

Mayor Assails Vandalism At Japanese Home

All facilities of the Police Department should be used in tracking down the vandals who recently painted threatening signs at a house at 1610 Walker St., prior to its occupancy by a returning Japanese family, Mayor William F. Devin notified Police Chief Herbert D. Kimsey today.

A strongly worded letter from the mayor pointed out that "this matter of intimidation through threats, violence and vandalism must not be permitted in our city."

The mayor told the chief to "use the facilities at your command to vigorously pursue this type of law violation, wherever it is found, and bring the guilty parties before the court."

Chief Kimsey said his department has been working diligently on the Walker Street depredations, and will take steps to cope with any other vandalism.

Mrs. Helen C. Twitchell, 1710 37th Ave., whose son was killed in the war, has written to the mayor protesting strongly against such vandalism, the mayor said. Mrs. Twitchell, referring to the Walker Street Japanese family, said: "I do not know these people, but the fact that our military authorities allowed them to return means that the F. B. I. has passed them, that they are considered safe.

". . . Of what avail is the death of my son and countless other mothers' sons, in an effort to end Hitlerism and totalitarianism, if we allow the ugly beast to spring up in our midst. We cannot be true to our boys and keep quiet, when the democratic rights of our citizens are violated."
