

REVOCAION OF JAPS' CITIZENSHIP PROPOSED AT AUBURN MEETING



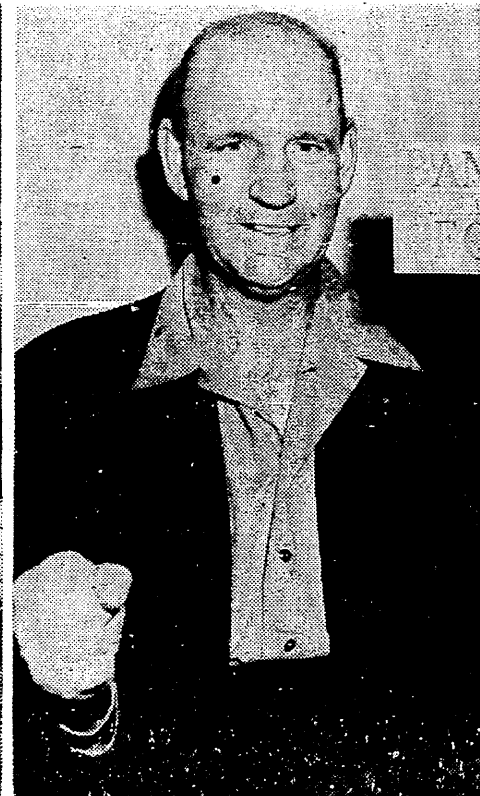
A few of the approximate 250 new members who joined the Remember Pearl Harbor League last night in Auburn, contributing \$180 to the organization's expense fund, are shown making their donations. Hundreds protested return of Japs to the White River and Puyallup Valleys.



E. D. Phelan stabs the air with a forefinger as he proposes a constitutional amendment to revoke citizenship of all Japs.



J. W. Boddy, Coast Guard chief machinist's mate, happily accepted one of the placards urging banishment of Japs from the West Coast. Assigned in Seattle, Boddy's home is in Auburn.



W. B. Leber clenched his fist and said returning soldiers would find themselves "outflanked" by Japs who will have resettled in this area.

By ROBERT MAHAFFAY
Backed by a "war chest" of \$735 and a membership of approximately 900 persons, the Remember Pearl Harbor League, formed to block the return of Japanese to the White River and Puyallup Valleys, today was considering the introduction of a national constitutional amendment to achieve it ends.

Support of the amendment was urged last last night by E. D. Phelan, Seattle attorney, at the third mass meeting of the League in Auburn last night.
More than 300 residents of the area packed Fraternity Hall, as speakers demanded that every measure "short of violence" be used to prevent return of Japanese

to the farms they operated before the war.
There were no speakers for opponents of the League, which has met with strong criticism from church and other groups.
Phelan's proposal for the introduction of an amendment which would "revoke the citizenship of every Japanese in the country" was

accepted by the group at large and turned over to the board of directors for study.
Corydon (Nifty) Garrett, Sumner newspaper editor, told the meeting the League soon will be incorporated.
"We want the League to be perpetuated as long as our interest and our hearts are in this work,"

Garrett said. "We are discouraging violence of any kind, but we are going to exhaust all civil recourses. If we lose, God knows what will happen."
"Thirty thousand Nisei Japs have been released from relocation center, and are on their way back. That means the war with Japan is right here and right away."

W. B. Leber of Kent, one of the most prominent farmers said.
"While our boys are out fighting, are we going to let the Japs outflank us and come in the back? In order to prevent that, I say take every step short of violence!"
Kemp Ross of Kent said it is possible the League's activities will be extended to Bremerton, Seattle and

Des Moines.
The Teamsters' Union has been on record for months as opposing return of the Japs, John J. Steiner, secretary-treasurer for the Teamsters' Union in the Kent-Auburn area, told the group.
"During the depression," said J. L. Anderson of Enumclaw, "Japs in Enumclaw were working for \$1.50

a day. They gave 25 cents of that to a Jap boss who, we understand, was captain in the Jap army and sent the money back to Japan. Those two-bit pieces are punching holes in our boys now."
Another meeting was called for next Friday night, at which time a fuller explanation of the league's plans was promised.