

SOLONS FAVOR JAP SEGREGATION

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WASHINGTON, July 3.—(UP)—The Senate military affairs committee today recommended enactment of a resolution calling for segregation of Japanese of "questionable loyalty" to the United States from loyal Japanese in internment camps.

Senator Sheridan Downey, Democrat, Calif., author of the resolution, said he would bring the recommendation before the Senate on Monday.

The resolution requests President Roosevelt to direct the War Relocation Authority to weed out disloyal Japanese and to set up "additional safeguards" against sabotage. It also demands a complete "authoritative public statement" by the W. R. A. as to conditions in war relocation centers.

Committee Investigates Camps

Downey's resolution was patterned on recommendations of a military affairs subcommittee headed by Senator A. B. Chandler, Democrat, Kentucky, which investigated war relocation camps.

The action on the Downey resolution came as Mike Masaoka, a United States Army private of Japanese ancestry, pleaded before a Dies sub-committee for a "China-man's chance" to prove his loyalty. Masaoka was former executive secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens League.

Masaoka's charge that a rift existed between civilian and military authorities in the War Department on the question of removing Japanese from the West Coast brought an immediate denial from a War Department observer at the hearing.

Officer Denies Rift

The charge was contained in a letter from Masaoka and read by committee investigators. The hearing was interrupted at this point by Capt. John M. Hall, from the office of Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, who declared:

"As far as I was concerned—and I was in a position to know—no such rift did arise."

Masaoka's letter said Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson had "taken steps to slap" Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt for statements opposing return of Japanese-Americans to the Pacific Coast. De Witt, chief of the Western Defense Command, had said, "A Jap is a Jap."

Masaoka's letter asserted "reliable sources" informed him all government branches except the military favored a "behind-the-scenes" program to permit Japanese-Americans to return to the Pacific Coast.