

## WEEKLY PRESS REVIEW

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For the Use of the WRA Staff  
-----SUMMARY

An important event for WRA was the arrival last week of a refugee ship from Europe bringing 982 war refugees of 19 nationalities to be given shelter for the duration of the war in a camp run by the Authority at Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y. New York papers devoted considerable space to stories on the refugees, describing both their arrival at New York and at their new home in Fort Ontario. Shorter wire dispatches were carried in Washington and San Francisco papers. Reports emphasized the refugees' surprise and gratitude at the food and accommodations provided for them, and their relief at reaching safety in the U. S.

Outstanding source of news in connection with the Japanese Americans was the trial for treason and conspiracy to commit treason of three Nisei sisters from Amache, charged with helping two German war prisoners to escape from the Trinidad, Colo., camp last October. The trial, which was loudly heralded by the Denver POST, the paper which first published a series of snapshots showing the sisters in the arms of the Afrika Korps corporals, last week was the subject of daily stories in Washington and New York, as well as West Coast papers. As the Review goes to press, word has just been received by WRA that the sisters were convicted on the second count of conspiracy to commit treason, but not on the count of treason.

The Lea committee's investigation of two government employees of Japanese ancestry, one of whom, a Nisei employee of FCC, had loaned "restricted" broadcast files to his alien roommate, employed in confidential work by OSS (see Review, 7/26/44), appeared to be a dead issue except in the Hearst papers, which carried a lengthy editorial charging this proves that Government agencies are taking great risks with national security.

A localized protest against WRA methods was made in Twin Falls, Idaho, where Alvin H. Connor, recently-dismissed superintendent of motor transport and maintenance at Minidoka, issued to a local paper a scathing denunciation of the project administration charging inefficiency, high-handedness, and violation of WRA regulations, and demanding the removal of Project Director Stafford and L. W. Folsom, personnel director.

The two Hunt officials and WRA Director Myer declined to comment on the charges.

This week favorable editorials outnumbered the unfavorable about two to one. Chief single subject of favorable editorial comment was again the exploits of the Nisei soldiers in Italy, which were reviewed by six editors in widely scattered sections of the country. Also indicative of a favorable trend were three letters from Chicagoans (one an evacuee) defending the Japanese American workers whose employment on the Illinois Central Railroad brought a strike threat from the members of the local union.



We are "leaning backward" in our desire to give "Jap, German, and Italian prisoners of war" fair treatment, says a Connecticut editor, going on to say that although the "deep concern for the Japanese in our midst" shown by the Western Conference of the Methodist Church is "very touching," it fails to take into account that "the Japs were removed from the Pacific Coast because the Army, the Navy, the FBI, and local and state governments in that area had good reason to believe that the Japs constituted a menace to our national safety." Danbury, Conn. NEWS-TIMES, 7/27/44. 5215

Idaho editor condemns intolerance towards Mexicans and other minority groups. Points out that Japanese Americans "have been treated shabbily by a good many Caucasian-Americans who like to interpret the Constitution and the principles of our American democracy to suit themselves." Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, 7/28/44. 5216

St Paul editor says that the refusal of a Canadian showgirl to take the citizenship oath because it was to be administered jointly to her and to a Nisei soldier in the U. S. Army who once served in the Japanese Army "may even improve her chances" in Hollywood, where she is going for screen tests, but "isn't going to improve her chances of gaining citizenship in the near future." St Paul PIONEER PRESS, 7/28/44. 5217

Arizona paper reprints an editorial from a paper in western Canada which declares, "It is not surprising that both in the Pacific Coast states and in Canada's most westerly province public opinion is solidly against ever permitting the little brown man to establish colonies in their midst." If allowed to remain in Canada, editorial adds, the Japanese should be "distributed in every province." Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, 7/28/44 (from the Calgary HERALD) 5218

Six editors comment on the exploits of the Nisei soldiers in Italy. Maine editor tells the story of the 22 Nisei soldiers who made an advance expedition into Pisa, and urges that they and other loyal Japanese Americans not be made to suffer for the "dereliction" of disloyal enemy nationals. Portland, Me. PRESS-HERALD, 7/28/44. Salt Lake City editor notes that the 11 Nisei veterans recently feted in Salt Lake City were "only a few" of the hundreds who have conclusively proved their patriotism by fighting in Italy, in Hawaii at the time of Pearl Harbor, and in the Pacific theater. Salt Lake City TELEGRAM, 7/24/44. Montana editor hopes that the deeds of the Nisei soldiers will be a means of breaking down prejudice against Japanese Americans at home, of the kind which was shown towards a Nisei domestic servant in one city in his state. Butte, Mont. MONTANA STANDARD, 7/26/44. The decorations awarded to two Nisei soldiers, and the aid given to Japanese children on Saipan by the Marines who conquered the island are, to a Midwest editor "as good a reason as any" for making one grateful he is an American. Gary, Ind. POST-TRIBUNE, 7/26/44. Vermont editor quotes from the Time story on the 100th Battalion. Burlington, Vt. FREE PRESS, 7/28/44. "None Could Do More," is the title of an Iowa editorial on the daring daylight foray made through German lines by two 100th Battalion members. Concludes that the incident is a good rebuttal for "zealots [who] start putting Japanese-Americans in the same class with the followers of Hirohito." Davenport, Ia. DEMOCRAT & LEADER, 7/30/44. 5219-5224

Two West Coast editors comment on the signing of the Biddle bill.



military service, and can "no more help what happened at Pearl Harbor than those of German parentage can help what Hitler is doing." Chicago TRIBUNE, 8/2/44. Chicago SUN reader suggests that the members of the Illinois Central Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees who objected to the railroad's employment of evacuees should "read and ponder well" two items appearing on the same day in the SUN: (1) a quotation from Georges Mandel, admonishing, "Above all, suppress the animal prejudice which convicts a man for the blood which runs in his veins," and (2) a UP dispatch reporting that Gen. Clark had conferred a War Dept. citation on the 100th Battalion. Chicago SUN, 8/3/44. An ex-Californian commends the SUN for its editorial support of the evacuee workers, and declares, "I have known and liked a good many Americans of Japanese ancestry and it was disturbing indeed to see the irrational behavior toward them after Pearl Harbor." Chicago SUN, 8/4/44.

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N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN correspondent declares that "William Randolph Hearst has earned an immortal place in American patriotism for his continual plugging of this Jap menace in the days when it wasn't polite to mention it over here." 8/4/44.

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Italo-American objects to an earlier letter protesting "coddling" of Italian war prisoners and Japanese Americans. "We 'Americans' are firm believers in treating all races and peoples as such," he declares: "I firmly resent your speaking of Japs and Italians in the same breath..." Washington, D. C. TIMES HERALD, 8/4/44.

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#### Resolutions and Statements

The action of the Los Angeles branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in joining with the ACLU to sponsor the Bonesteel exclusion suit causes "much comment pro and con by local colored citizens," some of whom "declare that the Negro race itself has too many vital problems...to by-pass them...in the interest of a group that has never offered support to...Negroes during peace time." ANP, Atlanta, Ga. DAILY WORLD, 7/23/44.

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Rev. Galen R. Weaver, pastor of the Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu, declares in an interview that the Japanese population of Hawaii, both alien and Hawaiian-born, have fully demonstrated their loyalty to the U. S. during the war and that "one of the causes of this war has been the discrimination of Congress regarding the Japanese." He is to speak July 30 on a nation-wide broadcast on "The Church in Action" and will spend September and October working on Japanese American problems in Denver. Youngstown, Ohio VINDICATOR, 7/26/44.

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Speaking before a Rotary Club meeting on the subject, "What Should We Do with the Japanese After the War?" Earl R. Crabbe, dean of men at Placer Junior College in Auburn Calif., declares that out of every six Japanese in the U. S., one is of proven loyalty, one is disloyal, and "very little is known of the remaining four who constitute the real problem." Disapproves of the policy of forcing "professedly disloyal Japanese" at Tule Lake into Army service as "an injustice to American boys in the Army." Sacramento BEE, 7/26/44.

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"with the idea well drilled into [him]...that [the Japanese] are just people." Adding that he will not get involved in arguments over the evacuees' return, he states: "I can properly say that I am happy over the news of what excellent soldiers [the Japanese American volunteers] have become." S. F. CHRONICLE, 8/4/44. 5254

Complete exclusion of Japanese immigration into Canada after the war is announced as a government policy by Prime Minister Mackenzie King in a speech before the House of Commons. Adds that a special commission will determine which of the Japanese now in Canada are loyal and which are disloyal. The disloyal would be sent to Japan, whether or not they were born there. The loyal will be treated "justly" but will not be allowed to congregate in British Columbia. AP, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/5/44. Another summary of the Prime Minister's address makes no mention of the deportation proposal but notes that Mr. King declared it would be advisable to maintain a substantial consistency of agreement on Japanese immigration policy between Canada and the U. S. N. Y. TIMES, 8/5/44. 5255-5256

#### REFUGEE SHELTER

A group of 982 European war refugees arrive in New York City and are transferred at Hoboken to two trains to be carried to Fort Ontario where they will be housed in a camp under WRA administration. A number of the stories note that many of the refugees were suffering from malnutrition and that one six-months old baby died during the trip. Stories comment on the "motley, shabby" appearance of the group and their enthusiasm at reaching the U. S. They include 19 nationalities and range in age from 3 weeks to 80 years. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, Washington, D. C. NEWS, N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM 8/5/44, N. Y. TIMES, 8/6/44, AP, Washington, D. C. STAR, Washington D. C. POST, S. F. CHRONICLE, 8/5/44, UP, Washington, D. C. TIMES HERALD, Wheeling, W. Va. INTELLIGENCER, Chicago SUN, Salt Lake City DESERET NEWS, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN 8/5/44. Other stories carry pictures of the refugees as they wait to board the trains at Hoboken. N. Y. NEWS, Chicago TRIBUNE, N. Y. TIMES, N. Y. POST, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, N. Y. SUN, UP, Brooklyn EAGLE, 8/5/44. 5257-5275

New York State paper, reporting the arrival of the refugees, adds that WRA Director Myer and Miss Anne McLaughlin, War Refugee Board representative, are to be among speakers at a welcoming ceremony for the refugees August 5. Gives figures on age, sex and occupational distribution of the refugees, indicating the largest number are merchants, tradesmen and salesmen. Syracuse, N. Y. POST STANDARD, 8/5/44. 5276

Other stories report the arrival of the refugees at Fort Ontario. HERALD TRIBUNE publishes the menus for meals given the group on their first day at the shelter, noting that although to the refugees "these menus are feasts in comparison with the scanty rations they have been receiving in foreign camps," they cost WRA "a scant 43½ cents a day" per person and comply with rationing rules. Adds that there are 261 families, comprising 754 of the group, and that men outnumber women 523 to 460. AP dispatch in HERALD TRIBUNE and Rochester DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE, 8/6/44, reports that "government officials believe" these will be the only refugees to be brought to the U.S. Latter paper also carries a picture of two refugee children and their mother. N. Y. SUN, Watertown, N. Y. TIMES, Boston CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, AP, Topeka, Kan. JOURNAL, Chicago NEWS 8/5/44, N. Y. TIMES, Oakland, Calif.



to the West Coast will be allowed to do so after the war, Harold S. Fistere, WRA relocation supervisor, declares at an open meeting in Rochester, N. Y., sponsored by the local Resettlement Committee. Urges the many evacuees who will have "no place to go back to" on the West Coast to consider settling in the East and Midwest. Rochester, N. Y. DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE, 7/28/44.  
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Harold S. Fistere refutes the claim of Donald Shea (anti-Semitic pamphleteer who was excluded from the East Coast in October 1943 by the army) that he is getting a subsistence allowance from the Government, adds that WRA spent \$397 to move Shea and his family to Chicago under the individual exclusion program--but turned down a later request for "expense" money. PM, 8/6/44.  
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#### LEGAL

Trial of three Japanese American sisters from Amache, charged with treason and conspiracy to commit treason, in allegedly aiding two German prisoners of war to escape from the Trinidad, Colo. camp last October, opens in Denver. Denver POST, 8/4/44, L. A. TIMES, 8/6/44, L. A. NEWS, 8/7/44, AP, Oakland, Calif. TRIBUNE, 8/6,7/44, L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, N. Y. POST, N. Y. SUN, Klamath Falls, Oreg. HERALD & NEWS, 8/7/44, Washington, D. C. STAR, Bisbee, Ariz. REVIEW, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 8/5/44, N. Y. TIMES, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, St. Joseph, Mo. NEWS PRESS, Phoenix, Ariz. REPUBLIC, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, Trenton, N.J. TIMES ADVERTISER, 8/6/44, UP, Chicago NEWS, Pueblo, Colo. CHIEFTAIN, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/7/44. S. F. NEWS; reporting selection of a jury, notes that the defense counsel declared he would seek to have the two German prisoners disqualified as witnesses, on the grounds that as atheists, Nazis could not be expected to be bound by oath. 8/7/44. Other papers carry only pictures of the sisters. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/6/44, N. Y. WORLD TELLGRAM, 8/7/44 N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN 8/8/44. U. S. District Attorney Wingren outlines the government's case against the sisters. Denver POST, 8/7/44, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/8/44.  
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Heinrich Haider, 31-year old Afrika Korps corporal, first witness to testify, declares that Mrs. Tsuruko Wallace gave him clothing and maps to help him escape, after first trying to dissuade him from the attempt, fearing he might be shot. Adds that he is an anti-Nazi, and wanted to escape in order to fight the Germans. Denver POST, Burlington, Vt. FREE PRESS, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS (2 clippings), AP, L. A. TIMES, Oakland TRIBUNE, Baltimore SUN, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, S. F. CHRONICLE, N. Y. NEWS, Chicago SUN, Chicago TRIBUNE, UP, Washington, D. C. POST, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, Washington, D. C. TIMES HERALD, L. A. NEWS, Washington, D. C. NEWS, INS, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/8/44.  
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Corp. Herman Loescher, the other of the two prisoners, tells his story of the escape, but fails to identify the three Amache sisters as the women who assisted him and his comrade, declaring that on the night of the escape it was too dark to see their faces. Denver NEWS, 8/8,9/44, S. F. NEWS, 8/8/44, PM, 8/9/44, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, AP, Chicago NEWS, 8/8/44  
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Other stories on testimony at the trial emphasize Judge Symes' ruling that maps which FBI experts testified bore fingerprints of two of the



Washington TIMES HERALD feature writer says that "you'd like Kenneth Otagaki," Nisei veteran of the 100th Battalion, now in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., recovering from severe wounds suffered at Cassino. Writer tells how the 100th Battalion members "won the right to be forevermore treated and accepted for what they are--Americans" by their record in Italy, and lists decorations won by the Nisei soldiers of the 100th. "Don't call us Japanese-Americans, or Jap-Yanks..." says Pvt. Otagaki. "We're Americans." Washington, D. C. TIMES HERALD, 8/3/44. 5378

