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SUGGESTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS ABOUT EVACUEES OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

1. That the assertion "America is a white man's country" is un-American.

Data: At Auburn, California on April 24, 1945, a jury acquitted three men who admitted arson and dynamiting of property on the farm of a returned nisei, Sumio Doi, who has two brothers in the U.S. Army. The defense attorney pled for acquittal because of atrocities by Japanese soldiery in the Philippines, and because "This is a white man's country: let's keep it so." This happened the day before the United Nations Conference convened, which is composed of delegates of all races and colors. Nordic supremacy was a favorite Nazi slogan. President Roosevelt said: "Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

2. That Government should do more to supply housing for resettling evacuees.

Data: The Army announced that all cleared evacuees would be free to return to the West Coast after January 2. Lack of housing is one reason why so few have yet returned. Many lost their homes on evacuation through no fault of their own. Might not the Government place them on a par with war-workers for emergency housing?

3. That the persons who are opposing return of cleared evacuees are flouting the equal rights guaranteed by the Constitution and making a mockery of our war aim to ensure justice and freedom for all men everywhere.

Data: President Robert G. Sproul has said. "The right of loyal Japanese to come back if they so elect cannot be denied without a denial of all that America has hitherto meant to racial and religious minorities, of all that it has symbolized for the hopes of humanity."

4. That more adequate financial aid should be given to evacuees to make resettlement possible.

Data: Many evacuees suffered heavy losses by the evacuation and have exhausted their savings. In the Relocation Centers they have received only enough for simple needs. For resettling, WRA provides travel expense, free moving of household goods, and \$25. per capita to make a new start, which is in many cases quite insufficient.

5. That church members and other public-spirited citizens should help to organize a local committee to defend the rights of minorities or, if one exists, give it active support.

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Data: Publicists generally agree with Dr. Sproul's declaration: "Whenever constitutional guarantees are violated in treatment of a minority, the whole fabric of American government is weakened. The test of a free country is the security it gives its minorities." Interested citizens in some communities have formed a Council for Civic Unity or a Fair Play Committee to preserve the equal rights of all and to prevent injury to persons, property, and the city's good name.

6. That the churches should exert themselves to make resettling evacuees welcome to join in their activities and membership.

Data: In the Relocation Centers, all denominations have united in work and worship. For most of the nisei, at least, revival of separate churches will be unnecessary if the established churches take the initiative in making them feel fully at home. This policy of incorporation of as many as possible of the evacuees into the regular churches has been officially endorsed by the executives of the National Home Mission Boards, by church federations and denominational bodies on the west coast, and by both Japanese and white ministers working among the evacuees. Islam and Baha'i and Buddhism have no color bar.

Further information and educational materials can be procured from Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, Room 215, 2287 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley 4; or 1052 West 6th Street, Los Angeles 14.