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DIGEST OF WEST COAST NEWSPAPER ITEMS

DECEMBER 6, 1945 to JANUARY 15, 1946

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Camp Kohler (part of which now houses Japanese-American "returnees") is now under control of San Francisco Troop Port for handling of returning veterans.

General Joseph (Vinegar) Stilwell now succeeds Major General Pratt as head of the Western Defense Command.

Fuakishi Hatta, 47, former Japanese houseboy, nabbed by F.B.I. for unlawful flight to another state in order to avoid testimony against Mexican who robbed him in Salt Lake City. Penalty of possible 5 years in prison and \$5000 fine faces him.

F.B.I. Question is: Should Iva Toguri "Tokyo Rose" be tried by civil or military court? She is California born American of Japanese ancestry.

Kenneth Harkness, Supt. of Schools at Tule Lake Segregation Center to aid General MacArthur by educating Japanese in Tokio.

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes says "Tule Lake Internees may collect for damages to property while confined to center."

A.C.L.U. Review raps California violence against returnees.

Todaichi Hiraoka, of Los Angeles, charged by F.B.I. for falsifying citizenship and carrying papers of man who died in Japan in 1932.

Minidoka Relocation Center has been declared surplus.

Nisei at Gila River Relocation Center displayed their skill during their evacuation by constructing an estimated \$25,000 worth of miniature enemy ships for use by Navy during war.

Washington issues "stop order" on removal of property from Gila River Relocation Center, also withholding of sale of hospital equipment as surplus property in lieu of using the project as a Veterans Hospital.

Japanese Prisoners of War used in cotton harvesting at Corcoran have been repatriated to Japan.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power wants number of buildings at Manzanar for their use.

Senator O'Mahoney (D Wyo.) urges 57,000 acres of irrigated land used by War Relocation Authority be made available to Veterans for settlement in accordance with Reclamation Laws.

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C.I.O. Union, FTA 64, San Diego, accepted a number of Japanese Americans during recent Xmas party as members.

Mrs. Shigano Fudetani sentenced and committed to Stockton State Hospital in connection with murder at Tule Lake of her  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yr. old daughter, Violet.

RETURNEES:

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Clippings

2000 or more Japanese-Americans evacuated from San Diego County has now returned.

Sangoro Matsuoka of Lodi fined \$40.00 in traffic violation charge.

Koura-Nakata wedding rites held recently in Winslow.

Publication of Los Angeles "Rofu Shimpo" resumed.

Board of Supervisors of Auburn vote to extend county aid assistance of \$15.00 per month to returning Japanese.

Dr. James M. Unosawa of Seattle, recent returnee from Minidoka, is held in death of Beulah Le Clair, 18, of Shelton, Wn., as result of illegal operation.

K. Hada and K. Mori, former meat market proprietors, returned to Bellflower.

J.A.C.L. circulated requests in Placer County requesting active support for a two-fold educational program.

Board of Supervisors of Imperial County do not feel they should be forced to aid returning Japanese-American "indigents" to this county who formerly resided in other counties.

Utah's Japanese-American population has jumped nearly 300% in five years -- from 2210 in 1940 to 6565 in 1945.

State Department of Welfare, Sacramento, at a recent meeting requested an additional \$2000 for a revolving fund used to pay expenses of returning Japanese to their homes there from relocation centers. Government will repay the money under a Federal Security Act at no cost to the county.

Six new pupils of Japanese-American ancestry enrolled at the John Muir Jr. High School at Burbank.

Tadoo Murata, recent returnee to Seattle from Hunt, Idaho, committed suicide by jumping off viaduct in path of oncoming automobile.

Midora Matsumoto, 24, Sanger, was killed on Dec. 26 when auto she and male companion, Muye Ibara, 24, were riding in crashed into truck in Fresno.

Kay Endow, 40, Florin was injured when his car collided with a city bus on Stockton Boulevard on New Year's Eve.



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Mrs. Maya Gato, 54, and Kenyaro Murakami, 49, dies at Fresno Hospital.

Saburo Matoike, 6, of Camp Four, Bacon Island, fatally injured when he fell out of a window at his home.

For first time on record 59 Japanese and Nisei families were on the San Francisco County Welfare relief rolls during the month of December.

INCIDENTS:

<p>4 Factual Clippings</p>	<p>Two bottles were thrown thru plate glass window of West Side Drug Store, operated by Michio Tashiyaki on Dec. 21, causing \$40.00 damage.</p> <p>Burglary nets over \$1000. in recent robbery of household furnishings at home of Kaneo Makishima, Rt. 1, Box 52, Sacramento.</p>
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Floyd Pousson, 17, sentenced to life imprisonment in death of Matsuki Kurisu.

JAPANESE-AMERICANS IN ARMED SERVICES:

<p>12 Factual Clippings</p>	<p>T/5 Shigeru Inouye spent his second Xmas at Dibble General Hospital, Palo Alto along with S/Sgt. Masao Tamayei who has been there 19 months. At Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Pfc. Roy Matsuda and Pfc. Garry Nakayama.</p>
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Amongst returning overseas veterans are Cpl. Takeo Sekiya of Fresno; S/Sgt. Minoru Namba of Sacramento; Pfc. Yoshimura of Puente; and Pfc. Masao Masuda, Santa Ana, brother of Masuo Masuda recently awarded posthumous DSC by General Stilwell. While S/Sgt. Minoru Namba was in Matsuyama, Japan, he journeyed to Okayama to meet his 86 year old grandmother.