Six Japanese American soldiers from the Amache center, killed while fighting in Italy, are to be honored August 5 in military memorial services in the center, WRA announces. AP, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, Washington, D. C. STAR, 8/5/44. 5379-5380

Back page of PM carries a picture showing Lt. Gen. Mark Clark congratulating two battle-worn Nisei members of the 442nd Regiment which "was instrumental in capturing Leghorn." 8/8/44. 5381

#### RELOCATED EVACUEES

A Minnesota paper carries in its rotogravure section the AP story indicating that "the controversy over the Brooklyn Heights hostel for Japanese-Americans has ended," (see Review, 7/19/44, 4760), illustrated with three pictures showing groups of evacuees at the hostel. St. Paul PIONEER PRESS, 7/16/44. 5382

Three sisters from Central Utah are "finding a new life" in Rochester, N. Y., reports Claude C. Cornwall, head of the local WRA office. Among the 78 evacuees relocated in the upstate N. Y. area is a cadet nurse who recently spent a week's vacation helping the war effort in a food processing plant, and two boys about to enter the Army. Accompanying picture shows one of the three sisters at her stenographic job. Syracuse, N. Y. HERALD-AMERICAN, 7/23/44. 5383

Relocated Japanese-American, employed as a superintendent in the shipping department of the Reynolds Metals plant in Glen Park, Ind. is to "give his views on the policies and practices" of WRA in a talk before the Gary, Ind. Rotary Club. Gary POST-TRIBUNE, 7/26/44. 5384

President of the Omaha Board of Realtors receives excited telephone calls from local residents over the buying of property by Japanese Americans in the community. Omaha, Nebr. WORLD HERALD, 7/30/44. 5385

Three Nisei girls from Rohwer, interviewed in WRA's Newark office, tell of their pleasant reception in Essex County (N. J. ) where they are working as domestics. Accompanying picture shows the three girls talking over their new jobs with Ed ard Berman, head of WRA's Newark office. Newark EVENING NEWS, 8/4/44. 5386

#### EMPLOYMENT

Among workers placed on Idaho farms are 1047 evacuees, reports the emergency farm labor division of the University of Idaho extension service. Boise, Ida. STATESMAN, 7/21/44. 5387



"Does American want the Nisei?" (see Review, 7/19/44.) After ten months "outside," this evacuee declares: "I find that the fears and anxieties were largely the result of a 'barbed-wire neurosis'...most Americans are fair-minded." Another writer declares that the assertion of an earlier correspondent that the Japanese Americans are "better off than other people" in Salt Lake City (see Review, 7/19/44) is "just plain silly." Adds that there are only about 150 persons of Japanese ancestry in the city. A first lieutenant in the Air Corps answers the same Salt Lake City reader, declaring: "I feel all Americans, regardless of descent, are entitled to be treated as such and will be as long as they remain good Americans."

Mademoiselle: August 1944: "I Am an American," by Hattie Kawahara

Evacuee girl, now a graduate student in Mount Holyoke, points out that the Japanese Americans of her generation "are products of the American environment and culture" and "have a definite stake in the cause for which the war is being fought." From studying Japan, she found that "Japanese youth are like youth of any other country but that the system under which they live shapes their character." Concludes: "As a student of political science, I am acutely aware of the responsibility which rests upon...Nisei as well as other Americans, to help make the right kind of world..."

Same issue describes a "College Forum" sponsored by Mademoiselle, at which Miss Kawahara "stressed the importance of the re-education of the Japanese along democratic lines." The magazine also carries a picture, titled "Mlle's Last Word on the Keys to Democracy," showing three girls, one a Caucasian, one an East Indian and one apparently a Japanese American, evidently taking part in a panel discussion.

"The First Key to Democracy," by Reinhold Niebuhr

Declaring that the underlying source of "irrational group prejudice" lies in the tendency of the majority group to regard itself as normative, Dr. Niebuhr points out that the Japanese Americans are in "the same uneviable position" as the Negro because of their "too obvious divergence from type." Adds that their evacuation "has done...little to assuage the fanaticism of those who are strongly prejudiced against them."



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SUMMARY

Representative Engle, California congressman in whose district Tule Lake is located, showed his special interest in the Japanese question by moving simultaneously on two fronts last week, (1) introducing a bill calling for postwar deportation of all Japanese aliens and Japanese Americans who "have declared their disloyalty," and (2) apparently stimulated by a McClatchy editorial on WRA "propaganda," demanding an investigation to determine whether WRA is abusing its franking privileges by "propagandizing" the West Coast in an attempt to pave the way for return of the evacuees.

West Coast papers gave wide coverage to the decision of the Army to allow two of the Japanese American plaintiffs in the Honesteel exclusion suit to return to the coast. Many reports interpreted the move as paving the way for return of other Nisei.

Los Angeles papers had a brief field day over the disclosure that a local police sergeant had taken his judo class to Manzanar for bouts with the evacuees, and the report that the class participated in Japanese ritual before each match. At the week's end, the sergeant had been exonerated by a police board of inquiry, and the affair seemed on its way to a natural death.

In general, unfavorable publicity in regard to the Japanese Americans continued to be outweighed by the favorable. This was particularly noticeable in the field of editorial comment, where the opposition strongholds in the West Coast Hearst and McClatchy papers were confronted by an increasing volume of comments on the loyalty and devotion of the "GI Joes" of Japanese ancestry.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Representative Jackson of Washington, commenting on "reports from a War Relocation Authority official in New York (Editor's note: See Reports) that plans are underway to ease hostility against Japanese Americans interned on the West Coast by transferring approximately 2,000 to camps on the East Coast," declares the absence of a national policy on the Japanese may prove "disastrous," and that the impending transfer is an additional reason for adoption of his resolution asking a special House committee to recommend such a national policy. INS, L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/26/44. 5820

A bill calling for postwar deportation of all alien Japanese and disloyal Japanese Americans is introduced by Representative Engle (Calif.) whose district embraces the Tule Lake center. N. Y. PM, L. A. TIMES, 9/1/44, INS, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, L. A.

HERALD EXPRESS, 8/21/44, L. A. EXAMINER 9/1/44, AP, Oakland TRIBUNE, Klamath Falls, Oregon, HERALD & NEWS, 8/31/44

L. A. TIMES correspondent quotes Rep. Engle as announcing that he will ask the special House committee studying the work of administrative agencies to investigate the reported mailing by WRA of a "large volume" of printed and mimeographed material "praising Japanese American evacuees." WRA spokesman, denying any "organized attempt to build pro-Japanese sympathy," reportedly explained that no unsolicited matter has been sent out postage free, and indicated that "only three items might be subject to criticism." (Ed. note: The three items were merely referred to by WRA as being mentioned in the McClatchy editorial on WRA "propaganda" mentioned by Engle. see Editorials.) 8/30/44. According to an AP report, Rep. Engle is asking the classifications division of the Post Office Department to determine whether WRA is abusing its mailing privileges. Klamath Falls, Ore. HERALD & NEWS, 8/30/44. 5829-5830

Clarence Pickett of the American Friends Service Comm. testifies at the hearings on a permanent FEPC that the evacuation of Japanese Americans was used as propaganda by Japan. S. F. CHRONICLE, 8/31/44. 5831

PUBLIC ATTITUDES

Columnists

ARIZONA NEWS continues its campaign against Gov. Osborn and WRA for permitting "influx of Japanese into the Salt River Valley." "The Round-Up," ARIZONA NEWS, 8/18/44. 5832

Columnist for a Negro paper declares that the Negro has much to learn from the "self-control," and "decorum" of the Japanese Americans in Chicago. by Joseph D. Bibb, Pittsburgh COURIER, 9/2/44. 5833

San Francisco columnist quotes in full N. Y. MIRROR editor's remarks (in a syndicated column) concerning the influence of the Nisei vote in the coming election (see Review, 8/23/44, 5420), which, proceeding on the false assumptions (1) that all 70,000 Nisei can vote, and (2) that those in centers vote in the states where the centers are located, indicated they might control the 35 electoral votes of the central western states. "The March of Events", by Benjamin Decasseres, S. F. EXAMINER, 9/6/44. 5834

Editorials

Washington POST, commenting on the Bonesteel exclusion suit, declares that "sometimes the law moves too slowly," and suggests that in view of the fact that the disloyal evacuees have been segregated and there is no further danger of invasion, the Army should "resolve this issue by a simple act--removal of the exclusion order--rather than waiting for the courts to rule it unconstitutional. 8/28/44

Los Angeles Hearst paper devotes an equal amount of space to expression of the opposite view. Declares that the "action of the government in easing the way for return of...Japanese to California is a two-edge sword involving danger to any Japanese that are returned," and indicates that the two Nisei who were allowed back are but "two

good apples in a barrel of rotten apples." It concludes that although the Japanese Americans have "every right" to the protection of the U.S. and Eastern states will probably welcome "Japs of proven loyalty," "A Jap is a Jap and we don't want them here." L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/26/44.

Indianapolis NEWS hopes that the Bonesteel suit will result in lifting of the exclusion order. 8/25/44. 5835-5837

McClatchy editor declares that the activities of the WRA public relations department in mailing out "propaganda...to extol the virtues of the Japanese" with the "obvious intent to soften up the public for their release...establishes some sort of precedent in the use of government funds to propagandize in behalf of any group of persons." Sacramento BEE, Fresno BEE, 8/19/44. 5838-5839

S. F. CHRONICLE, commenting on Rep. Engle's announced intention of investigating WRA "propaganda," remarks that the paper has not been "inundated" with such propaganda, and that if it were, it would simply toss it out and make its own opinions. 9/5/44. 5840

L. A. TIMES backs Rep. Engle's deportation legislation on the ground that the original statements of "disloyalty," made at the time when a Japanese victory seemed possible, "plainly" indicate the evacuees' "true feelings" towards the U. S. 9/2/44. 5841

Minnesota editor describes the record of the 100th Battalion and declares it is "more than an offset" to the actions of the Anache sisters sentenced in Denver. Minneapolis TRIBUNE, 8/24/44. Another editor gives the 100th Battalion's record as a rebuke to the western Grange masters who asked that persons of Japanese ancestry be excluded from the West Coast after the war. Detroit FREE PRESS, 8/25/44. "The record of the hundredth infantry battalion brings out the admirable traits of the Japanese stock," declares another. Charleston, W. VA. MAIL, 8/25/44. Similar praise is offered by the Boise, Ida. STATESMAN, 8/28/44. 5842-5845

Iowa editor describes the exploits of the Nisei soldiers in the Pacific, where, he believes, most of them would prefer to fight, and declares: "As the Pacific war's tempo is stepped up, there is bound to be increasingly important work for these Nisei." Des Moines TRIBUNE, 8/26/44. Texas editor comments on citation of four California Nisei for action at Saipan. Houston POST, 8/27/44. 5846-5847

Washington POST editor declares that Acting Secretary of the Navy Bard "cast a curious slur on his own branch of the armed services" in declaring that the admission of Nisei would create "racial problems" which could not be adequately handled. Expresses doubt that prejudice among Navy personnel would be sufficient to cause such difficulty, and points out that the Army has made good use of the Nisei, even in the Pacific where four were recently given special citation. 8/30/44. Similar point of view is expressed by Milwaukee JOURNAL, 8/30/44. 5848-5849

Hollywood CITIZEN NEWS believes that after the way in which the Nisei soldiers have demonstrated their loyalty, it should not be necessary

to point out that Nisei soldiers at Fresno have the same rights as other soldiers. 8/25/44. 5850

N.Y. TIMES finds the exploits of the Nisei soldiers proof that "there is nothing...in any racial blood that makes men ignorant and brutal." 9/2/44. Washington STAR, pointing out that the axiom that "The only good Indians were dead Indians" was untrue when it was invented, points to the two Nisei winners of the DSC as refutation of the similar axiom concerning "Japs." 9/3/44. 5851- 5862

Oakland TRIBUNE refutes the "somber speculation" that the Nisei vote might swing the election in California, declaring that most Nisei would probably vote against the Administration, writer indicates-- with basic truth but inaccurate figures-- that the number of eligible voters is small, and that no organized effort is being made to persuade them to vote. 9/1/44 5853

Yreka, California. SISKIYOU DAILY NEWS carries two editorials expressing the paper's very definite views on the "Japanese question." One calls the signing of the Biddle bill a victory for "American mush-headedness" since revocation of citizenship, under its provisions is entirely voluntary. Second, commenting on the "rumbling volcano" at Tule Lake, remarks in passing that trying to draft Japanese Americans is "foolishness," and concludes that "the native born and foreign born alike should be shipped back to Japan." 7/27,28/44. 5854- 5855

Another California editor jumps from comment on "trouble" at Tule Lake to comment on the sit-down strike of German war prisoners at Stockton. Remarks that the Army "would dearly love the job of settling the disputes." San Jose MERCURY HERALD, 8/15/44. 5856

Klamath Falls HERALD & NEWS, two weeks later, credits "declining cockiness on the part of Japanese partisans" at Tule to progress of the war against Japan. 8/28/44 5857

Arizona editor, commenting on the Canadian government's announced policy towards the Japanese, notes that in the long range it will tend incidentally to cause the Japanese Canadians to return to Japan or to seek a haven in the U.S. Urges adoption by the U.S. of a definite policy towards the Japanese, based on "internal security" considerations. Tucson DAILY CITIZEN, 8/17/44. 5858

Spokane editor rebukes a correspondent who wanted all Japanese Americans to be placed in concentration camps. Points out that the Nisei are citizens and have proved their loyalty in war. SPOKESMAN REVIEW, 8/18/44 5859

Colorado editor couples the Japanese Americans holding dual citizenship with the "pro-German" North Dakota voters from the "German district" which "made possible" the renomination of the "rabid isolationist," Sen. Nye. Grand Junction SENTINEL, 8/18/44 5860

Editorials in two California Hearst papers commends a number of resolutions passed by the California Legion, including particularly two directed against the Japanese in the U.S., as indicating "the Legion's determination to continue an aggressive fight against subversive and other un-American activities. S.F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/22/44, L.A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/25/44 5861 - 5862

McClatchy editor commends the anti-Japanese resolutions passed by the Grange masters of five western states, on the ground that the Japanese Americans have never accepted the responsibilities of U.S. Citizens. Fresno BEE, Sacramento BEE, 8/25/44. Portland OREGONIAN objects to the Grange masters' blanket exclusion proposal, and advocates selective deportation similar to the policy of Canada. 8/26/44. 5863- 5865.

