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WAR DEPARTMENT
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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SECRETARY OF WAR WASHDC=

DEAR MR SECRETARY: MEMBERS OF MARTINEZ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION, PROTESTING YOUR ORDER INDUCTING SO CALLED LOYAL JAPANESE INTO THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR NATION. THIS ORGANIZATION TAKES THE POSITION THERE ARE NO JAPANESE LOYAL TO THIS NATION. THIS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY NUMBER OF AMERICAN BORN JAPANESE FOUND IN FORCES OF ENEMY. UNDER CONSTITUTION OF JAPAN THEY ARE CITIZENS OF THAT NATION. THEY HOLD DUAL CITIZENSHIP. THEY ARE BOUND BY RELIGION THAT REQUIRES LOYALTY TO THEIR EMPEROR AND ANY SACRIFICE IN BEHALF OF HIS NATION. OUR ORGANIZATION FEELS JAPANESE IN THE UNIFORM OF OUR COUNTRY WOULD BE A DISTINCT MENACE TO OUR OWN MEN AND SHOULD NOT BE COUNTENANCED. AMERICAN LIVES ARE BEING SACRIFICED EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF JAPANESE TREACHERY AND THIS CHAMBER VIGOROUSLY PROTESTS AGAINST PUTTING THIS ENEMY IN UNIFORM TO FURTHER JEOPARDIZE OUR SERVICE MEN=

MARTINEZ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JO H SHEPARD PRESIDENT.

Marysville District Chamber of Commerce

Office in Hotel Marysville
Telephone 2100

Marysville, California

June 8, 1943.

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Peach
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of the
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Heart
of the
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Gateway
to the
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of
Forty-Nine

Hub
of the
Sacramento
Valley

Home
of
Camp Beale
U. S. Army

Honorable Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War of the
United States of America,
Pentagon Building,
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir,-

The Marysville District Chamber of Commerce, meeting in regular session on June 2, 1943, unanimously adopted a Resolution protesting the incorporation in the U.S. Army of native born Japanese, as well as the release of large numbers of Japanese from re-location camps with no announced provision of adequate surveillance or control.

This Resolution is hereby tendered to you for your action.

Please note that the Chamber of Commerce represents a community of some 11,000 persons, who are vitally interested in this whole matter, and we earnestly beg your compliance with the request contained in this Resolution.

Yours very truly,

Warren N. Shingie
WARREN N. SHINGIE
PRESIDENT.

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PRESIDENT.



MARYSVILLE DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, it has been announced through the press:

- 1: - That the Secretary of War contemplates that some 28,000 native born Japanese shall be incorporated in the U.S. Army in separate combat units, and should they be disbursed throughout the country without adequate surveillance and control.
- 2: - That the federal authorities contemplate the release of from 25,000 to 40,000 Japanese from relocation camps where they are now restrained, with no announced provision of adequate surveillance or control, and

WHEREAS, the Marysville District Chamber of Commerce, Marysville, California believes that such contemplated action would be inimical to the best interest and to the welfare and effective defense of our country:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marysville District Chamber of Commerce, meeting in due session, does unanimously and most vigorously and earnestly protest this incorporation in the U.S. Army of native born Japanese, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we protest the release of the Japanese residents of relocation camps, where they are now restrained, without adequate surveillance and control, and

We urge upon these authorities the following reasons, based upon an extensive experience of the Japanese for more than 40 years, an intimate knowledge of their character and our observation of what occurred on December 7, 1941, and immediately thereafter:

- 1: - Following Pearl Harbor the Army wisely removed the Japanese from the Pacific Coast. To permit them to return to their former habitat would subject us again to the danger of serious sabotage and difficulty in defending our shore line in the event of an attack,
- 2: - Due to the temper of the American public since the dastardly attack at Pearl Harbor, we feel that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the Japanese themselves to allow them to return for residence on the West coast, and that difficult additional policing problems would be presented thereby in effecting their safety,
- 3: - It is impossible to distinguish between loyal and disloyal Japanese. We are in no position to judge the emotions of the Japanese, inasmuch as they have maintained their own schools and religion, and in many cases, dual citizenship with their main allegiance to the Emperor of Japan,
- 4: - If Japanese were allowed to return to this area we could not expect the cooperation of present agricultural or industrial workers already engaged in the war effort if they were called upon to work with Japanese evacuees,
- 5: - To allow young Japanese to leave relocation camps for educational purposes in our colleges would be unjust and inequitable as it affects our own American youth who have been taken out of college and are so loyally serving their country in the armed forces; to the detriment of their education and employment,

