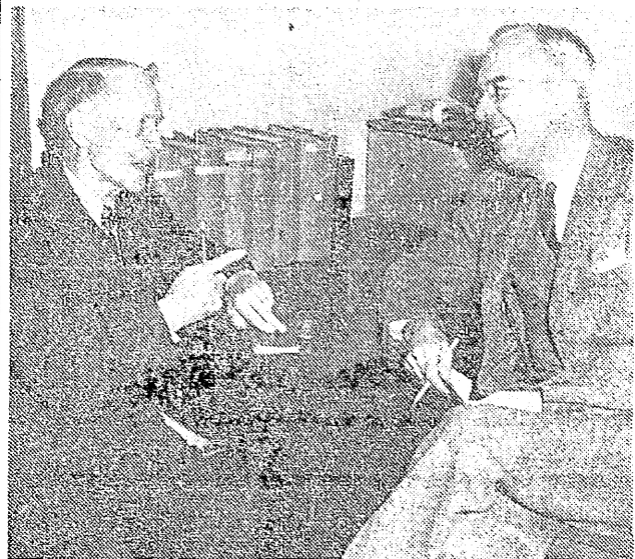


Myer, Director of W. R. A., Clashes With Anti-Jap Group



CORYDON (NIFTY) GARRETT (left) and DILLON S. MYER
They discussed the return of Japanese

The views of Dillon S. Myer, War Relocation Authority director, and the Remember Pearl Harbor League met head-on today as Myer listened to a first-hand account of anti-Japanese feeling in the Puyallup and White River Valleys.

Myer, who is conducting a series of conferences with area supervisors, said he had not included Seattle in his itinerary expressly to deal with the organization formed to prevent the return of Japanese to this area.

The attitude of the league was presented by Corydon (Nifty) Garrett of Sumner, a member of the executive board.

Not Inciting Riot

"The Remember Pearl Harbor League does not have the intention of inciting to bloodshed and riot," Garrett told Myer "but there is blood in the eyes of the people of this valley."

"And there will be blood in the eyes of boys who come back to find that we're fighting the war over here," replied Myer. "They're going to be particular about what liberties are taken with our Constitution. Let those who want to fight go overseas to do it."

"What we want," said Garrett, "is to save fighting the Japanese later."

Myer refused to accept that view. "I think you'll find most people are going to be fair in their attitude after the war," he said. "I'm not afraid that there is going to be bloodshed. At the most we may expect only a few isolated incidents created by hot-heads who have been drinking too much."

Equal Rights Guaranteed

"We feel," persisted Garrett, "we should dispense with the Japanese now, while the problem is in its infancy."

"That is the point of view of people who refuse to accept the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees equal rights to all colors and creeds," said Myer.

"I understand," Myer continued, "your organization advocates taking their citizenship away from these people. When they do that, they are monkeying with your citizenship and mine, and I don't care for that."

"I'm not afraid of rejecting their citizenship," said Garrett.

"Thank heaven there are lots of people who are," Myer replied.

Competition Feared

Myer said he believed the source of the friction was largely economic, and that competition offered by the Japanese was feared.

"Evidently this movement has been started by some misinformed

and misguided people," Myer said. "They forget we have some 12,000 Japanese-Americans fighting with our armies, some of them in the South Pacific."

"In one relocation center recently we had 46 Gold Star mothers whose sons had been killed in action. In one battalion there were 54 holders of Silver Stars and more than 1,000 men with the Purple Heart."

Also attending the press conference held in the office of Claude G. Walker, W. R. A. area supervisor, was R. B. Cozzins, assistant W. R. A. director, whose headquarters are in San Francisco

Russians Here Will Observe Church Event

Seattle's Russian colony is joining with Russians throughout the world this week in celebration of the "Sesquicentennial in the New World" of Russian Orthodox churches. Climax of the celebration here will be a service Sunday morning at the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 1714 13th Ave.

Holy liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will begin at 10 o'clock, followed by special solemn Te Deum thanksgiving devotions. The Very Rev. Michael Danilchik, assisted by the St. Nicholas clergy, will officiate, and an a capella choir will sing traditional music, featuring "Hear, O Lord, My Prayer," and the "Cherubim Song," and "Te Deum," by Bortniansky.

In 1794, at the request of the Russian colonizers in Alaska and with the assistance of Catherine the Great, the first Russian missionaries arrived at Kodiak Island. Later, in the 19th Century, the Orthodox Christian faith spread to the American continent and there now are hundreds of prosperous congregations throughout the United States, Alaska and Canada.

Socialist Labor Talk

Talking in behalf of Socialist Labor Party candidates for office, Herbert Steiner, a national organizer for the party, will speak this evening at 8 o'clock in the I. O. G. T. Hall, 1109 Virginia St. He will outline the platforms of Edward A. Teichert, candidate for President on the Socialist Labor ticket; Arla A. Albaught, for vice president, and Henry Gusey for governor.