Chicago Negro paper condemns the members of the AFL Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees who opposed employment of evacuees on the Illinois Central Railroad. Chicago DEFENDER, 8/26/44 5866

#### RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS

"Army leaders had ample reason for evacuating the Japs... There will be no retrenchment in this policy," declares Walter H. Odemar, chairman of the Native Sons Committee on Japanese Legislation. Believes that the "recent decision of the Federal court to permit the return of two expatriated Japs," shows the Army will allow only those of proven loyalty to return. L.A. EXAMINER, 8/29/44 5867

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Houser tells a Modoc County, Calif. audience that the "New Deal administration" has already made plans to allow the evacuees to return to California directly after the November election. S.F. EXAMINER, L.A. TIMES 8/29/44. 5868 -5869

A considerable splash is made in Los Angeles papers by the disclosure that a city police sergeant had taken the members of his judo class (both men and women) to Manzanar for bouts with evacuee men, and the report that the class members wear traditional judo costumes, use Japanese judo terms, and carry on Japanese ritual before each bout. L.A. EXAMINER, giving a particularly complete account of the reported ritual, adds that Sgt. Sergel refers to himself as "Japanese" by adoption into the art of judo. While the city Police Commissioner and a police board of inquiry discuss what is to be done, Sergel explains that the class is not pro-Japanese, that girls do not enter contests with men, and that the trips to Manzanar were made merely because the evacuees "are better in judo than we are". Although Sgt. Sergel was "absolved", by a police board of inquiry, of any sympathy with Japanese government and religion, the decision failed to satisfy Police Commission Cohn, who was quoted as demanding a public investigation by Mayor Borron and the Police Commission. L.A. EXAMINER, 8/28,29,30,31, 9/1,2/44, L.A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/28,29,31, 9/1,2/44, L.A. TIMES, 8/28,30, 9/2/44, L.A. NEWS, 8/30/44, 9/2/44. 5870-5885

Cmdr. Melvyn McCoy, co-author of the "Bataan Death March" story, draws "resounding applause" at a Seattle Civic Club luncheon when he asserts, "The sentiment abroad... to permit the Japanese to remain... disgusts me." AP, Oakland TRIBUNE, S.F. CALL BULLETIN, Bellingham, Wash. HERALD, 8/24/44, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/25/44, UP, L.A. NEWS, 8/24/44. 5886 - 5890

National encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting in Chicago, passes a resolution asking return of disloyal Japanese and Japanese Americans to Japan and for distinction between the loyal and disloyal so that the loyal group can receive the "treatment to which they are entitled as American citizens." L.A. EXAMINER, 8/25, 28/44, S.F. EXAMINER, 8/25/44. 5891- 5893

Pacific Coast Association of Friends pledges aid to Americans of Japanese ancestry seeking to return to their former homes on the West Coast. S.F. NEWS, 8/25/44, S.F. CHRONICLE, Tacoma TIMES, 8/26/44. 5894-5896

Local paper reports an 8-point resolution passed by the Imperial County (Calif.) Farm Bureau directors, which includes, besides the usual demands for deportation legislation, Army control of centers etc. the demand that no "Japanese" be allowed to wear the U.S. Army uniform because of possible infiltration by enemy Japanese. Brawley, Calif. IMPERIAL VALLEY DEMOCRAT, 8/7/44. 5897

In Wyoming, a Boy Scout executive who has just completed a camping trip with 200 Nisei declares they are "American as apple pie." UP, Cheyenne EAGLE, 8/17/44. 5898

Delta, Colo. youths who threw stones at a Japanese family are reproved by a local judge, who points out that the Japanese Americans are good citizens. Grand Junction, Colo. SENTINEL, 8/23/44. 5899

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Executive Secretary of the Chicago FOR commends the Chicago SUN for its support of the evacuees (Chicago SUN, 8/14/44); similar praise is given the Indianapolis NEWS by the Executive Secretary of the city Church Federation and an official of the United Christian Missionary Society for the paper's news report and editorial on a Nisei killed in Italy (Indianapolis NEWS, 8/15/ 8/24/44.) Woman who has lived in Japan thanks the N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE for its editorial on the 100th Battalion. (8/25/44) 5900-5903

Executive Board of a Chicago local of the CIO United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers explains why six persons were expelled from the union-- one because he threatened a walkout when Nisei were employed. Chicago SUN, 8/17/44. 5904

Milwaukee girl declares she is "bitterly ashamed" at her landlady's insistence that her Nisei roommate leave the building, and submits a bibliography to "help people understand the Japanese American." Milwaukee JOURNAL, 8/17/44. 5905

"Navy Man's Wife" writes to a McClatchy paper to declare that the Japanese as a whole are no more loyal than the three Amache sisters, and that many of her Nisei high school classmates later "swore allegiance to Japan." (Fresno BEE, 8/24/44). California Native Son defends the Order's refusal to admit Japanese, Negroes or Chinese. (S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/25/44). 5906-5907

Oregonian deplors desecration of a Japanese cemetery, but advises the Nisei girl who protested not to disturb her brother in Italy by telling him. Portland OREGONIAN, 8/15/44. Another Oregon woman says that a letter extolling the marriage of a Nisei to a "white girl," "turns the stomach." Portland OREGONIAN, 8/19/44. 5908- 5909

Two Seattle readers protest the suggestion that the evacuees be returned to restore "competition" in agricultural products. Another refutes the "national security" argument against return by quoting Gen. Clark's praise of the 100th Battalion. Fourth reader protests that he has received threatening letters because of being mistaken for the author of the letter urging return of the evacuees. Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 8/12, 11/44. Same paper

carries a letter from an Army veteran asking why, when Italian prisoners are given their freedom, the Japanese Americans are excluded from the West Coast.

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"God bless you for your editorial" (upholding exclusion) writes a woman who lost her family at Pearl Harbor to L.A. HERALD EXPRESS, 9/1/44.

"In a lengthy letter to the N.Y. TIMES, former Bishop of Hawaii praises the way in which Hawaii has handled its racial issues, particularly in regard to the Japanese population. 9/3/44.

REFUGEE SHELTER

With the refugee rapidly becoming well settled in their "for the duration" home, newspaper interest in their activities has, with the exception of local papers, considerably relaxed. The most complete reporting of events at the shelter comes, naturally enough, from the Oswego PALLADIUM TIMES, which followed up lengthy articles on the refugees' arrival (8/4,5,7/44) with stories describing in even greater detail than other upstate and New York papers such activities as establishment of a kosher kitchen and of a synagogue, first wedding, educational plans, arrangements being made with local merchants and the first shopping trip made by the refugees, and on the activities of the advisory committee of Oswego townspeople. PALLADIUM TIMES also reports pridefully on the "far-reaching" publicity given to the refugees. (PALLADIUM TIMES, 8/7,8,9,10,14,18,22,24,25,29/44, Watertown, N.Y. TIMES, 8/23/44, Syracuse POST STANDARD, 8/29/44, Syracuse HERALD AMERICAN, 8/13,20/44, N.Y. NEWS, 8/21/44, Syracuse HERALD JOURNAL, 8/11,12,16/44, N.Y. DAILY WORKER, 8/23/44, N.Y. TIMES, AP, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 9/4/44. As the shelter is opened to the public, the influx of visitors "swamps" local hotels. (Syracuse HERALD JOURNAL, 8/26/44, 9/2/44, Oswego PALLADIUM TIMES, 8/26,28,31, 9/1,2/44, Syracuse POST STANDARD, 8/29/44, AP, Washington STAR, 8/31/44). Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS carries feature story on attempts of local refugees to locate relatives at Oswego. 8/23/44.

Two representatives of the National Council of Jewish Women return from a visit to the shelter to describe the "unrepressed joy" of the refugees to at their food and accommodations. Point out that no attempt is being made to force American ideas on the people. (N.Y. TIMES, Oswego PALLADIUM TIMES, 8/25/44, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, 8/26/44).

Citizens Advisory Committee finds it necessary to refute rumors current in Oswego regarding the shelter: (1) that the refugees have caused shortages of cigarettes and ice cream in the town, (2) that they were given a turkey dinner, and (3) that only one dairy concern is allowed on the grounds. Oswego PALLADIUM TIMES, 8/29/44.

Columnist for a Jewish paper, describing political alignments in the Refugee Advisory Board elections and other aspects of life at the shelter, stresses the impatience and disillusionment of the refugees at the restrictions imposed on them and the facilities available, attributing the "mess" to lack of preparation. "News and Views," by Dr. S. Margoshes, N.Y. DAY, 8/13, 14, 16/44.

Oswego PALLADIUM TIMES quotes from four editorials appearing in NEW YORK State papers. Although all of these are favorable to the refugees, one, in the Rome SENTINEL, speaks somewhat sarcastically of our "token" refugee aid, pointing out the comparatively small number of people in the group and their limited freedom. (8/8,11/44). An editorial carried in two other papers also urged establishment of more "free ports," either in this country or elsewhere. (Akron BEACON JOURNAL, 8/16/44, Miami HERALD, 8/19/44). Two other editors, meanwhile, express the opinion that admission of the Fort Ontario refugees was a violation of U.S. immigration laws, and urge that immigration barriers be maintained after the war. (Colorado Springs GAZETTE, 8/19/44, Cincinnati TIMES-STAR, 8/21/44). 5960-5964

Washington TIMES HERALD columnist, commenting on the question as to whether children of refugees, born at the shelter, are U.S. citizens, indicates that the group will "undoubtedly" be followed by others if the experiment is successful, and that congressmen fear they may remain permanently. "Capitol Stuff," by John O'Donnell, 9/5/44. 5965

Two correspondents defend the refugees, one refuting the claim that the space used for their transport was needed for soldiers, and the other the claim that the group will remain to take jobs from returning veterans. (N.Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 8/21, 26/44). "A refugee" protests against the group's being suspected of being "Fifth Columnists." (Washington TIMES HERALD, 8/25/44). One writer, however, expresses envy at the "ideal" life of the refugees. (Washington TIMES HERALD, 8/29/44). Another says that "refugees are buying real estate" and "their place is in a refugee camp." N.Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 9/2/44. 5966 - 5970

Christian Council on Palestine telegraphs an appeal to President Roosevelt, urging that the U.S. open its gates to establish "free ports for refugees, not to a mere thousand but to tens of thousands." JTA, Wash. NATIONAL JEWISH LEDGER, 8/11/44. 5971

#### MILITARY SERVICE

California paper reports Army induction of local evacuee youth. San Bernardino, Calif. SUN, 8/11/44. Six Arizona papers report Army induction of 24 Poston Nisei. Phoenix REPUBLIC, AP, Tucson STAR, 8/27/44, TUCSON CITIZEN, Phoenix GAZETTE, Prescott COURIER, 8/28/44, Bisbee REVIEW, 8/29/44. 5972-5978

AP dispatch quotes from a letter written by a wounded Nisei soldier, thanking Earl Finch, Hattiesburg, Miss. farmer, for his kindness to the Japanese American soldiers while they were training at Camp Shelby. AP, St. Paul DISPATCH, 8/14/44. 5979

Milwaukee JOURNAL tells "A Story About An American" --- a sympathetic account of an interview with a young Nisei girl, now expecting a baby, whose husband and brother have been reported killed in Italy. 8/13/44. 5980

Yreka, Calif. SISKIYOU DAILY NEWS carries a picture of Wac Pvt. Chizuko Shinagawa. 8/15/44. Boise, Ida. STATESMAN carries a picture of Pfc Thomas Higa, speaking in the city. 8/24/44. 5981-5982

Eight California and two other papers report that a small contingent of Japanese American soldiers "highly trained as communication specialists," are to be assigned to signal units training at Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif.,

where they will be granted the same privileges and passes as any other soldiers. L.A. TIMES, AP, Oakland TRIBUNE, S.F. EXAMINER, San Diego UNION, San Bernardino SUN, 8/24/44, UP, Yreka, Calif. SISKIYOU NEWS, Hollywood CITIZEN NEWS, 8/23/44, Portland, Ore. JOURNAL, 8/24/44, Reno, Nevada STATE JOURNAL, 8/27/44. 5983 - 5991

Numerous papers report that a Nisei "fighter against Fascism" now serving with the Army in the Burma theater has been elected to membership by a VFW post in San Francisco. S.F. NEWS, Washington, D.C. NEWS, 8/24/44, S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/25/44, UP, Chicago TIMES, 8/24/44, Seles, Ore. JOURNAL, Tacoma TIMES, 8/25/44, Eugene, Ore. REGISTER-GUARD, Reno, Nevada STATE JOURNAL, 8/27/44, AP, Washington, D.C. STAR, N.Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 8/25/44, L.A. TIMES, 8/25/44. 5992 - 6002

Brief story reports that two Nisei soldiers, both surnamed Tojo, are eager for a shot at Premier Tojo of Japan. UP, Washington, D.C. POST, 8/25/44. 6003

Signal Corps photo shows Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Gen. Clark inspecting troops of the 100th Battalion. N.Y. NEWS, FM, Youngstown, Ohio VINDICATOR, 8/25/44, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/27/44. 6004 - 6007

Two Japanese American soldiers who crawled through machine-gun fire in Italy to eliminate machine-gun nests with grenades are awarded Distinguished Service Crosses. AP, Washington STAR, 8/26/44. Story of "three expendable guys who didn't come back but who were awarded Silver Stars" -- includes story of a Nisei private who died while stringing wire to a forward post under heavy fire. AP, Washington POST, 9/3/44. 6008 - 6009

U. S. Attorney Hennessey announces he has received instructions from Washington not to appeal the dismissal of draft evasion charges against 27 Tule Lake Nisei. S.F. CHRONICLE, 8/28/44. 6010

Robert Patterson, Acting Secretary of War, returning from a trip to the European battlefronts, includes in his report praise of the 100th Battalion, terming it "living proof that democracy works." N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/31/44. 6011

CASUALTY REPORTS

A number of West Coast papers report Nisei casualties. Livingston, Calif. CHRONICLE gives prominent space to reports on death of one Nisei and wounding of his brother (8/3, 10/44). Other reports of moderate length carried in Oakland TRIBUNE, 8/30/44, and Fresno BEE, 8/27/44. S.F. CHRONICLE reports briefly deaths of 26 Nisei soldiers whose families are in centers (8/18/44). Nisei included in a casualty list in S.F. EXAMINER (8/24/44). Seattle paper quotes from a letter (released by WRA), written by a local Nisei shortly after the death in action of his brother (POST INTELLIGENCER, 8/19/44), and another report quotes from a letter written by another Seattle-born Nisei shortly before his death (Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, 8/26/44). Reports on Nisei casualties also carried in Klamath Falls, Ore. HERALD & NEWS, 8/8/44, Chicago SUN, 8/6/44 (which quotes soldier's wife as asking how Japanese Americans can be discriminated against when there are soldiers like her husband). Salt Lake City TRIBUNE, 8/23/44, Philadelphia INQUIRER, 8/26/44, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/24, 29/44, Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, AP, 8/24/44, UP, 8/26/44, Casa Grande, Ariz. DISPATCH, 8/25/44, Washington POST, 9/3/44. Arizona papers report on memorial rites for Nisei casualties held at

Poston. Phoenix REPUBLIC, AP, Bisbee REVIEW, Prescott COURIER, Tucson STAR, Tucson, CITIZEN 8/25/44. 6012 - 6034

DRAFT VIOLATIONS

Arizona papers carry brief reports on draft violations by Poston Nisei (Phoenix REPUBLIC, 8/20, 23/44, Phoenix GAZETTE, 8/23/44, AP, Bisbee REVIEW, 8/20/44, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, 8/23/44, and Wyoming paper reports arrest of six from Ht. Mountain. Cheyenne TRIBUNE, 8/9/44. AP dispatch reports 34 Nisei are to appear before a grand jury in Boise Sept. 5 on draft evasion charges. Washington STAR, Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, 8/30/44.