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court

ORANGE COUNTY

B. J. SMITH, COUNTY CLERK
P. O. BOX 504

PHONE 3000

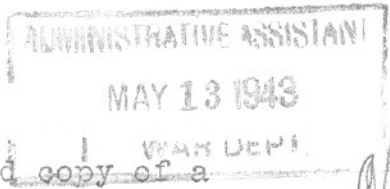


Santa Ana, California

May 6th, 1943

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSIDERATION
W. M. D. [Signature]
Secretary to the President

The President of the United States
White House



Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Orange County, State of California, at a regular meeting held on May 4th, 1943.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten Signature: B. J. Smith]

B. J. SMITH, County Clerk and
ex-officio Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors of Orange County,
State of California.

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Encl.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

May 4, 1943.

On motion of Supervisor Gordon, duly seconded and carried,
the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been announced through the press that the Secretary
of War contemplates that some 28,000 native-born Japanese shall be in-
corporated in to the United States Army in special combat units, and
that the federal authorities contemplate the release of from 25,000
to 40,000 Japanese from relocation camps that are now restrained, with
no announced provision for adequate surveillance or control, and that

WHEREAS, other boards of supervisors in various counties of the
State of California have earnestly and vigorously protested such con-
templated actions as announced through the press, and that

WHEREAS, this Board does sincerely and earnestly join in said
protest of said contemplated actions as so announced through the press.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors does
hereby earnestly and vigorously protest against said contemplated actions
hereinabove expressed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that certified copies of this Resolution be
sent to the Secretary of War, to the War Relocation Board, and to our
Representative in Congress and United States Senators of the State of
California, General Dewitt, the Governor of the State of California,
and to the President of the United States, so that our thoughts as
herein expressed may be respectfully presented and so considered.

AYES: SUPERVISORS IRVIN GEO. GORDON, FRED C. ROWLAND, JAMES A. BAKER,
WILLARD SMITH AND WILLIS H. WARNER

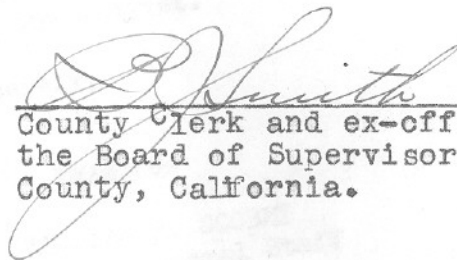
NOES: SUPERVISORS NONE

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS NONE

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
2 COUNTY OF ORANGE. ^{ss}

3 I, B. J. SMITH, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of
4 Supervisors of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the above
5 and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said
6 Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 4th day of May, 1943, and
7 passed by a unanimous vote of said Board.

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th
9 day of May, 1943.

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12 County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of
13 the Board of Supervisors of Orange
14 County, California.
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

WAR DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Washington, D. C.

1943 FEB 6 AM 9:15

February 3, 1943.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am receiving telegrams from Oregon protesting the induction of American-born Japanese into the armed forces. I quote telegram received from an American Legion Post as follows:

"AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF HOOD RIVER POST
AMERICAN LEGION WE PROTEST THE INDUCTION OF
AMERICAN BORN JAPANESE INTO THE ARMED FORCES
BECAUSE IN OUR OPINION IT WILL FURTHER
ESTABLISH THEIR CLAIM TO CITIZENSHIP ESPECIAL-
LY AFTER THE WAR.

G. Robert Frey, Commander."

I wish to enter my personal protest, along with that of the American Legion, and other citizens of Oregon, and shall thank you to advise me the War Department's attitude on this question.

Very truly yours,

Lowell Stockman

LOWELL STOCKMAN, M. C.

