

SPECIAL - - to those of our readers who may be interested:

Bruce D. Smith, Associate Administrator of the Treasury Department War Savings Staff, in the office of the State Administrator for New York State, has stated that contributions may be made to Civilian Public Service of American Friends Service Committee "in lieu of" the purchase of War Savings Bonds and Stamps.

Certificates and Stamps indicating such alternative contributions are available at this office in any amount.

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TEXT

"Whoever believes in God, our loving Father, revolts against the tyranny of governments which oppress His children of any race."

Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic
Archbishop of Westminster, March 1942.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE?

Few people sensed the danger involved in the forcible evacuation of citizens from the Pacific Coast by military order without a semblance of civil procedures. They were "just Japs." Now the army is planning to deport from these eastern states any persons "deemed dangerous."--- This applies to citizens as well as aliens.

PROTECTION

A large share of the 100,000 Japanese Americans on the west coast are now in concentration camps, sitting in idleness for the first time in their lives. While . . . California crops wither in the sun because there is nobody to harvest them. "This is what is called protecting the democratic way of life," comments The Christian Century on June 3, 1942.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

"We're charged with wanting to get rid of the Japs for selfish reasons. We might as well be honest. We do. It's a question of whether the white man lives on the Pacific Coast or the brown man... If all the Japs were removed tomorrow, we'd never miss them in two weeks, because the white farmers can take over and produce everything the Jap grows. And we don't want them back when the war ends, either."

Signed: A. E. Anson, Managing Secretary, Salinas (Calif.)
Vegetable Grower-Shipper Association.

TWO VIEWS

Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi, in a speech on the floor of the House demanded the immediate confinement in concentration camps of all Japanese in the United States, whether or not they are American citizens. He further proposed that all Japanese born here, as well as those who are children of Japanese born here, should be deported at the earliest opportunity. He insisted that all Japanese "are pagan in their philosophy, atheistic in their beliefs, alien in their allegiance, and antagonistic to everything for which we stand." Substitute the word Jews for Japanese and you have a speech by Hitler.

In sharp contrast to this speech is a statement which was recently issued by a large group of ministers in Santa Barbara, California, in which they expressed regret for the forced evacuation of their Japanese fellow townsmen and assured them of their continued friendship. The statement says: "For two generations you have been a valuable influence in our community. By your industry, intelligence, friendliness and sincerity you have won the respect and love of your neighbors. You have added greatly to our resources and to our moral and religious culture. The tragedy of a war between our country and Japan which is not of your making nor of your choosing makes it necessary that we be separated for a time, but we assure you that our friendship has not been disturbed. We share alike the feeling that this war has been brought upon us by forces beyond our control but we mutually resolve that it will not be permitted to shatter our friendship. May God keep you safe and return you to us unharmed in body, mind and spirit."

CHEERS FOR GOVERNOR CARR!

"If we do not extend humanity's kindness and understanding to these people, if we deny them the protection of the Bill of Rights, if we say they may be denied the privilege of living in any of the 48 states and force them into concentration camps without hearing or charge of misconduct, then we are tearing down the whole American system."

Signed: Gov. Ralph L. Carr, Colorado.

IF "If there is any passion for justice and fair play in this country, the publication of the Tolan report (House of Representatives 2124) on the treatment of American citizens of Japanese descent should produce a national demand for an immediate reconsideration of the policy so far pursued."

More than 110,000 are now in concentration camps. The majority are American citizens. They have been deprived of their liberty and property without being charged with any offense against the laws, and without recourse to the courts or to hearings or reviews of any sort.

Is this "the American system"?

No need to describe the conditions in the hastily arranged, overcrowded camps: "rows of little buildings, hardly larger than rabbit hutches; eight foot barbed wire fences; towers, flood lights, armed guards, no shade, one small wash room for every 250 persons";--bad as it is, this mountain of human suffering is but an incident of total war; but the denial of justice, the breaking of our constitutional guarantees, are these but incidents?

One last quotation from the Tolan report: Secretary Stimson, "The War Department has received no information of sabotage committed by the Japanese during the attack on Pearl Harbor." J. Edgar Hoover, "There was no sabotage committed there prior to December 7, on December 7, or subsequent to that time."

We recommend that you ask your Congressman to send you a copy of the Tolan Committee report, and ask us for a copy of a letter from the Japanese-American pastor (a graduate of Union Theological Seminary) of the Methodist Church in Fresno, Calif. Read for yourself.

THE HANDS OF OUR ENEMIES More than two hundred distinguished liberals from all sections of the country have signed the letter to President Roosevelt urging him "to extend to Japanese aliens, and especially to citizens of Japanese origin on the West coast, the right to a hearing before civilian boards to attest their loyalty."

The letter continues "we fully support all necessary measures of counter-espionage for the detection and punishment of spies and traitors. But enforcing the evacuation order on the Japanese alone approximates the totalitarian theory of justice practiced by the Nazis in their treatment of the Jews. . . This whole process, we believe, is of itself a blow to our democracy and is the type of discrimination which, throughout much of Asia, will greatly strengthen the hands of our enemies."

JIM CROW BLOOD "Just as a rare steak won't transform a man into a Holstein or Guernsey cow, a Negro's blood certainly won't change a white man's complexion." remarks the DAILY ORANGE.

At the very time when the American Red Cross was urging the tremendous need of blood banks, the organization "was flatly rejecting the blood-offers of colored persons." Of course there is no scientific basis whatever for such refusal, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The Red Cross is a splendid service organization but, to quote the DAILY ORANGE again, "petty prejudice . . . smearing blood across a fine record . . . cannot but hurt. . . Jim Crow street cars are bad enough, but when Jim Crow begins to hit the test tubes the idea has a pretty rotten stench."

NOSES MOSES "You can change your noses but you cannot change your Moses" said the great Rabbi Hirsch. Milton Mayer quotes him with approval in an article on "The Jew" in the Saturday Evening Post of March 28 which you ought to read. Mr. Mayer describes a world in which we put in God we trust on our pennies but put our trust in the pennies. His contention is that the Jew does not solve his problem by "adjustment" but by being true to the best of his magnificent heritage. "Men cannot survive by saving their skins-- The Jew who wants to be saved cannot wait for the Gentiles to turn Christian. The Jew . . . will be saved when he saves his own soul." And that's good doctrine, not merely for our Jewish brothers, it applies with equal pertinence to Methodists or Quakers or what not. Didn't some one once advise: "Be not conformed to this world . . .?"