6035 - 6042

LEGAL

The decision of military authorities to allow two Japanese Americans, both plaintiffs in the Bonesteel exclusion suit, to return to the west coast was given wide coverage in West Coast and other scattered papers. In many cases, it was seen as paving the way for attempts by other Nisei to return. U.S. Atty. Carr of Los Angeles, who announced the decision, at the same time moved to dismiss the suits filed by the two Nisei (Mrs. Shiramizu and Masaru Baba) against Gen. Bonesteel, challenging the right of the Army to continue to exclude them, as well as the similar suit filed by George Ochikubo. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR correspondent in Los Angeles adds that "fanfares of feeling" against the evacuees have not been "noisily sounded" for some time on the West Coast. 8/30/44. Reports carried in 25 other papers. L.A. NEWS, 8/24/44, L.A. TIMES, L.A. EXAMINER, L.A. HERALD EXPRESS, Hollywood CITIZEN NEWS, AP, S.F. EXAMINER, S.F. CHRONICLE, Klamath Falls, Ore. HERALD & NEWS, Salt Lake City TRIBUNE, San Bernardino, Calif. SUN, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, Phoenix GAZETTE, 8/25/44, Bakersfield CALIFORNIAN, 8/24/44, Bisbee, Ariz. REVIEW (undated), INS, S.F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/24/44, Omaha WORLD HERALD, Portland OREGONIAN, 8/25/44, UP, Bellingham, Wash. HERALD, Fresno BEE, Sacramento BEE, Tacoma TIMES, Yreka, Calif. SISKIYOU NEWS, 8/24/44, Cleveland PRESS, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, S.F. NEWS, Yreka, Calif. SISKIYOU NEWS, 8/25/44.

6043 - 6069

Stockton, Calif. RECORD reports the first suit to return to the State of California land allegedly owned by a Japanese alien has been completed and submitted to briefs. 8/9/44. San Diego paper also reports filing of a land law suit, San Diego UNION, 8/29/44.

6070 - 6071

REPORTS

Duluth paper carries two prominent articles based on interviews with James G. Lindley, Amache project director, who is visiting in the city. One is a feature story on the center carrying a picture of the barracks, and the other a report on a speech made by Mr. Lindley to the local Rotary Club, emphasizing the evacuees' loyalty to the U.S. Duluth NEWS TRIBUNE, 8/20, 25/44.

6072 - 6073

Three papers report briefly the statement of Harold S. Fistere, WRA Relocation Supervisor, that he expects a continuous influx of evacuees to the "friendly and tolerant" mid-Atlantic states, where 2,163 have already relocated. N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, N.Y. TIMES, Washington TIMES HERALD, 8/24/44.

6074 - 6076

TULE LAKE

WRA's announcement that improvement of conditions at the Tule Lake Center has eliminated the necessity for keeping certain persons in the isolation area as "trouble makers," and that the isolation area is now empty for the first time since it was established last November, is given routine reporting in five papers. S.F. NEWS, DENVER POST, AP, Oakland TRIBUNE, 8/28/44, S.F. EXAMINER, SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER, Bisbee, Arizona REVIEW, 8/27/44. 6077 - 6082

RELOCATED EVAGUEES

Feature article on a group of evacuees employed in hemp mills at Union Grove, Wisc. quotes at length an explanation of the relocation program by Harold Mann, WRA reports officer in Chicago. Carries three pictures of the evacuee workers. Racine, Wisc. JOURNAL TIMES, 8/25/44 6083

Dayton paper features in its Sunday magazine section a full-page article on relocation in the city, illustrated with a number of pictures of relocated evacuees. Dayton JOURNAL HERALD, 8/20/44. 6084

EMPLOYMENT

Employment of Japanese Americans by the H.W. Madison Co. in Medina, Ohio is reported approved after an Army investigation. Akron BEACON JOURNAL, 8/20/44 6085

MISCELLANEOUS

Three papers report the announcement, to persons in Tule Lake who have requested information on sending relatives' ashes to Japan, that there are no restrictions on such shipments. Sacramento BEE, Klamath Falls, Ore. HERALD NEWS, 8/24/44, Portland OREGONIAN, 8/27/44. San Francisco columnist picks up a report on the announcement published in the Manzanar FREE PRESS. "San Francisco," by Robert O'Brien, S.F. CHRONICLE, 9/1/44. 6086 - 6087

A Heart Mt. SENTINEL editorial advocating an organization of Nisei soldier veterans of the Italian campaign to "fight for the rights" of Japanese Americans is noted in an INS dispatch in the Gary, Ind. POST TRIBUNE, 8/28/44. 6090

Japanese American called as interim pastor to a Westlake, Ohio church. Cleveland NEWS, Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 8/26/44. 6091 - 6092

None of five reports on winning of two swimming events by Keo Nakama, Ohio State's "Hawaiian star," indicate that he is of Japanese ancestry. N.Y. TIMES, 8/25, 26, 28/44, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/26, 27/44. 6093- 6097

L.A. EXAMINER reports that ten Nisei from Topaz and Manzanar will teach Japanese at Stanford University, Calif. (INS, 8/31/44). Japanese and Chinese girls are teaching languages to men about to go overseas, at the Yale Army Training School. N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/1/44. 6098 - 6099

A "Nisei GI Joe" wins a divorce from his wife, now "interned" at Topaz. UP, Oakland TRIBUNE, 9/2/44. 6100

MAGAZINES

Yank, August 25, 1944: "The Battle of Belvedere," by Sgt. James P. O'Neill.

Feature article in the Army weekly describes the winning of the Battle of Belvedere by the 100th Battalion and 442nd Combat Team. Carries numerous pictures of the Nisei soldiers.

Article is reviewed briefly in a news story carried in a Washington State paper. Walla Walla, Wash. UNION BULLETIN, 8/17/44. 6101

In the letters column of the same issue of Yank are two written in reply to an earlier correspondent who urged Japanese exclusion. One is from a Nisei soldier who protests his patriotism and that of his fellows, and the other from a Caucasian Sergeant who says that the "GI's of Jap ancestry" at his training school are "damn good eggs."

FORUM AND REVIEW COLUMN

March 1944, reprints from the N.Y. TIMES Anne O'Hare McCormick's account of her visit to Gila River. Article emphasizes the "good citizenship and the good spirit" of the evacuees and their desire to "go back to America."

The Quartermaster Review, July-August 1944. "Supply of Japanese Evacuees on the Pacific coast," by Lt. Col. Robert M. Petersen, OMC.

The Quartermaster, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, describes the work performed by the office in connection with the evacuation movement, including supplying housing, mess equipment and ten days rations for each assembly center and relocation center, and providing rail and bus transportation for evacuee movements.

The Christian Advocate, August 24, 1944: "Here We Unite," by Bert H. Davis.

Methodist periodical carries an article describing the part played by church groups in New York and Detroit, in helping evacuee resettlement. Methodist interest in the evacuees is shown also in three shorter articles, including: (1) a report on a Methodist-Presbyterian sponsored institute in Salt Lake City, attended by five delegates from Topaz, (2) a report on activities at Minidoka, and (3) a somewhat longer discussion of exclusion, written from Berkeley, Calif. by Frank Herron Smith. Declaring that the Protestant churches have long stood for "selective" rather than mass evacuation, writer points out that the problem of housing for returning evacuees on the West Coast would be far greater than those connected with their possible disloyalty, or the possibility of violence on their return.

American Civil Liberties Union News, August 1944: "Tyranny Reigns at Tule Lake"

Civil Liberties Union Bulletin, published in San Francisco, carries in full ACLU Attorney Ernest Besig's letter to Secretary Ickes, charging WRA administration at Tule Lake with depriving evacuees in the stockade of constitutional right of counsel and with other "gestapo-like" actions. Accompanying story expands this theme further, to the extent of citing "evidence" that on November 4, 1943 "the police dragged certain Japanese into the administration building and beat them with baseball bats."

Same issue also reports dismissal of draft evasion charges against 26 Tule Lake Nisei and filing of the test suit on exclusion in Los Angeles; also summarizes the annual report of the ACLU.

The Christian Century: August 9, 1944: "Editorial"

"Courage Not Dead in Canadian Politics" is the title of an editorial commending the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation for opposing the disenfranchisement of Japanese Canadians; even at the risk of losing many votes in British Columbia.

"How the Race Demon Is Roused"--- Another editorial declares that the opposition to evacuee employment on the Illinois Central Railroad by the local AFL Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees was due chiefly to "deliberate incitation" by agents of the Hearst newspapers "trying to stir up a newspaper sensation."

"News of the Christian World": Report on the Western jurisdictional conference of the Methodist church in Salt Lake City indicates that the "high point of the conference" was reached when it adopted a report urging that loyal Japanese and Japanese Americans be granted freedom of movement anywhere in the U.S.

August 23 issue reports that the Chicago Federation of Churches distributed to local ministers information designed to counteract "race-baiting" articles against the evacuees in the Chicago HERALD AMERICAN.

Time: August 21, 1944: "Medals"

Brief report, indicating that the 100th Battalion has "set a top mark for gallantry," notes its unit citation by Gen. Clark, the number of medals won by its men, and its "most remarkable record" of no case of desertion or absence without leave.

Friends Intelligencer: August 26, 1944: "Looking On"

Carries Secretary Ickes' release based on a letter from an American corporal who had suggested that all opponents of evacuee relocation be placed in the front lines as replacements for the 100th Battalion.



SUMMARY

Favorable publicity on the Japanese American soldiers is of growing importance. The Nisei soldiers were commended last week by no less than Britain's Prime Minister Churchill; a news picture showed Gen. Clark and King George VI inspecting two 100th Battalion members who had been awarded the Silver Star. The War Department's praise of the 100th Battalion for its record of not a single case of desertion or absence without leave was carried in many papers. Particularly noteworthy during the past two weeks was the volume of reports on Nisei casualties, as well as the fact that several California papers carried such reports. The citation of six Nisei soldiers, four of them from California, for meritorious action at Saipan, was reported in five San Francisco and Los Angeles papers.

On the other hand, the Japanese Americans were the target of unfavorable resolutions from a number of organized groups in the West, including the Arizona, California and Oregon Departments of the American Legion, Grange masters from five western states, and AFL Teamsters' Union leaders from 11 western states. Most sweeping in its provisions was the resolution passed by the Grange masters, which reportedly demanded deportation of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Evidences of a shift to more favorable public feeling toward the evacuees were, however, not lacking. An anti-Japanese resolution was tabled by the Wisconsin Legion, and delegates to the American Newspaper Guild convention in Milwaukee passed a resolution asking the government to consider the return of the evacuees to the West Coast at the earliest possible time. It was announced last week that the petition which has been circulated in California for the past six months, to amend the Alien Land Law so as to prevent Japanese and other dual citizens from operating or owning land or water craft in the State, failed to receive the 178,000 signatures necessary to place it on the November ballot.

Comment by editors and columnists was overwhelmingly favorable. Particularly interesting was a discussion, by a Stockton, Calif. RECORD columnist, of the radio debate on the question, "Can the Japanese Be Assimilated into the American Way of Life?" The California writer emphasized the importance of upholding the Constitution, and clearly distinguished between enemy Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry. Also interesting was a San Francisco NEWS editorial on the Bonesteel suit, which indicated that the case raises the issue of the right of the military to exclude persons from any area without due process "when there is no longer any reason for the exclusion." One Arkansas editor noted a number of evidences of "a more rational attitude toward Americans of Japanese ancestry" and mentioned as possible causes; (1) the progress of the war against Japan, (2) the Nisei in military service, and (3) gradual realization of the injustice of persecuting this racial minority.

Only member of Congress to express himself on the subject of the Japanese Americans was Rep. Beall of Maryland, whose criticism of the FCC for employing persons of Japanese ancestry and demand for a House committee to "investigate the matter of aliens on the Federal payroll by grace of the New Deal administration" was publicized in two stories by Hearst correspondent Ray Richards.

The single event which stimulated the greatest volume of news reports and was given the widest coverage geographically as well, was again the treason trial of the three Amache sisters. Reporting of the trial was, however, generally objective--even in the extravagantly long stories carried by the Denver POST--and only one of the five editors who commented on the verdict criticized it on the grounds of leniency.

### CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

"Japanese-American 'Under Fire' Because He Told The Truth" is headline of a story in a Negro paper, quoting from John Kitasako's Heart Mountain SENTINEL articles which the counsel for the Lea committee charged were designed to "incite racial prejudice." (see Review, 7/26/44). Pittsburgh COURIER, 8/5/44. 5401

Rep. Beall of Maryland, "a member of the American Legion," assails the FCC for its "stupid and dangerous" practice of employing persons of Japanese ancestry and declares: "It is incumbent upon us to learn to what extent the bureaucracy has been favoring Japanese and other aliens. Bureaucrats of the New Deal... seem to forget that we are at war." Declares that "when the House reconvenes" he will ask appointment of a committee to "investigate the matter of aliens on the Federal payroll by grace of the New Deal administration." Bethesda, Md. JOURNAL, 8/4/44. 5402

A week later, two successive stories by Hearst correspondent Ray Richards report Rep. Beall's demand for a House resolution providing a special committee and a "\$100,000 appropriation" to investigate the "number and activities of Japanese employed by the Federal Government." Story of the 15th quotes the Congressman as declaring that "almost as many Japanese aliens as Japanese Americans" have been placed in war agencies by WRA and as adding that he has arranged a conference on the matter with officials of the Lea Committee. S. F. EXAMINER, 8/12, 15/44, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/12, 15/44. 5403-6

### PUBLIC ATTITUDES

#### Columnists

"Stinky Meyers" is the heading of a short column in an Arizona paper, castigating WRA Director Myer for asking a movie studio to withdraw a 2-reel picture showing a group of "Scibbies" being shot down. Bisbee, Arizona BREWERY GULCH GAZETTE (undated) 5407

Oak Park, Ill. columnist notes that the superintendent of the local high school got a round of applause from the audience at commencement exercises when he pointed out persons of 26 nationalities in the graduating class, and particularly singled out one senior of Japanese ancestry. "Off the Deep End." Same paper also carries news report on the exercises, mentioning the Nisei graduate. Oak Park OAK LEAVES, 6/15/44. 5408-9

Cincinnati columnist reports favorably on the acceptance of relocated evacuees in his community. Quotes one of the evacuees, John T. Saito, as pointing out that the Japanese Americans have been entertained by both Christian and Jewish groups. "Cincinnati," by Alfred Segal, Cincinnati POST, (undated) and 7/20/44 5410-11

Another Ohio columnist reprints a letter written by a Japanese American soldier in Rome. "In the News," Cleveland NEWS, 7/26/44. 5412

Chicago columnist points out that the government is failing to enforce the "fair employment practice" act in the case of violations by such unions as the Illinois Central locals of the AFL Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees who forced the discharge of 59 evacuee workers. Expresses a suspicion that Gov. Dewey will do little more than the administration in the "peppery situation." "Everybody's Business," by Phil S. Hanna, Chicago NEWS, 7/31/44. 5413

Californian discusses the Town Hall debate on whether the Japanese can be assimilated into the American way of life, emphasizing Dr. Knowles' plea for upholding the Constitution. Concludes that the Japanese soldiers who will kill themselves rather than surrender would be hard to assimilate but "we're getting nowhere trying to match the American-born Jap waiter... with the Japs on Tulagi..." "Pete and His Pipe," Stockton RECORD, 8/8/44. 5414

Minnesota newspaper editor tells of meeting some Nisei soldiers in a restaurant and joining them at their meal. The soldiers explain that the reason they travel about with members of their own race is that they are with an all-Nisei Army group and know few Caucasian soldiers. Writer emphasizes their gratitude at being given a chance to prove their loyalty. "The Lake Breezes Whisper," by Claude Swanson, Minneapolis TRIBUNE, 8/12/44. 5415

Negro newspaper columnist, declaring that "very shortly American law and the Constitution are going to break the bonds which have held [Japanese Americans] since Pearl Harbor," urges the Negro community to accept the Japanese Americans and not injure itself by allowing all minorities to be kept divided "with the Negro at the bottom of the...scale." "The Horizon," by P. L. Prattis, Pittsburgh COURIER, 8/12/44. 5416

Nisei columnist for another Negro paper deplors the race prejudice held by many Japanese Americans against other minority groups, and commends the efforts of the JACL to combat such prejudices. "Second Thoughts," by S. I. Hayakawa, Chicago DEFENDER, 8/12/44. 5417

Rochester, N. Y. columnist describes at length an interview with William N. Takahashi, Ph. D., an evacuee now studying plant pathology in Rochester under a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship. "Seen and Heard," by Henry W. Clune, Rochester DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE, 8/15/44. 5418

Editor of the N. Y. MIRROR subbing for columnist Walter Winchell, predicts that the Nisei will be "solidly behind Roosevelt" in the coming election, having been so instructed by "their leaders" as a means of keeping "their good pal, Harold Ickes" in office. Comments that the 70,000 Nisei who can vote are concentrated in central western states where elections usually turn on a few thousand votes, and indicates that "some 20,000 citizens are living in Chicago." (Ed. Note: WRA statistics show a total of 5,440 persons of Japanese descent, citizens and aliens, relocated in Chicago.

Evacuees in relocation centers cannot, of course, vote in the states where they are thus temporarily residing, but only where they have legal residence.) "Walter Winchell on Broadway," by Jack Lait, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/15/44. L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/16/44. 5419-20

Los Angeles columnist warns against propagandists for a negotiated peace with Japan who "tell us about the lovely cherry blossoms and about the Japanese Americans who have been doing such a swell job in Italy and how all of us are really brothers under the skin..." by Mark Hellinger, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/19/44. 5421

#### EDITORIALS

Rockford, Ill. editor says that "the broad tolerance of the middle west should reject the blanket racial prejudice" against persons of Japanese ancestry, expressed by Bruce Thomas (war correspondent and lecturer) in a speech in Rockford. Suggests that when American soldiers return they will probably not favor racial persecution at home. Rockford REGISTER REPUBLIC, 5/27/44. 5422

Summary of the annual report of the American Civil Liberties Union notes that "loyal Americans of Japanese descent have been singularly free from insult and violence," as one indication that the Bill of Rights is still safe. Mankato, Minn. FREE PRESS, 7/28/44, Racine, Wisc. JOURNAL TIMES, 7/31/44, Minot, N. D. NEWS, 8/1/44, Binghamton, N. Y. SUN, 8/2/44. 5423-26

Arizona editor declares that feeling against Japanese Americans has been caused by "many years of unfair economic competition" between American and Japanese farmers, "topped off" by the war with Japan. Suggests that the Nisei, although not responsible for the actions of Japanese militarists and able to do little to allay the feeling against him due to the war, can help to earn the respect of other American farmers if he will "live as an American." Phoenix REPUBLIC, 8/1/44. 5427

Washington State editor points out that according to the FBI, persons of enemy ancestry have caused little trouble during the war and that according to WRA, the Japanese evacuees have been "exceptionally docile." Bellingham, Wash. HERALD, 8/2/44. 5428

Arkansas editor, citing a number of evidences of "a more rational attitude toward Americans of Japanese ancestry," suggests that this trend may be due to (1) the progress of the war against Japan, (2) the Nisei in military service, or (3) realization of the injustice of persecuting a racial minority which has largely proved its loyalty. Ft. Smith, Ark. SOUTHWEST AMERICAN, 8/3/44. 5429

Chicago Negro paper condemns agitation against Japanese Americans in the Chicago area and, noting that some Negroes share the prejudice against Japanese Americans, declares Negroes should learn that "persecution of any racial minority is a step from persecution of the Negro." Chicago DEFENDER, 8/5/44. 5430

A lengthy editorial summarizes the arguments presented in the Town Meeting of the Air debate of the question: "Can the Japanese be Assimilated into the American Way of Life?" Points out that the speakers for the negative insisted "assimilation" would involve inter-marriage and is therefore impossible. Writer concludes that the fundamental issue is whether a whole race is to be condemned or whether "individuals are to be dealt with justly as individuals." Birmingham, Ala. AGE-HERALD, 8/5/44. 5431

Salt Lake City editor finds the fact that two boys fired shots at Japanese American residents of the town proof that "it is about time for a roundup of guns in the possession of boys." Salt Lake City, TRIBUNE, 8/10/44. 5432

Iowa editor wonders whether the attitude of his local Legion post in protesting relocation of a few Nisei in the community "represents a snap judgment or the carefully considered opinion of the Legion majority" since "American citizenship is... something to be guarded and preserved." Waterloo, Ia. COURIER, 8/7/44. 5433

Two editors deplore two recent "racial" labor disturbances: (1) the Philadelphia transit strike caused by up-grading of Negro workers, and (2) the threatened strike of maintenance of way employees on the Illinois Central Railroad over the road's hiring of 59 evacuees. Dayton, Ohio JOURNAL, 8/4/44, Louisville, Ky. TIMES, 8/8/44. An Omaha editor also condemns the anti-Japanese prejudice of the Illinois Central workers, noting ironically that in Italy, where Nisei troops have been cited for valor, "no soldier thought it unpatriotic or below his dignity to fight and die on the same field with Japanese-Americans." Omaha WORLD HERALD, 8/7/44. 5434-36

Numerous editorials comment on the exploits of the Japanese American soldiers. Ohio writer points out that the Nisei are like the Japanese in being tough fighters, but have the added advantages of equipment and initiative. Cincinnati TIMES STAR, 7/29/44. LaCrosse, Wisc. editor adapts an editorial from an Iowa paper on the daring foray made by two Nisei soldiers (see Review, 8/9/44, 5224) adding that his paper is assembling for publication more information on the 100th Battalion. LaCrosse, TRIBUNE, 8/2/44. Iowa editor reprints an article on the 100th Battalion from the army publication STARS AND STRIPES. Des Moines REGISTEER, 8/7/44. The Nisei casualties are the "best answer" to "hysterical [anti-Japanese] bigots" says an Indianapolis editor, commenting on the death in action of a Nisei whose wife and sister live in Indianapolis. Indianapolis NEWS, 8/9/44. N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE gives the 100th Battalion's record as something to be remembered when "the fate of the Japanese is being decided" or "fools" agitate against the Japanese Americans. 8/17/44. S. F. CHRONICLE comments on the citation of four California Nisei for meritorious action on Saipan. 8/21/44. 5437-42

Portland, Oregon editor comments on a letter from a Nisei girl protesting the desecration of the Japanese cemetery in Portland (see Letters). Points out that her brother is fighting in Italy, and terms the cemetery desecration a "malicious and moronic holiday." Portland OREGONIAN, 8/6/44. 5443

Two McClatchy editorials urge continued exclusion of the evacuees. One rebukes the delegates to a Christian Church of Southern California convention in Los Angeles who urged the immediate return of "so-called" (according to editor) loyal Japanese. Fresno BEE, 8/4/44. Second endorses the demand of Rep. Engle (Calif.) for legislation to deport "disloyal and alien Japanese." Sacramento BEE, 8/2/44, Fresno BEE, 8/5/44.  
5444-46

New Jersey editor finds it fitting that while our soldiers are fighting for democracy abroad, we are "keeping those principles working" by admitting 982 war refugees to shelter in this country. Brunswick, N. J. HOME NEWS, 8/8/44. Three editors suggest that the U. S. should give additional refugees shelter. PM, 8/2/44, Des Moines TRIBUNE, N.Y. POST, 8/10/44.  
5447-50

New York State editor calls the refugee shelter a "kindergarten of democracy" in which the refugees can learn the basic lessons of democracy, so as to become later leaders in the democratization of Europe. Schenectady UNION STAR, 8/9/44.  
5451

Chicago TRIBUNE urges that the desire of the Oswego refugees to remain after the war must be "resisted" because of (1) the prospect of adding unemployment after the war, and (2) the political effects of "diluting" a population "reasonably homogeneous" in allegiance to our form of government. 8/14/44. Another editor quotes a veteran as asking why shipping is used to bring over refugees instead of to bring soldiers home on furlough, and finds it a "safe bet" that the majority of the refugees will remain after the war. Danbury, Conn. NEWS-TIMES, 8/10/44. Another editor urges a flat ban on all immigration for five years after the war, and abolition of the "President's Refugee Board" which has been "channeling some refugees into the Country." Wheeling, W. Va. INTELLIGENCER, 8/15/44.  
5452-54

Denver POST carries, along with a story on the treason trial of the three Amache sisters, an editorial with a banner headline: "This is America--This is What We're Fighting For" which compares the fair trial given the sisters with their probable treatment if charged with treason in Japan or Germany. 8/8/44. Another POST editorial finds testimony at the trial evidence of "laxness" in handling both the prisoners and the evacuees, and wonders where the Nisei girls got gasoline for weekend drives to Las Vegas. (undated). POST finds the verdict in the case generally a fair one, since, according to the judge, the girls did not intend to harm the U. S. by helping the prisoners. 8/12/44. Another Colorado editor finds the verdict "absolutely justified" since "from the evidence.. they are guilty as---" Pueblo CHIEFTAN, 8/12/44. Two editors believe that the verdict finding the girls guilty of conspiracy to commit treason although not of treason, was justified even if not logical. L. A. TIMES adds: "Still unexplained is the ease with which the three women, presumed to be under the watchful eye [of WRA].. managed to make the acquaintance of the Nazi prisoners. The public would like to hear from Dillon S. Myer, who is sure he knows who all the disloyal Japanese are.." Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/12/44, L. A. TIMES, 8/15/44. Southern editor says that the willingness of the Germans to testify against their helpers is evidence of the "delightful character" of the Nazis. Atlanta CONSTITUTION, 8/14/44. "Since when has it been chivalrous to dismiss treason with a tap on the wrist?" asks another. Nashville, Tenn. BANNER, 8/14/44. Stockton RECORD points out that the girls were given a fair trial, and believes

the verdict justified since the girls were apparently "carried away by the situation." 8/12/44 5455-63

Oregonian says that the question of the return of the evacuees to the West Coast should not be settled during the "passions and prejudices" of war, since while many Japanese Americans have proved their loyalty and all citizens have equal rights, "the loyal are safer and can render better service...away from the Coast." Portland JOURNAL, 8/17/44. 5464

S. F. NEWS, commenting on the Bonesteel suit, declares that "the orderly procedure of a court trial is a far better way to test the question of returning loyal Japanese to the Coast than is the action of organizations like the American Legion and the Native Sons." Noting that the suit "raises squarely the issue of the right of the military to exclude citizens from any area without due process of law when there is no longer any reason for the exclusion," writer adds that an interesting legal question will be "just how, in time of war" the courts can go back of the Army's decision as to the military necessity of such a move. 8/23/44. 5465

FEATURE ARTICLES

Official publication of the CIO International Woodworkers union carries a digest of Fortune's article on the evacuees, "Issei, Nisei, Kibei," Portland, Oreg. INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKER, 8/2/44. 5466

AP feature article describes the Amache center, concluding that although "there are no frills" and dust "is a constant source of irritation" life at the center has its compensations, including the fact that the women need not cook. by Mrs. Marjorie Geiger, St. Petersburg, Fla. TIMES, 8/20/44. 5467

Letters to the Editor

A letter from a Savannah resident to Eugene Talmadge, former Governor of Georgia, reproduced in a local paper, urges the ex-governor to "forestall this dastardly plan" to "infest" Georgia with evacuees, "monkey-like bipeds" who "even as lice are lice...are still Japanese" although American-born. Savannah NEWS, 7/14/44. 5468

This letter is answered by a 2nd Lt. in the Air Corps who points out that Japanese Americans have been repeatedly commended for their part in the war effort and cannot be considered responsible for Japan's war on the U. S. Savannah NEWS, 8/4/44. 5469

Margaret Rohrer of Denver refutes the claim that few if any Nisei furnished information on subversive activities by Japanese before evacuation. Fresno, BEE, 7/29/44. 5470

"A Navy man's wife" objects to the way in which "practically the entire" Rohrer family has written to defend the Japanese Americans. Believes they can "have no one near or dear to them in this awful war." Fresno BEE, 8/3/44. 5471

Nisei writes from Gila River to point out that thousands of Japanese Americans whose families are in relocation centers are now serving in the Army. Fresno BEE, 8/5/44. 5472

