

# JAPS, ALIENS OR CITIZENS, TO GIVE UP FIREARMS

## Langlie Issues Proclamation After Conferences With Army and Navy; F. B. I. Seizes 50 in Raids Here

All Japanese — both aliens and citizens—were ordered by Gov. Arthur B. Langlie today to surrender all firearms, ammunition and explosives, as the governor proclaimed the entire state a protective defense area.

Announcement of the move came as 100 Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other officers were rounding up dozens of enemy aliens in the Seattle area. Almost 50 had been taken into custody and the number was increasing.

### Much Wider Scope

The governor's proclamation, which was issued after conferences with Army and Navy officials, the Associated Press reported, was much more extensive than any restrictions hitherto imposed.

Previously only enemy aliens had been ordered to surrender contraband, and only vital defense areas, such as military installations and defense plants, had been designated protective defense areas.

The State Patrol was authorized to regulate the sale, storage and use of explosives and firearms in the hands of everyone in the state, including white American citizens. There will be no interference with ordinary firearms sales to sportsmen for hunting purposes.

### Japanese Given Six Days

The governor gave Japanese six days within which to surrender contraband in their possession, the deadline being next Thursday. Violations are punishable by fine and imprisonment.

The governor said Japanese may sell their explosives back to dealers, if that can be arranged. The State Patrol will issue receipts for the confiscated property, which will be returned within six months after the war's end.

"I am certain that all loyal Japanese will understand the necessity of this action which takes from them their property, which

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might be used innocently or otherwise to injure life or damage property," the governor said. "Regulations covering the storage of firearms by other Americans are necessary, in the considered opinion of the Army and Navy, to prevent their forcible seizure at a time of insurrection or invasion."

The governor stressed the necessity of immediate action to keep firearms or explosives out of the hands of persons who might use them in a sabotage campaign, or in conjunction with an aerial bombing.

## 100 Take Part in Raids

In Seattle, the State Patrol said it would start taking in the contraband Monday.

The F. B. I. raids in the Seattle area were begun early this forenoon, under the direction of H. B. Fletcher, agent in charge of the Seattle office. Men borrowed from the Police Department and sheriff's office swelled the "posse" to about 100 men.

Persons arrested were held at the United States Immigration Station at 815 Airport Way, pending hearings. Their premises also were searched for contraband.

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