

# COURT UPHOLDS CURFEW ON JAPS

United States District Judge Lloyd L. Black today denied a writ of habeas corpus to Mary Asaba Ventura, American-born Japanese, who contended the military curfew regulations unlawfully restrained her of her liberty.

The Court commented that if she is loyal and devoted to the United States she should be willing to conform to military regulations.

Had the writ been granted, a precedent would have been established whereby other Japanese could obtain exemption from the regulations.

Judge Black also ordered the dismissal of her petition which requested Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, to show cause why Mrs. Ventura should not be released from evacuation regulations as well as those applying to the curfew. Mrs. Ventura's husband, Mamerto S. Ventura, a Filipino, is treasurer of the Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers' Union, Local No. 7.

Hideo Saiki, American-born Japanese gardener at Bellevue, first Japanese arrested in Seattle as a curfew violator, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge John C. Bowen to serve 15 days in the county jail.

Mitsuyaki Yanagita, 27 years old, Japanese bartender, was taken into federal custody yesterday on similar charges. He was bound over to the Federal Grand Jury by U. S. Commissioner Harry M. Westfall and is being held in \$250 bail.