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FACTS ABOUT TROUBLE AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA
GIVEN BY WRA WEST COAST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

In a teletype message to Project Director Mills, R. B. Cozzens, assistant director of the War Relocation Authority, stationed in San Francisco, gives the facts concerning an incident at Auburn, California. He wired as follows:

"In view of rumors, newspaper and radio accounts of 'incidents' at Auburn, Calif., involving returnee Sumio Doi, his father and mother, here are the facts--Doi family returned from Granada to own farm January 5. Return was without incident until night of January 17 when Doi heard noise in outbuilding. Investigation showed hoodlums had started small fire which was promptly extinguished by Doi and father. Incident was reported to Sheriff's office.

"Following night buckshot was fired toward house from shotgun in hands of unknown person in road. Sheriff was summoned. His investigation showed several sticks of dynamite planted in packing shed. Governor Warren and State Attorney General Kenny, apprised of facts, immediately requested full protection for Doi family, followed up with conference with Placer County Superior Court Judge, Sheriff and District Attorney who assured protection.

"Doi's immediate neighbors are friendly, extending help, merchants in Auburn are cooperative. Doi family will feel happier when other friends have returned to area.

"Shigeishi Kubo, Gila River, after exploratory trip to Penryn, near Auburn, found situation friendly in that vicinity, has returned to Rivers to bring his family to Penryn.

"Story on Doi's problem played inside pages of Chronicle, Page 1 in Call-Bulletin and News and not run by Examiner. All papers played up order of National Commander Scheiberling of American Legion ordering restoration of 15 names to Hood River Post's Honor Roll and protested 'Bigotry Race Hatred'. These are the facts."