Ruling in the case of Minoru Yasui, Judge Fee held that a military commander is given no power of legislation under the Constitution.

"The Congress of the United States is in session and consists of the elective representatives. To this body alone is committed the ordinary power of passing laws which govern the conduct of the citizens, even in time of war."

The judge pointed out that martial law has not been declared in this area and in absence of such, civil law was supreme.

Minoru Yasui, lawyer of Hood River, Oregon, voluntarily violated the curfew regulations in order to test these orders. In his case Judge Fee found that he was guilty of violating the orders on the ground that he was an alien because as a propaganda agent of the Emperor he had "elected" to be a citizen of Japan. Yasui appealed the case.

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DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Those citizens of the United States, and they are in a majority, are to be commended for their tolerant and unbiased thinking as far as the whole Japanese-American problem is concerned. The absence of hatred on their part is proof that most people are trying their best to make our democratic principles a living reality in everyday life. It is true that there are certain "high pressure" groups attempting to place a noose around our democratic ideals of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" which is the heritage of all those who seek a home in our friendly land.

Our duty as citizens, is to see that minority groups in this country are granted their full rights. Nothing short of this will do if we are to practice what we preach. When attempts are made to revoke the "inalienable rights" of a supposedly free people, then it is time for all clear-thinking persons to go into

action to oppose such fascistic tendencies. We must remain alert lest undemocratic legislation is invoked against our friends who differ from us only by the color of their skin. Let us so live up to our common heritage that no one will legitimately be able to brand us for being hypocrites.

ATTENTION, ARTISTS!

Almost every college student, either past or present, knows of the World Student Service Fund. He realizes that this fund of money, raised by students primarily in American colleges and universities, is allotted to war-stricken students throughout the earth. He believes in the fund and supports it because he well understands that the students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. Any possible contribution to the welfare and education of these unfortunate students is a contribution to greater intelligence and greater understanding in dealing with the problems of the future.

Today, one of the groups that has in the past given most generously to the W.S.S.F. finds itself in a position not unlike that of other refugee students. Yet, despite these unfortunate circumstances, some of the Japanese-American students still desire to participate in the drive this year. In order to utilize this noble spirit, Nisei and Issei students are being asked to help make the posters that will be sent to campuses all over (Continued on Page 4)

THE WORLD PARTY

"A world-wide democratic political party cooperating with all agencies working for World Democratic Government."

... "A way must be found of dealing with international problems that will be worthy of the mind of man.. We of the world are divided because we have not learned that we cannot have by holding, that by holding what we have apart from others, there will always be someone trying to take it from us, and that only by sharing what we have with others can we secure it for ourselves... "America, as a leading 'have' nation, is in a position to start the movement toward mutual understanding and goodwill... "We can prove our faith in democracy by extending that which we have of it to all the peoples of the world... proving what we say about 'liberty and justice for ALL,' make available our overflowing bounty of food to all hungry people, abrogate our tariffs... make our country free to all who wish to come here--in other words, make our democracy democratic..."

"We must not wait until there is a victor and a vanquished, an oppressor and an oppressed... We must start now the movement toward World Democratic Government, toward economic and political freedom for ALL peoples of the world..."

\* \* \* \* \* "If we put aside pressing cares and allow the life of the universe to whisper to our hearts, living becomes pure joy." -Kagawa \* \* \* \* \*

"FAN-FARE"

Dear Sir: It's wonderful to live "outside life" once again even though it may be for a short time. I am now in Fruitland, Idaho, where I'm in charge of the Industrial Laboratory analyzing the spray residue on the apples for lead... I enjoy reading the Pacific Cable and indeed grateful for you people who are really interested in us.

Sincerely yours, Thomas S. Okabe

DISCRIMINATION ABOLISHED

The U.S. Employment Service will abolish a provision which has formerly allowed employers to draw racial lines in requests for manpower. The Fair Employment Practices Committee and various liberal, labor and negro groups have opposed the clause because it has permitted discriminatory hiring practices in violation of the democratic principles on which this country was founded.

CURFEW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL(Cont.)

Although the case did not directly test the evacuation orders, the same points of law are involved as in the curfew orders. This decision should have a far-reaching effect on the cases that are contesting other points of General DeWitt's evacuation orders.



## ABOUT PEOPLE

TAMAKO INOUE is now a librarian at Minidoka.

MARGARET ECHIGOSHIMA has gone to St. Louis to continue her study of law.

HARRY FUKIAGE took time out last week at the University of Utah for an appendectomy.

THOMAS S. OKABE has a new job with the Growers and Shippers Association of Idaho. He is a chemist in their Fruitland Laboratory.

TOM BODINE took four days off from Student Relocation last week and climbed Mount Lassen, 10,413 feet. He found an inscription at the summit which read, "Why do people fight wars when there are so many mountains to climb."

ATSUKO and YOSHIKO YANO reported recently from Minidoka.

KATSU OIKAWA is working as a reporter on the Heart Mountain SENTINEL ...a very good little sheet, by the way.

TAI IKE mentions 19 inches of snow already at Boulder, Colorado. What will it be like when winter comes?

DR. BERTHA AKIMOTO is now on the Staff of St. Mary's Hospital, Jefferson City, Missouri.

LILY YOROZU is enrolled in the graduate school of social work at Denver U.

HELEN YOROZU is attending Colorado Women's College, to which she won a scholarship.

MITSUKO and TAMAYE HIRATA of Seattle arrived on the Gripsholm recently.

## ATTENTION, ARTISTS ! (Cont.)

country to make more vivid and real the intense need. The participation of Japanese-American students in this manner will create within us a more genuine conception of the meaning of W.S.S.F.

Posters may be of any size. At the bottom of each poster the name of the person who painted it should be inscribed clearly. Information about the W.S.S.F. and ideas for posters can be obtained by writing to Frank Hanawalt, College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wn. Any expenses for materials will be refunded to the painter by writing to this address. The posters will be needed at different times during the year depending upon when the drives are held on the various campuses. We want a great number of these posters by Christmas if possible. When the posters are completed they should be sent to Mr. Hanawalt who will in turn send them out to the various campuses.

The friendship between students in college today and students in the relocation centers has been an inspiration to both. By working together on this project of supreme interest to us all, we can contribute still more to that bond of fellowship that even a war cannot sever.

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who can't make the front pages of our newspapers, but whose gifts and kindnesses to the internees showed that they "love their enemies."