Joseph B. Hunter, who recently resigned from the position of assistant project director of Rohwer, gives examples of the military service of Nisei and points out that although "the parents would not be permitted to apply for American citizenship...the boys learned patriotism from their parents." Little Rock, Ark. GAZETTE. 5473

Executive Secretary of the International Institute in St. Paul believes that the Canadian woman who refused to be sworn in as a U. S. citizen along with a Nisei soldier should not be allowed to become a citizen until she can learn that "Americanism is not...a matter of race or ancestry." St. Paul DISPATCH, 8/5/44. 5474

Nisei girl, writing from Des Moines, wonders what her brother fighting in Italy will think of the desecration of the Japanese cemetery in Portland, Oreg. where their father is buried. Portland OREGONIAN, 8/6/44. 5475

Lorne W. Bell, formerly assistant project director at Central Utah, writes from Honolulu to congratulate the Chicago SUN on its editorial condemning the Evanston residents who objected to the leasing of a residence to Japanese Americans. Points out that there was no sabotage or espionage committed by Japanese in Hawaii after Pearl Harbor, and that according to the FBI, the Japanese population of the Islands has caused practically no trouble. Chicago SUN, 6/21/44. 5476

University of Pennsylvania graduate reports that the decision of his alma mater to refuse admission to a Nisei graduate student was due to a government ruling and has since been reversed. Chicago SUN, 6/24/44. 5477

Chicagoan comments on a "contrast in headlines"; (1) "I. C. Gives In to Union: Lays Off Jap-Americans," and (2) "Jap-Americans Win New Honors In Italy War." Chicago NEWS, 8/1/44. 5478

Another Chicagoan suggests that the Japanese gardens in Jackson Park should be rededicated as a memorial to the Nisei soldiers in Italy. Chicago TRIBUNE, 8/8/44. 5479

"One who only recently returned to Chicago after a 12-year stay on the west coast" gives sympathetic advice to Nisei: (1) not to indulge in self pity, and (2) to avoid establishing "little Tokyos." Chicago TRIBUNE, 8/9/44. 5480

Another resident of the Chicago area praises two Nisei employed by his company, and wonders whether people recognize that "Americans of Japanese ancestry are giving their lives on the fighting front" since one of the Nisei has been unable to rent a home for his family in Chicago. Chicago NEWS, 8/9/44. 5481

Seattle resident believes that the rise in the prices of farm products is due to the absence of "Jap competition" and that under our system of free enterprise the Nisei "has the same constitutional right to engage in business as any other American citizen." Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 8/7/44. Three other Seattle residents object strenuously to the proposal to "bring the Japs back [and] cut the American farmer's throat" and to "put creature comfort ahead of our national security." Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 8/10/44. 5482-83

Two readers take note of a letter from Rep. Celler (N. Y.) taking exception to Westbrook Pegler's criticism of the Fort Ontario refugee shelter plan. One suggests that the space used to transport the refugees would be better used for wounded soldiers or men going home on furlough. Another finds Pegler's warning "well founded" but believes his expectation that he would be branded as "without compassion or conscience" was somewhat unreasonable. N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 8/8/44. 5484

Another writer tells first of above correspondents that arrangements are being made for transportation of wounded soldiers, and that if Americans were in the place of the refugees from Europe, the Europeans would doubtless take them in. N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 8/11/44. 5485

Two more readers are indignant at the transportation of the refugees in place of wounded soldiers or men in line for furloughs. TIMES HERALD writer asks, in addition, "why couldn't they camp in North Africa just as well as Oswego.?" and believes that "these people never intend to leave here." Washington D. C. NEWS, 8/10/44, Washington TIMES HERALD, 8/14/44. 5486-87

"Another one of those people who feels that this importation of refugees must stop," asks: "Aren't there enough Fifth Columnists in the United States already?" Washington TIMES HERALD, 8/19/44. 5488

Two PM readers offer worn clothing to the refugees. They are referred by the editor to the Center's director, Joseph H. Smart, 8/1/44. 5489

Another PM reader, declaring that the U. S. has done a "commendable job" in opening Fort Ontario to 982 "war-stricken people," suggests that Alaska be made a haven for 400,000 Jewish refugees from Hungary. 8/21/44. 5490

H. J. McClatchy, Executive Secretary of the California Joint Immigration Committee, indicates that the "blundering idealists" who objected to the fortification of Guam were the same ones who "were demanding an immigration quota for Japan, [and] were complaining of our treatment of Japanese at evacuation centers." Washington, D. C. POST, 8/22/44. 5491

Portland, Ore. junior court official George J. Clauss rebukes one of three boys allegedly responsible for desecration of a Japanese cemetery, pointing out that "a high percentage of the casualties on the Salerno beachhead were Japanese-Americans who are helping to fight this war" and that according to H. V. Kaltenborn, radio commentator, there has been no sabotage by Japanese Americans in Hawaii since the war began. Story carries two large pictures showing the destruction accomplished in the cemetery. Portland OREGONIAN, 7/27/44. 5492

#### Resolutions and Statements

St. Paul judge dismisses the citizenship petition of the Canadian woman who refused to take the citizenship oath along with a former Japanese soldier, now in the U. S. Army, (see Review, 8/2/44, 5096) with the rebuke that "all people are equal before this court." UP Rochester, N.Y. DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE, 7/28/44. 5493

The Rev. Leo Tibesar, Catholic pastor at Hunt, declares in Seattle that the Japanese Americans in his flock are all patriotic Americans. Expresses his regret at the way in which the relocated evacuees have to start in "at the bottom of the ladder." Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 7/29/44. 5494

Delegates to the Alianza Hispano-Americano, a national Spanish-language organization, meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., adopt a resolution opposing the alien land law amendment which is to be placed on the November ballot in Colorado. Colorado Spring GAZETTE, 7/31/44. 5495

In Chicago, Mayor Kelly's Committee on Race Relations deplores the attempts of "certain groups" to create dissension between the Japanese Americans and the rest of the city's population. Chicago SUN, 8/5/44. 5496

City Club of Chicago, asserting that organized activities "directed from outside sources" have been launched against Japanese Americans in the city, protests such "efforts to stir up racial antagonisms." Chicago SUN, 8/12/44. 5497

Pres. Townsend [ of the CIO United Transport Service Employees ] writes to the president of the Illinois Central Railroad, in order to give his support to the evacuee workers whose employment by the railroad brought threat of a strike from the local AFL Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees. CIO NEWS, 8/7/44. 5498

Canadian Senate passes, after heated debate, a bill disenfranchising all members of the Japanese race in Canada. Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 8/6/44. 5499

Most heated arguments during the Wisconsin State Legion convention in Milwaukee arise over a resolution which, as amended by the Americanization Comm. so as to eliminate a special "permanent exclusion" clause for Japanese, would forbid entry into the U. S. of persons from enemy countries in this war. Resolution is tabled. Speakers against the discriminating clause pointed to the Nisei fighting in Italy and urged tolerance. Milwaukee JOURNAL, 8/8/44. 5500

Delegates to the annual convention of the Arizona Legion pass a resolution recommending according to the report, that the "Jap-German menace be kept under strict control in post-war years." Tucson, Ariz. CITIZEN, 8/10/44. 5501

Delegates to the American Newspaper Guild convention in Milwaukee pass resolution urging the Federal Government to consider the return of 74,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry to their homes at the earliest possible time. AP, Washington, D. C. STAR, 8/10/44. Distorted account in the Milwaukee SENTINEL reports that the resolution "pointed out government has made no move to separate the loyal from the disloyal [ evacuees ]..." 5502-3

Attorney General Biddle tells Tacoma newsmen that in his opinion, Japanese American citizens cannot be prevented from returning to the West Coast after the war. Is quoted as adding that "some 1200 [ Nisei ] already have indicated their intention" of applying for expatriation to Japan under the recently-signed citizenship cancellation bill. L.A. NEWS, 8/11/44. 5504

The Attorney General tells Los Angeles interviewers that the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry, including discharged Nisei servicemen, from the West Coast is a matter for the Army to decide on the basis of its "military significance." L. A. TIMES, 8/19/44 5505

Oregon American Legion passes a resolution at its state convention calling for adoption of the Mott bill declaring all Japanese undesirable aliens. AP, Klamath Falls, Oreg. HERALD & NEWS, 8/12/44. 5506

Idaho State Federation of Labor passes a resolution which, according to the President of the Lewiston, Ida. labor council, calls for deportation of Japanese aliens whose disloyalty is proved. Lewiston, Ida. TRIBUNE, 8/12/44. 5507

AFL Teamsters' Union Leaders from 11 western states, meeting in Seattle, recommend an aggressive campaign for "permanent exclusion of the Jap cheap labor menace" from the West. AP, Klamath Falls, Oreg. HERALD & NEWS, 8/18/44. 5508

California Assemblyman Chester F. Gannon, (chairman of the Interim Committee on Japanese Problems) writes the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play that the group is "wasting money and in no way assisting the war effort" by preparing "pro-Japanese booklets," two of which had been mailed to him. Declares that return of the evacuees to California at this time would give the Japanese a "smoke screen" for spy activities, and pave the way for possible landing of Japanese intelligence officers on the Coast. L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/19/44. 5509-10

"There is only one side to the Jap question in California--exclusion!" declares Rolla R. McFall, California Dept. commander of the VFW, before leaving to attend the VFW national encampment in Chicago. Adds: "As to the distinction between 'good and bad Japs' I can only add the only good Jap is the one who wears the uniform of a U. S. Army soldier and is over there in the Italian war." Declares that the California delegation to the VFW convention will demand that "all but honorably discharged American-born Japanese now in the service of their country be excluded from residence in California after the war." (Ed. note: The resolution actually sponsored by the California delegation at the convention provided only for deportation of disloyal Japanese and Japanese Americans, and clearly distinguished between "loyal" and "disloyal.") L. A. EXAMINER, 8/17/44, L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/19/44. 5511-12

At the 26th annual conference of the California Legion, held in Los Angeles, Mayor Fletcher Bowron of that city appeals to delegates to "seriously consider the continued exclusion of Japanese from this area, at least for the duration" for reasons of "military necessity." L. A. TIMES quotes the Mayor as adding that "after the war the story may be different," and notes that at the same meeting Sheriff Bischalluz of Los Angeles (a "member of the Legion committee which investigated the Tule Lake riot") also urged exclusion and declared that the Japanese "are a menace--always have been and always will be." L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/15/44, L. A. EXAMINER, L. A. TIMES, AP, S. F. CHRONICLE, 8/16/44, Oakland, Calif. TRIBUNE, 8/15/44. 5513-17

California Legion convention in Los Angeles considers a number of proposals concerning present and post-war policies regarding the Japanese in the U. S. L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/10/44, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/15/44. The convention passes resolutions recommending that "Japanese relocation centers be placed under the Army with no Japanese being allowed to return to the West Coast until after the war" and urging legislation to outlaw "Japanese language schools and any other agencies that might produce pro-Japanese propaganda." L. A. NEWS AND TIMES adds that the convention also urged Congress to recognize the "Japanese question" as a "national issue" and urged establishment of a committee to study "Japanese psychology, Shintoism, propaganda, and subversive activities." According to the TIMES, the resolution also mentioned "pressure being brought in Washington by certain religious and educational organizations such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation for the termination of the evacuation order." S. F. EXAMINER, S. F. CHRONICLE, L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, L. A. TIMES, 8/18/44, L. A. NEWS, L. A. EXAMINER "Overseas Section" 8/19/44, S. F. CALL BULLETIN and Oakland TRIBUNE add the resolution recommended deportation of all disloyal Japanese and Japanese Americans after the war. 8/18/44. 5518-27

Mayor Bowron of Los Angeles calls on representatives of the Interior and Justice Depts. in Washington to warn them that his city "will not be in a position for a long time" to "cope with return of evacuated Japanese." Gives as specific reasons the lack of housing and the "serious peace maintenance problem which most certainly will arise if any considerable number of Japanese were to go back." L. A. EXAMINER, 8/19/44 5528

A petition circulated during the past six months to "prohibit Japanese and all other persons of 'dual citizenship' from operating, owning or having any interest in water craft or land" in California will not be placed on the November ballot, announces E. A. Murray, director of the Japanese Exclusion Association. (Ed. note: The 100,000 signatures received by the petition was 78,000 short of the required number.) "The proposal will not be dropped," Murray explains, "because we are planning to present the measure to the state legislature in January for immediate action." L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, 8/21/44. 5529

George Sehlmeier, Master of the California State Grange, declares he will ask a conference of western state Grange masters at Portland, Ore., called to discuss "infiltration of Japanese who were buying land at premium prices for resettlement purposes," to support the California Grange in opposing resettlement of persons of Japanese ancestry in the West. UP, S. F. CHRONICLE, 8/19/44, AP, Oakland TRIBUNE, 8/20/44. At the Portland convention, Grange masters representing 125,000 members from five western states (Calif., Oreg., Wash., Idaho and Mont.) adopt a resolution asking the Federal government to prevent persons of Japanese extraction from returning to the West Coast after the war. The resolution also condemns WRA for "conducting a propaganda campaign to arouse public sympathy for persons of Japanese extraction" and declares that such persons "can never be assimilated into American community life." S. F. CHRONICLE, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/21/44, AP, Washington, D. C. STAR, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/22/44. The Grange masters also demand deportation of all persons of Japanese ancestry. AP, N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 8/24/44, N. Y. TIMES, 8/25/44. 5530-37

REFUGEE SHELTER

The refugee children at Fort Ontario, although "forced into premature adolescence" by war, have been deprived of normal schooling opportunities and have an "overwhelming desire" to go to school. Provision for education at the center is yet to be arranged. The requirement that the refugees must remain in the shelter may prevent the use of the Oswego schools, offered by town authorities. N. Y. POST, 8/8/44. Many of the refugees are eager to learn American ways to help rebuild Europe after the war. N. Y. POST, 8/10/44. A nine-year-old refugee boy's fear and rags are banished when customs inspectors at the Fort buy him new toys and clothes. Report also tells the "terrible" story of a Polish refugee girl's experiences. N. Y. POST, 8/11/44. The Polish girl and her refugee fiancée are married at Fort Ontario. N. Y. MIRROR, 8/18/44. Another story on the shelter emphasizes the refugees' desire for news; notes that according to Director Myer, they will be given the news, may listen to radios, and write letters subject to censorship. Schooling will probably be on a volunteer basis. AP, Baltimore SUN, 8/20/44. 5538-42

Columnist for a Jewish paper urges Jewish organizations to help remedy the causes of "sullen disappointment" among the refugees, including; poor and insufficient food, no grant of clothing, no recreational facilities or canteen, no dentist, and censorship of letters. "News and Views," by Dr. S. Margoshes, N. Y. DAY, 8/15/44. 5543