177 young Japanese-American soldiers sailed from Seattle to Yokohama to do interpreting and translation work for General MacArthur -- amongst whom were T/3 Calvin K. Sakamoto of Auburn and T/4 Kern Kono of Sacramento.

125 Japanese-American veterans recently returned from the ETO entertained at a Xmas party given by the Evergreen Playground in Los Angeles.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR:

<p>12 Clippings ----- 6 Pro 6 Anti</p>	<p>Letters-to-the-Editor during this period show an even trend of both favorable and unfavorable comments.</p> <p>One letter tells of Col. Evans F. Carlson, U.S.M.C. Commander of the famous "Carlson's Raiders" wartime experiences with men of all colors, race and creed under his command. He believes in equality for all.</p>
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H. J. McClatchy is answered by R. B. Cozzens, Asst. Dir. of WRA, for his comments in a letter entitled "Ben Dual Citizenship".



Mrs. Walter Murphy of San Francisco writes of telephone call from her returning son from a camp in Virginia wherein he asks her to make room for extra buddies he is bringing home -- Nisei from ETO.

Porterville resident aired his anti-views in collaboration with H. J. McClatchy re "Dual Citizenship".

Letter of sympathy extended by a spectator in watching some little Japanese-American school children being shunned by Caucasian children at a school Christmas party.

#### EDITORIALS:

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Clippings

Several editorials appeared during this period containing favorable comments.

Words of praise and thanks are extended to the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play -- which office closed its doors on December 31st.

Peter Edson told of splendid course being given at Japanese POW Camp, Huntsville, Texas, to those who desire to learn of our Democratic Mode of living. On the teaching staff is Lt. Col. Boude C. Moore, brother of Lt. Col. Wallace H. Moore, G-2 who has been speaking on West Coast on Nisei in Pacific.

Editorial appearing in the Santa Rosa "Republican" comments that "after the last undesirable Japanese is deported to Japan there should be no further anti-violence against any Japanese-Americans without prompt action by the law."

J. W. Osborn in column "The Veteran Speaks" commends highly the Japanese-American soldiers for their service in the Armed Forces.

Another editorial makes mention "Curtains for Evacuation Means Tolerance Must Rule".

Brawley, Calif. airs resentment at the bringing back of "Indigents" into counties not previously inhabited by them and then expecting the counties to furnish them aid.

#### HOUSING:

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607 Japanese-Americans are housed in Burbank.

Lomita Airport is also housing some returnee from Tule Lake.

Alameda County has made an intercounty agreement with San Francisco County, due to housing shortage, to foot the bill to house 16 Nisei at Hunters Point.

Nisei veterans are planning to build homes in Chico, Van Nuys, Roscoe, Pomona and other Southland localities.

Unidentified Wave is somewhat perturbed over the fact that she couldn't get housing at Hunters Point while the Japanese-Americans could.



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ALIENS:

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Japanese, German and Italian aliens, owners of contraband confiscated by the Government at beginning of war, may now reclaim their property. However, Alien Property Custodian James E. Markham of Washington, D.C. moved to seize all property in the United States or territories owned by Japanese or German Nationals.

Floyd Bowers, Roseville Attorney, authority for "This is a white man's country", has filed a demurrer in favor of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kondo, Aster Kondo and Shigeo Otani in an escheat land case at Auburn.

Escheat proceedings against Mr. and Mrs. Ishisuke Takano of Parlier have been filed by Deputy Dist. Atty. Arthur H. Drew who maintains 40 acre farm was purchased by the Takanos in their American born daughter's name to evade the Alien Land Law.

Escheat proceedings were also filed against E. Higashi, Shijuo Ikeda and Mitsuo Ikeda owners of 38 acres of land in Watsonville.

U.S. Attorney General Clark cancelled regulations governing travel of Japanese and German aliens within the United States.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD:

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Clippings

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny charged Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen of Nevada County with "Malfeasance in Office" when the sheriff refused to protect Japanese section hands employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. He also charged the sheriff with having an active role in a campaign to prevent employment of Japanese.

Sheriff Tobiassen denies the Kenny Anti-Japanese charge.

L.B. McDonald of the Southern Pacific Railroad says "Japanese employed in Truckee certified 'loyal'".

PRO-AMERICAN-JAPANESE MATERIAL:

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Clippings

Rev. Emory Andrews, who spent many years working amongst the Japanese in Seattle, and also at Minidoka Relocation Center, gave a talk about the Nisei at Renton, (Wn.) Baptist Church recently.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes uphold WRA Area Director Charles F. Miller against the charges made by Congressman Claire Engle in the Placer County dispute.

Captain Arthur Munch told of the courage of the Nisei soldiers before a joint Pullman (Wn) Chamber of Commerce and Kiawanis Club luncheon.