LS:mmd

*J. M. 324.71
Japan (2-3-43)*

A. J. McFADDEN
PRESIDENT

JAMES E. ARMSTRONG, LOS ANGELES
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W. J. HIGDON, TULARE
MRS. GRACE McDONALD, SANTA CLARA
A. J. McFADDEN, SANTA ANA
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W. L. SMITH, BUTTONWILLOW
DR. PAUL S. TAYLOR, BERKELEY

California State Board of Agriculture

~~SACRAMENTO~~

May 28
1943

Honorable John J. McCloy
Assistant Secretary of War
Washington, D.C.



My dear Mr. McCloy:

If in Washington it is being made to appear to your Department that opinion on the Pacific Coast solidly opposes mobilization of loyal Japanese-American citizens for full participation - military and economic - in the nation's war effort, you will do well to look behind the appearances.

Support for the excellent work attributed to you is not so well organized as your opposition, but it is substantial.

Many citizens, even in this part of the country, believe that what you are doing raises the prospects for our success in this war. They do not want you to allow any loyal resources to remain unused.

Respectfully,

Paul S. Taylor

1163 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley 8





RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

ENVELOPE ATTACHED

W. M. Galt
Secretary to the President

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of Lassen County, California, at an regular meeting of said Board held on April 12th, 1943;

ALLOW WHEREAS it has been announced through the press:

1. That the Secretary of War contemplates that some 28,000 native born Japanese shall be incorporated into the United States Army in separate combat units; and

2. That the Federal authorities contemplate the release of from 25,000 to 40,000 Japanese from Relocation camps where they are now restrained, with no announced provision for adequate surveillance or control; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lassen County believes that such contemplated action would be inimical to the best interests and to the welfare and effective defense of our country;

Be it resolved that we most vigorously and earnestly protest against the above proposed actions and each of them; that we convey this protest to the Secretary of War, to the War Relocation board, to our congressmen and senators and to the President of the United States and to each Board of Supervisors of the State of California.

That we urge upon these authorities the following reasons based upon an extensive experience with the Japanese, for more than 40 years, an intimate knowledge of their character, and our observation of what occurred on December 7, 1941, and immediately thereafter;

(1) Following Pearl Harbor and for the defense of the West Coast against attack and sabotage the Army wisely moved the Japanese from the Pacific Coast. NOW TO PERMIT THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER HABITAT WOULD SUBJECT US AGAIN TO THE DANGER OF SERIOUS SABOTAGE AND DIFFICULTY IN DEFENDING OUR SHORE LINE IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK.



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FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

W. P. RANKIN, MINISTER
MELVIN E. WHEATLEY, JR.
ASSOCIATE MINISTER

1943 FEB 8 AM 8:46

February 1, 1943

The Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Stimson:

May we take this opportunity to commend you heartily for your recent statements concerning your faith in the loyalty of our American Japanese. We in California who had the privilege of mingling with them in our communities will testify that their loyalty is impeccable, and that they are deserving of opportunities to prove it.

From the time that evacuation first seemed imminent we have endeavored to avail ourselves of the facts concerning these people and their situation. Time and again, therefore, we have been chagrined and deeply concerned over the un-American attitudes prevailing toward them. It is with alarm that we have followed the recent news releases concerning their so-called "pampering" at the hands of the W.R.A. because we feel these accusations to be utterly false.

We are sure that every noble Christian and democratic principle we now fight for on foreign fronts is in just as grave danger on this home front. If victory abroad is to be anything but hollow we must win victories at home. Consequently it is heartening and gratifying when you in your position of importance stand out for American treatment of our "Americans with Japanese faces."

Sincerely,

Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.
(Mrs. M.E.) Lucile M. Wheatley

COUNTY CLERK

STANISLAUS COUNTY

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 1943

C. C. EASTIN
COUNTY CLERK

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Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stimson:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Resolution Recommending Retention of Japanese in Relocation Centers for the Duration as adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County, State of California on April 26, 1943.

Your earnest consideration of this Resolution is respectfully requested.

Yours very truly,

C. C. EASTIN, County Clerk

By M. V. Wilson, Deputy

MVW/mm
Enclosure

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING RETENTION OF JAPANESE *
IN RELOCATION CENTERS FOR THE DURATION *

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WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus County, California, believes that such contemplated action would be inimical to the best interests and to the welfare and effective defense of our country;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we most vigorously and earnestly protest against the above proposed actions and each of them; that we convey this protest to the Secretary of War, to the War Relocation Board, to our Congressmen and Senators and to the President of the United States.

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