Three refugee couples hear from relatives already in the United States, in one case, a U. S. soldier on duty at the pier as the refugee ship docks. N. Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN, 8/9/44, N. Y. TIMES, N. Y. SUN, 8/10/44, N. Y. SUN, 8/11/44. 5544-47

Two of the refugees tell their stories on the March of Time program over NBC; report gives that of one, a Czech, who tried to escape down the Danube by steamer, PM, 8/11/44. 5548

Oswego residents make friends with the refugees, coming to the shelter fence to talk and offer presents of books and candy. N. Y. POST, 8/9/44. In a statement to a N. Y. MORNING FREIHEIT correspondent, the Mayor of Oswego welcomes the refugees, adding "We want the refugees to carry back...a picture of a small American city..." N. Y. DAILY WORKER, 8/19/44. An interfaith committee of prominent Oswego citizens is organized, on the initiative of shelter director Smart, to aid the refugees. N. Y. DAILY WORKER, 8/21/44. 5549-51

Sen. Gillette of Iowa is to propose to the second national conference to save the Jewish people of Europe, meeting in N. Y., the immediate setting up of additional temporary refugee shelters in the U. S. Chicago HERALD AMERICAN. 5552

Sen. Robert Reynolds (N. C.) leader of the American Nationalists, begins a campaign to prevent setting up of additional "free ports" by a "widely circulated letter" describing the admission of the Fort Ontario refugees as "merely the entering wedge." N. Y. POST, 8/10/44. 5553

DAILY WORKER story backs Rep. Dickstein's House resolution to open up more "free ports." 8/12/44. 5554

N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE correspondent Lewis Gannett, reporting the meeting of the Inter-Governmental Comm. on Refugees, points out that the U. S. has accepted so few refugees since the war that our "major role" in organizing refugee aid by other governments "sometimes puzzles observers." 8/15/44. 5555

#### REPORTS

Relocation of evacuees in Waterloo, Iowa is proposed to a group of Waterloo residents by E. A. Franquemont of the Des Moines WRA office. A letter of protest against the suggestion from the American Legion is read at the meeting. Waterloo, Ia. COURIER, 8/6/44. 5556

More than 75 per cent of Chicago area employers who replied to a questionnaire are enthusiastic about their evacuee employees, says G. Raymond Booth, area supervisor for WRA. Chicago NEWS, 8/8/44. Results of this survey are mentioned in N. Y. TIMES weekly news summary, 8/13/44. 5557-58

Evacuees coming to work in Omaha won't work for lower wages than anyone else, says a member of the city Board of Realtors at a board meeting, after W. K. Holland, WRA relocation officer, had pointed out that evacuees in the city population are in a ratio of 1 to 1,000 and are encountering no opposition. Omaha, Nebr. WORLD HERALD, 8/10/44. Later story quotes Holland as giving the farm production record of a "typical" evacuee (shown in inset picture) and declaring the 79 evacuee farmers in the area are "doing a good job" Omaha WORLD HERALD, 8/20/44. 5559-60

#### MILITARY SERVICE

Two former residents of Livingston, Calif. were among 43 Amache evacuees who reported for Army induction April 21, Livingston, Calif. CHRONICLE, 6/1/44. 5561

"Converging from all parts of Wyoming, Colo. and Nebraska," 152 Japanese-American reservists report for active duty at Fort Logan. Report lists decorations received by the 100th Battalion. Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/3/44. 5562

Picture shows Gen. Mark Clark fastening the citation streamers on the guidons of the 100th Battalion flag. Des Moines, Ia. TRIBUNE, 8/4/44, Cincinnati POST, 8/7/44, Butte, Mont. POST, 8/11/44, Bakersfield, CALIFORNIAN, 8/19/44. Tacoma paper accompanies picture with an INS report describing the 100th and giving the decorations won by its members. Tacoma, Wash. TIMES, 8/10/44. 5563-67

Another picture shows Gen. Clark and King George VI of Great Britain inspecting two 100th Battalion members, both holders of the Silver Star, during the King's tour of the Italian front. Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, 8/7/44. 5568

Milwaukee JOURNAL carries on its front page an account of an interview with Mrs. Emiko S. Abe, whose husband, 2nd Lt. Yaso Abe, was wounded in action in Italy July 2, and Mrs. Toshiro Fukuda, whose husband is also in Italy with the 100th Battalion. 8/8/44. 5569

Seventy-five Nisei reservists leave Poston for active service at Fort Douglas, Utah after a big community send-off by nearly 5,000 relatives and friends. Phoenix REPUBLIC, Phoenix GAZETTE, 8/7/44, AP, Bisbee, Ariz. REVIEW, 8/5/44, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, 8/6/44, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, 8/8/44, S. F. CHRONICLE adds that according to R. B. Cozzens of WRA's San Francisco office, there are about 12,000 Nisei now in the Army, besides several hundred Japanese American girls in the WAC and cadet nurse corps, and more than 200 men in the Merchant Marine. 8/17/44. 5572-75

Signal Corps photo from Italy shows German storm troopers surrendering to members of the 100th Battalion. Milwaukee JOURNAL, PM, 8/8/44, Buffalo, N. Y. COURIER EXPRESS, 8/11/44. 5576-78

Feature story in a Maine paper on Lt. Col. Gordon Singles, former Maine resident, now commander of the 100th Battalion, quotes Lt. Singles' praise of his men and lists decorations received by the Battalion, Portland, Me. PRESS-HERALD, 8/8/44. 5579

Capt. Isaac A. Kawasaki, Nisei doctor, now at Kennedy General Hospital, tells an American Legion group in Memphis the story of the 100th Battalion, and describes his experiences while serving with it in Italy. Memphis PRESS-SCIMITAR, 8/8/44. 5580

Salt Lake City paper carries a story on five Japanese American brothers from Salt Lake City, all of whom are in the Army, and four of whom are overseas. Salt Lake City DESERET NEWS, 8/10/44. 5581

Army reports that the 100th Infantry Battalion which has fought in almost every major battle in Italy has had not a single case of desertion or absence without leave. Nearest to AWOL was when two soldiers left a field hospital before their wounds were healed to hitch-hike back to the battlefront. AP, S. F. CHRONICLE, Boise, IDAHO STATESMAN, 8/10/44, N. Y. TIMES, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/11/44. 5582-85

Eight Nisei enlisted men from Camp Shelby put on an all-Hawaiian show for convalescing soldiers in Forest Glen Convalescent Hospital, Washington, D. C. The group which is making a tour of Army hospitals under the auspices of Earl Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., brought a box of fruit to four Nisei soldiers at Forest Glen. Washington, D. C. POST, Washington TIMES HERALD, 8/12/44. 5586-87

Two Washington papers describe the meeting at Walter Reed Hospital of Pvt. Yashimo Omiya, soldier blinded while fighting with the 100th in Italy, and his buddy Pvt. Kenneth Kengo Otagaki, who lost a leg, an eye and two fingers in the same campaign. Omiya had come to Washington from Connecticut, where he is awaiting dismissal orders, to hear the Hawaiian program presented by the group from Camp Shelby. STAR carries a picture of the two veterans and describes at considerable length their happiness at their reunion, which was made possible by Earl Finch--Mississippi farmer who brought up the group from Camp Shelby. Washington, D. D. POST, Washington D. C. STAR, 8/14/44. 5588-89

Concealing a wound until his mission was completed, a Nisei switchboard operator with the 442nd combat team captures three Germans on the first day he went into the front lines. AP, Ft. Collins, Colo. EXPRESS-COURIER, 8/14/44. 5590

"Jap-Americans at McGuire's Prove Their Loyalty to U. S." (headline). Richmond, Va. paper describes interviews with some of a dozen or so "GI Joes with Japanese names"--Nisei veterans of the 100th, now at McGuire General Hospital. Richmond, Va. TIMES DISPATCH, 8/14/44. 5591

Twice-wounded Nisei veteran of the 100th Battalion, now on temporary duty at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., visits the County Judge in Madison, Wisc., and describes some of his war experiences. Madison STATE JOURNAL, 8/16/44. 5592

AP dispatch from Rome reports that Undersecretary of War Patterson, in Italy on a tour of the 5th Army front, pinned a Distinguished Service Cross on Lt. Yeiki Kobashigawa, Hawaiian-born Nisei who, with another soldier was responsible for "neutralizing" four German machine gun nests, capturing six Nazis, and killing at least one other near Lanuvio June 2. The Undersecretary spent much time talking with members of the 100th. AP, Oakland, Calif. TRIBUNE, 8/16/44, S. F. CHRONICLE, 8/17/44. 5593-94

Pfc. Thomas Higa, Nisei veteran, speaks to JAACL group in Twin Falls and at Minidoka. Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 8/16/44, 8/24/44. 5595-96

Six sons in the U. S. Army and a seventh to leave shortly is the record of one evacuee family from Minidoka. Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, 8/18/44. 5597

WRA announces that six Nisei soldiers, four of them from California, were reported by PACIFIC CITIZEN to have been cited for meritorious service at Saipan. Five were awarded the Bronze Star. S. F. CHRONICLE, L. A. NEWS, L. A. EXAMINER, N. Y. TIMES, 8/21/44. UP, Washington, D. C. TIMES HERALD, 8/20/44, AP, Washington, D. C. STAR, 8/21/44, S. F. EXAMINER, L. A. TIMES, 8/22/44. 5598-5605

Acting Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard replies to the ACLU's protest concerning alleged Navy "discrimination" against Americans of Japanese ancestry. Declares that admission of Japanese Americans into the Navy would create "racial problems which cannot be handled adequately under war conditions." S. F. CHRONICLE, N. Y. TIMES, Kansas City, Mo. TIMES, 8/21/44, AP, Washington, D. C. STAR, Baltimore SUN, Klamath Falls, Ore. HERALD & NEWS, Casper, Wyo. TRIBUNE-HERALD, Phoenix GAZETTE, 8/21/44, S. F. EXAMINER, 8/22/44. 5606-14

On a tour of the Fifth Army front, Prime Minister Churchill inspects troops of the 34th Division and pays a "special compliment" to American troops of Japanese and Negro ancestry. Washington, D. C. TIMES HERALD, UP, Washington, D. C. POST, AP, Washington, D. C. STAR, Klamath Falls, Ore. HERALD & NEWS, 8/21/44, S. F. CHRONICLE, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, 8/22/44. 5615-20

#### Stories on Nisei Draft Violations

Five Heart Mountain Nisei, charged with conspiracy to aid other Nisei in violating the selective service act, enter pleas of not guilty in Cheyenne U. S. District Court. Cheyenne, Wyo. TRIBUNE, 8/7/44. 5621

A number of stories report the arrest for draft violations of 5 Poston Nisei, 3 of whom are reported released under \$1,000 bond each. Phoenix GAZETTE, 8/11,12/44, AP, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, 8/13/44. 5622-25

Plans to arrest 12 more Heart Mountain residents for failure to report for pre-induction examinations are announced by U. S. District Attorney Sackett. Cheyenne, Wyo. TRIBUNE, 8/13/44. 5626

Four Hunt Nisei are bound over to federal district court at Boise on charges of draft violations; all are held in the county jail on failure to pay \$1,000 bonds. Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, 8/19/44, AP, Boise, Ida. STATESMAN, 8/19/44. Two more Minidoka Nisei arraigned for draft violations; bails are fixed at \$1,000, Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 8/23/44. 5627-29

Stories on Nisei Casualties

A number of papers, near relocation centers report Nisei casualties whose families are in the centers. One Manzanar evacuee killed and one wounded. Independence, Calif. INYO INDEPENDENT, Bishop INYO REGISTER, 8/4/44. Two from Poston killed; Phoenix GAZETTE, 8/3/44, Yuma, Ariz. SUN & SENTINEL, 8/4/44, AP, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, 8/5/44, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, 8/4/44, Kingman, Ariz. MOHAVE-MINER, 8/10/44. One more from Poston killed, making a total of four from the center, and two others reported wounded; AP, Tucson, Ariz. CITIZEN, Phoenix GAZETTE, 8/7/44, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, 8/8/44. Three from Gila River killed and two wounded; AP, Phoenix GAZETTE, Prescott, Ariz. COURIER, 8/7/44, Bisbee REVIEW, Phoenix REPUBLIC, 8/8/44, latter adding a report of the Poston casualties. Two from Hunt killed brings to 11 the total from the center; Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 8/16/44. Seven former Amache evacuees, wounded in action, included in a PACIFIC CITIZEN list of Nisei casualties makes a total of 32 killed and 63 wounded among Nisei soldiers from the western states. Granada JOURNAL, 8/17/44. 5630-44

A good many papers, in California and elsewhere, carry stories on former residents of Japanese ancestry who have been reported as casualties. Death of first Nisei soldier from Salt Lake City is given prominent space in the Salt Lake TRIBUNE, 8/2/44. Half-Japanese soldier from New York State killed in action. Jertertown, N. Y. TIMES, 8/3/44. Nisei from St. Louis, whose ancestry prevented his finding employment in the city after Pearl Harbor, is reported wounded in action. St. Louis POST-DISPATCH, 8/6/44. Cleveland paper carries a front-page story on a "gallant band of adopted Clevelanders"--relocated evacuees reported as casualties. Three were killed in action and four wounded. Cleveland PRESS, 8/7/44. Another Cleveland paper reports the death in action of one of the Nisei. Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 8/7/44. Death in action of T/Sgt. George Sawada is given considerable space in two papers from Indianapolis, where his wife is now living. Indianapolis NEWS, 8/8/44, TIMES 8/9/44. Included in a casualty list. Indianapolis STAR 8/9/44. San Francisco Nisei killed in Italy. S. F. NEWS, 8/9/44. Salt Lake City Nisei wounded by shrapnel in Italy. Salt Lake City TRIBUNE, 8/10/44. Two Nisei, formerly of Los Angeles, killed in Italy, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/10/44. 5645-55

Memorial services honoring Japanese Americans who have died in action are held at Gila River; (Casa Grande, Ariz. DISPATCH, 8/4/44) and at Hunt, (Twin Falls, Ida. TELEGRAM, 8/8/44.) 5656-57

LEGAL

Demurrer filed in a suit intended to break a lease signed by several Japanese aliens and Nisei; contends that "the leasing of lands for commercial purposes is not prohibited by the California Alien Land Law," and that only the state Attorney General may challenge the

validity of a transaction under the law. Stockton RECORD, 7/31/44. 5658

Charging violation of the Alien Property Law, authorities in San Diego file suit to forfeit to the state 44 acres of farm land. San Diego UNION, 8/2/44. 5659

