

W. R. A. Director Defends Tule Lake Administration

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(P)—Declaring that many influential people and organizations are trying to reduce Americans of Japanese descent" to the status of second-class citizens," Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, has defended his administration of the Tule Lake Japanese relocation center.

Such persons and organizations are jeopardizing the prisoner-exchange system between Japan and the United States, he told a Town Hall meeting yesterday.

"They are doing a great disservice to the national war effort and providing the enemy with propaganda material," Myer asserted.

He declared that mass confinement of the Japanese in this country "would be a blow to the constitutional safeguards which now protest every one of us against arbitrary government action."