Churches and schools in Hood River Valley are showing favorable attitude towards the returned Nisei, says Colonel Moore.

Rev. Arnold Nakijima, chaplain at the Evergreen Hostel of Los Angeles, told members of the Woman's Society of the Presbyterian Church of the tremendous costs to both the evacuees and the Government in their move from their homes to the centers just after Pearl Harbor.

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Donation of \$10 was made to the American Legion's Americanism Endowment fund from the Parents and Relatives Association of Rivers, Arizona Relocation Center in honor of Japanese-Americans in the Armed Forces.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Walter H. Moore, main speaker before the recent meeting of the Pescadero Junior Chamber of Commerce, said that the Sheriff's Office would stand squarely behind the law to give whatever protection is needed to returning persons of Japanese ancestry in that locality.

E.L. Cochran of War Relocation Authority has given talks to the Wilshire Rotary Club; Burbank Kiawans Club and Lomita Kiawans Club.

Race Relations Committees of Berkeley YMCA and YWCA held meeting on December 28 on Japanese-Americans -- at which time the film "Challenge to Democracy" was shown.

Mr. Lutes, WRA, was speaker before the Artesia Men's Club on December 10.

Panel discussion by the Parent-Teacher Association of San Francisco, on Japanese-Americans, was held at the Winfield Scott School last week.

Carey McWilliams says FEPC needed to prevent racial clash on Coast.

The Harbor Welfare Conference of San Pedro met on December 8 to discuss "The Japanese Return: To What?". Among the speakers was Miss Mary Nakahara of San Pedro.

"Personal Experiences of Japanese Returnees" was topic discussed by Japanese-American returnees before the Altrusa Hospitality Meeting of the International Institute at Hollywood recently.

Parents of Robert S. Johnstone, 18, killed last May fighting the Japanese, established in his honor a Lafayette College Fund at Easton, Pa., financed by his \$10,000. Government Insurance Policy -- to which Japanese applicants are to receive priority.

ANTI-AMERICAN-JAPANESE MATERIAL:

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Clippings

Threats of violence were made by residents of Wateria against three families of returnees protesting their occupancy of the old Japanese School on Ward Street.

British Columbian anti-Japanese attitude near boiling point against allowing large number of Japanese to return to Canadian West Coast.

Approximately 500 citizens of Ocean Park voiced their objection to the return of Japanese to the peninsula.

Congressman Claire Engle wrote a letter of protest to Secretary of the Interior Ickes requesting that Charles F. Miller be investigated for his fitness to hold public office and suggested that he be disciplined for his recent remarks.

Donner Post V.F.W., who oppose return of Japanese, urge Attorney General Kenny to reveal name of arsonist in the Sakamoto home burning near Loomis.



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WRA RELEASES:

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Animosity towards Japanese-Americans is dying out says Director Dillon Myer.

Charles F. Miller lauded Auburn Legion Post No. 84 for a five point report made by a Post Committee following study of employment of Alien Japanese at Clipper Gap.

Philip M. Glick, Acting Director of WRA, commended the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born for its action in defending rights of loyal Japanese Americans in a recent resolution adopted by them "urging democratic group and organized labor on West Coast to defend right of Japanese Americans to return to their homes if they so desire."

Statement issued by Dillon Myer early in December, out of the 104,000 Japanese relocating, only about 40% returned to the West Coast and the balance have located in Eastern States.

Fire of undetermined origin damaged the Tri-State High School gym at Tule Lake.

Tule Lake Segregation Center will close its doors no later than February 1.

Guy Robertson, former Heart Mountain Project Director, appointed head of the Sacramento District Office.

San Jose District Office will close its doors on May 1st.

REPATRIATES:

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Clippings

The Japanese Alien Removal Board of the Department of Justice has recommended release of 140 Japanese interned since 1941 in camps at Santa Fe, N.M. and Crystal City, Texas.

Klamath Falls American Legion Post protested use of train facilities for movement of Japanese repatriates during the Xmas holidays. (Justice Dept.)

Department of Justice announced on January 3 that aliens at Tule Lake subject to special segregation or parole order but who do not desire repatriation will be granted hearings in the immediate future by a special hearing board. The hearings will have no connection with those being arranged for renunciation of U.S. citizenship.

The Department of Justice still may arrange for rehearings of the Tule Lake Repatriate cases.

S.F. Federal Court grants hearing to Mrs. Fumiko Tamura in deportation case. Attorney Wiren is representing her.

360 Japanese aliens from federal detention camp at Bismarck, N.D. left on Xmas day for Seattle to be deported along with some 3570 repatriates from Tule Lake.

Many of the Japanese returning to homeland believe Nippon won war; think everything they read in American newspapers is propaganda.



Maso Watanda, 22, former Fresno farmer, feels Japanese haven't an equal chance with Caucasians.

Satoshi Yoshiyama, 27, native of Salinas, is sorry he renounced his citizenship. After landing in Japan and noting the terrible living conditions he remarked that the United States is a 'damn' good country and he would like to return to it."

Robert Tsuida, formerly of Santa Ana, repatriated to Japan said "We never thought it would be such a terrible place! We don't like it!"

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