Numerous papers carry stories describing testimony presented during the closing days of the trial of three Amache sisters for treason and conspiracy to commit treason in allegedly aiding the escape of two German war prisoners last October. Longest articles were those in the Denver POST. Reports emphasize the testimony of the girls' younger sister that German prisoners at the Trinidad, Colo. camp had "a free hand" in the sisters' home. None of the sisters testified in rebuttal of charges against them. Their attorney pointed out that the prosecution had already presented a defense for them in the testimony of one prisoner that he wanted to escape to fight the Nazis. Defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal was refused. L. A. TIMES, Denver POST, 8/9/44, Denver POST, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/10/44, AP, Sacramento BEE, 8/9/44, Colorado Springs, Colo. GAZETTE, Baltimore SUN, San Bernardino, Calif. SUN, S. F. CHRONICLE, Chicago TRIBUNE, L. A. TIMES, Pueblo, Colo. CHIEFTAN, Washington, D. C. POST, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, Phoenix REPUBLIC, Boise, IDAHO STATESMAN, 8/10/44, INS, L. A. HERALD EXPRESS, L. A. EXAMINER, S. F. EXAMINER, 8/10/44, UP, L. A. NEWS, S. F. NEWS, Chicago SUN, N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, 8/9/44, Yuma, Ariz. SUN & SENTINEL, Chicago SUN, Washington, D. C. NEWS, 8/10/44. 5660-86

Defense attorney Robinson contends that the sisters' action was due to "the way of a man with a maid." Prosecutor shouts "Fie" to this argument and describes the girls as "Benedict Arnolds in skirts." Denver POST, 8/10/44, UP, L. A. NEWS, AP, Baltimore SUN, 8/11/44. 5687-89

The treason case goes to the jury. Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Washington, D. C. TIMES HERALD, 8/11/44, UP, L. A. NEWS, Brooklyn EAGLE, 8/10/44, Lamar, Colo. NEWS, Chicago SUN, 8/11/44, INS, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, 8/10/44, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/11/44, AP, Klamath Falls, Oreg. HERALD & NEWS, Sacramento BEE, Washington, D. C. STAR, Tulsa, Okla. TRIBUNE, 8/10/44, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, Richmond, Va. TIMES-DISPATCH, Bisbee, Ariz. REVIEW, Pueblo, Colo. CHIEFTAN, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, Phoenix REPUBLIC, S. F. CHRONICLE, 8/11/44. 5690-5708

The three Amaché sisters are convicted on the second count of conspiracy to commit treason, but acquitted of the first charge of treason. Denver POST, 8/11/44, L. A. TIMES, 8/12/44, AP, S. F. CALL BULLETIN, Klamath Falls, Oreg. HERALD & NEWS, N. Y. POST, N. Y. SUN, Chicago TRIBUNE, Bakersfield, Calif. CALIFORNIAN, Salem, Oreg. JOURNAL, Washington, D. C. STAR, Grand Junction, Colo. SENTINEL, Little Rock, Ark. DEMOCRAT, Oakland, Calif. TRIBUNE, Hollywood CITIZEN NEWS, Eugene, Oreg. REGISTER-GUARD, Prescott, Ariz. COURIER, 8/11/44, S. F. CHRONICLE, N. Y. TIMES, Pueblo, Colo. CHIEFTAN, Baltimore SUN, L. A. TIMES, Bellingham, Wash. HERALD, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, Seattle POST INTELLIGENCER, San Jose, Calif. HERALD NEWS, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, Douglas, Ariz. DISPATCH, Little Rock, Ark. GAZETTE, 8/12/44. UP, Tacoma, Wash. TIMES, S. F. NEWS, N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, Yuma, Ariz. SUN & SENTINEL, Tucson, Ariz. CITIZEN, Phoenix GAZETTE, Washington, D. C. NEWS, 8/11/44, Philadelphia RECORD, L. A. NEWS, Chicago SUN, Lamar, Colo. NEWS, 8/12/44. INS story combines a report on the verdict with account of a hara-kiri attempt made by three Japanese war prisoners near Denver at the same time. Includes the statement of Army officials that the suicide attempt was believed coincidental to the jury verdict. INS, N. Y. JOURNAL, AMERICAN, 8/11/44, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/12/44. 5709-49  
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Defense attorney Robinson files motion for a new trial. Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/12,15,17, 18/44, Long Beach, Calif. PRESS TELEGRAM, 8/13/44, Denver POST 8/16/44, AP, Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, Baltimore SUN, Seattle POST-INTELLIGENCER, 8/13/44, Washington, D. C. STAR, 8/13,15/44, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, L. A. EXAMINER, 8/14/44, UP, S. F. NEWS, 8/17/44. 5750-63

Judge Symes denies the motion for a new trial and sentences the sisters to \$1,000 fine each and jail terms up to two years. Mrs. Wallace was sentenced to 24 months in jail, and Mrs. Otani and Mrs. Tanigoshi to 20 months each. INS story adds that one of the German prisoners aided by the women, Pfc. Herman Loescher, wrote a letter to the judge asking that he and his comrade be considered "the more guilty part." Denver POST, 8/18/44, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/20/44, INS, S. I. GALL BULLETIN, 8/18/44, S. F. EXAMINER, L. A. EXAMINER, Boise, Ida. STATESMAN, 8/19/44, Phoenix REPUBLIC, 7/20/44, AP, Prescott, Ariz. COURIER, Klamath Falls, Ore. HERALD & NEWS, Grand Junction, Colo. SENTINEL, 8/18/44, L. A. TIMES, Colorado Springs GAZETTE, N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, Bellingham, Wash. HERALD, Salt Lake City TRIBUNE, Wash. STAR Pueblo, Colo. CHIEFTAIN, 8/19/44, Tucson, Ariz. STAR, 8/20/44, UP, L.A. NEWS, 8/19/44. 5764-82

The three sisters will not appeal their conviction, Attorney Robinson announces. Denver POST, 8/23/44, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 8/24/44, AP, Des Moines, Ia. TRIBUNE, 8/23/44, Washington, D. C. STAR, 8/24/44. 5783-86

S. F. CHRONICLE Sunday magazine section carries an article telling the story of the treason case. 8/20/44. 5787

Los Angeles Federal judge orders Maj. Gen. Bonesteel, head of the Western Defense Command to appear with subordinate officers on September 13 and show cause why Japanese Americans of proven loyalty should not be allowed to return immediately to the West Coast, in answer to a writ filed by three Nisei seeking to challenge the constitutionality of the evacuation order. S. F. CALL BULLETIN, Washington, D. C. NEWS, 8/22/44, Chicago TRIBUNE, N. Y. TIMES, 8/23/44, UP, S. F. NEWS, 8/22/44, S. F. CHRONICLE, S. F. NEWS, Lamar, Colo. NEWS, Denver ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, AP, Washington, D. C. STAR, 8/23/44. 5788-97

RELOCATED EVACUEES

Willie Takaki, relocated Nisei from Heart Mountain, is interviewed in Dayton, as a result of his prowess on the tennis courts; declares that he has "made more friends [in Dayton] than ever before." Story carries picture of Takaki, Dayton HERALD, 7/27/44. 5798

Lancaster County (Pa.) people are unusually friendly, says Miss Kay Kinoshita, speaking to a picnic meeting of the Lancaster Inter-racial Council with her niece, Miss Maeda. Both were relocated from Poston last fall. Lancaster INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL, 7/28/44. 5799

Feature article describes Westover, Mass. field exchange farm, operated by an evacuee family, which provides food for a nearby Army post. Springfield-UNION & REPUBLICAN, 8/5/44. 5800

Cincinnati paper carries picture of an evacuee trying out a hay rake on a local farm while Harry Titus, head of the local WRA office, explains the resettlement program. Picture is accompanied by a (somewhat inaccurate) story on a relocation in the area. Cincinnati POST, 8/7/44. 5801

Weddings of two Nisei couples are reported in a news story (Cincinnati POST, 8/10/44) and picture (Dayton HERALD, 8/9/44.) 5802-3

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Colorado farmers are reportedly "up in arms" over the way in which "Japs in the Amache concentration camp" are given gasoline to make baseball trips. The farmers, short of help, also believe that "every able-bodied man in the Jap camp who can be trusted" should be put at farm work. Pueblo, Colo. CHIEFTAN, 8/18/44. 5804

Henry F. Halliday, acting project director at Amache, explains (1) that the baseball trip was financed entirely by the evacuees, (2) that the group travelled on a common carrier bus, and (3) that the center has on hand no unfilled requests for agricultural workers. Lamar, Colo, NEWS, 8/19/44, Pueblo, Colo. STAR-JOURNAL & CHIEFTAN, 8/20/44. 5805-6

ADMINISTRATION

Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS reports that Jerome T. Light, "ousted" principal of the Minidoka high school, has been "reinstated" by WRA and named assistant principal of the high school at Poston, by means of a personal telephone call from WRA Director Myer. Adds that Light was "branded as a victim of asserted irregular practices of the personnel office" at Minidoka in a statement released to the TIMES NEWS by Alvin H. Connor, former superintendent of motor transport and maintenance at the project. The statement, which accused the center administration of incompetence and violation of WRA regulations was published, story notes, one day before Light's reinstatement. (see Review, 8/9/44, 5253). Twin Falls TIMES NEWS, 8/13/44. 5807

EVACUEE STATEMENTS

Denver POST picks up a Heart Mountain SENTINEL editorial declaring that "evacuation was unnecessary" and was "the result of war hysteria, pressure groups and pure race hatred." INS, Denver POST, 8/14/44. 5808

EMPLOYMENT

Michigan paper front-pages announcement concerning arrival of imported labor to work in the cherry orchards; workers include 100 Rohwer Nisei. Traverse City RECORD-EAGLE, 8/10/44. 5809

MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago SUN "Yanks Service Bureau" refers to the Western Defense Command a correspondent who wants to know if the "present special Army procedure [by which] soldiers and wives of Japanese ancestry are able to return to the West Coast" applies to honorably discharged soldiers and wives of Japanese ancestry who wish to return to West Coast property. 8/1/44. 5810

Los Angeles police department employee of Japanese ancestry, on leave of absence since evacuation, resigns with the explanation, "I do not expect to return to California." L. A. TIMES, 8/6/44. 5811

Seattle police try to "unravel the wanderings" of a Tule Lake evacuee who was abandoned by MP's escorting him back to Livingston, Mont., after a visit to his parents at Tule Lake. Is given a travel permit to return to Livingston. Seattle POST-INTELLIGENCER, INS, S. F. EXAMINER, 8/6/44. 5812-13

Twenty of the original illustrations for Fortune magazine's "Japan" issue, all the work of artists of Japanese extraction, are to be on exhibition from August 8 to 27 at the San Francisco Museum of Art. Oakland TRIBUNE, 8/6/44. 5814

Column of items on "sidelights of Present Roosevelt's visit to Hawaii" notes that "one of the most continually surprising sights for a newcomer to Hawaii is the thousands of Japs, many of them naturalized citizens in the islands." UP, N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM, Twin Falls, Ida. TIMES NEWS, 8/10/44. 5815-16

Included among "Fifteen News Questions" is: "Nisei are members of the United States armed forces. Are Isci?" N. Y. TIMES, 8/13/44. 5817

Eleven-year old Nisei boy is one of two students at the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley who lead the city's "junior commandos" in collecting coffee jars for defense. Oakland, Calif. TRIBUNE, 8/13/44. 5818

Column of Hollywood news items notes that in the movie version of Alan Hynd's Betrayal from the East "truth is being tempered with fiction" as the actual story of pre-Pearl Harbor Japanese espionage would be "too moviish." Notes that Lee Tracy, who plays the lead "recently served as a captain of military police segregating 'bad Japs' from 'good Japs' at a relocation camp in Utah." N. Y. TIMES, 8/13/44. 5819

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The Christian Century: August 7, 1944: "Letters" Oregon churchman declares that "our enemies are delighted to hear such statements" as that of the Oregon Secretary of State who suggested shooting as the most convenient way of disposing of three insane evacuees.

"News of the Christian World"

Nearly 1,000 delegates to the Christian Youth Conference of North America pledge to oppose discrimination against any racial group, including the Japanese.

The Brooklyn evacuee hostel is running smoothly, with over 100 evacuees relocated from the shelter.

Time: August 14, 1944: "The Dominion"

Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King announces to the House of Commons a government program for the Canadian Japanese, including: (1) no further immigration from Japan, (2) a special commission to determine the loyalty of Japanese Canadians with the disloyal to be deported to Japan, (3) dispersion of the Japanese population. Report adds that some 2,000 Japanese Canadians

evacuated from British Columbia voted for the first time in Alberta's Provincial election, where they are not disenfranchised as in B.C.

The Open Forum: August 5, 1944: "Commercial Interests Seek to Block Return of Evacuees."

ACLU contends that the evacuation was brought about by commercial interests in California; cites the Americans League and Americanism Educational League as present leaders in anti-Japanese sentiment, now being opposed by such groups as the Western Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church and the California Christian Church.

Same issue reports the dismissal of sedition charges against George S. Fujii, Poston Nisei who allegedly distributed pamphlets urging Nisei to refuse Army induction.

Life: August 21, 1944: "Refugees Arrive from Europe"

Lead article in Life is a 5-page picture-story on the arrival of the refugees at Fort Ontario. Captions under pictures of the refugees give briefly their life histories; story emphasizes their gratitude at being in the U.S.

Fortune: July 1944: "Letters to Fortune"

A number of letters comment on Fortune's article on the Japanese-Americans in its April issue. Longest is one from the secretary manager of the Associated Produce Dealers and Brokers of Los Angeles who declares (1) that most of the Nisei were registered as dual citizens and were trained in loyalty to Japan, (2) that bombs were dropped on the Coast in the air raid of 1942, and (3) that economic competition from Japanese was "distinctly unfair and contrary to American principles and law." Editor's note indicates that registration of American-born children as dual citizens is common by aliens of all countries, that the Kibei number no more than 20,000 of the 70,000 Nisei, and that there is no verification of the reported "bombing."

Other letters are from: (1) Field secretary of the Associated Farmers of Calif., protesting the group's being cited as a leader of anti-Japanese sentiment; (2) a San Franciscan who thinks the article "was written by a Japanese, [cr] by one who hasn't the interest of our country at heart"; (3) soldier at Fort McClellan who points out ironically that some "truly patriotic" Nisei soldiers from his post were court martialled for rebelling against training; (4) another soldier, a Californian, who praises the Americanism of the Nisei but expresses resentment at complaints concerning conditions in the centers; and (5) three other Californians--two from Pasadena--commending the article for its attitude toward the Japanese Americans.

Two issues of Newsweek carry articles on events already reported from the newspapers. Issue for August 14 carried stories on (1) Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King's statement of the Canadian government's post-war policy towards the Japanese population of Canada, (2) arrival of the refugees at Fort Ontario, and (3) the Mexican-American who registered as a Japanese American and spent over two years in the Manzanar center, because he "did not believe that [his] friends of Japanese ancestry were disloyal." August 21 Newsweek carried a lengthy story on the trial of the three Amache sisters.