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FREE SPEECH DENIED
IN SANTA ANITA CENTER

Residents in the Japanese Camp at Santa Anita, Calif., have lost all vestige of freedom of speech in new regulations issued by the Government. Entitled "Administrative Notice #13," the order:

(1) defines meetings as "an assemblage of residents for any length of time for any purpose, held at any place within the Center;"

(2) forbids any meeting discussing International Affairs, the present war, politics of any sort;

(3) Requires a permit for other meetings, use of only English, the presence of one Caucasian-American to represent the manager;

(4) "A complete stenographic transcription of the proceedings must be made," submitted within 24 hours. Santa Anita is a WCCA center under the army and at all WCCA centers use of Japanese language is restricted, most Japanese books and phonograph records have been confiscated. For many of them, books and records were the sole source of amusement.

WRA CENTERS BETTER

Recent reports from Tule Lake, Calif., indicate that when the Japanese transfer to Centers of the civilian War Relocation Authority their conditions improve. Floyd Schmoer reports that at Tule Lake the physical plant was better, there was more freedom and independence, and frequently the staff invite Issei and Nisei to their homes for dinner. As the Center covers a large farm, there is much more space.

OBJECTOR REJECTS CAMP:
C.O.'S IN CAMP FIGHT FIRES.

Refusing an order for induction into the Placerville C.P.S. Camp, Chalmer Johnson, Brethren and F.O.R. youth leader, told his board that "I do not recognize the right of the state to conscript its citizens for service in war or peace." War and conscription, he said, are "most dangerous to our democracy."

"Chimes" Johnson is on the National Youth Cabinet of the Church of the Brethren, was fired from a teaching job for refusal to sell war stamps, has been doing valuable work developing migrant centers for six months.

ON THE C.O. FRONT....
Men in California's five CPS camps have been getting a real taste of forest fire fighting the last few weeks. Most of San Dimas has returned after a gruelling job in the San Bernardino Mts. where they were short of food, sleep, fighting on the front lines of a big fire. Cascade Locks in Oregon has likewise been

called out frequently in the last few days, while most of the men in Coleville are now spread out in numerous spike camps ready for any fire.

FROM MEXICO....

comes word that volunteer workers near Vera Cruz are now engaged in a hookworm eradication project, building privies. The need is so obvious that residents are helping in the jobs. The work is democratically planned by a privy council, and the director of the camp goes by the name of Lord Privy Seal....

A JOB TO DO-----

Will you help in the Japanese problem? Enclosed herewith is a new pamphlet on the subject for which we want the widest distribution, to help educate the public and lower racial tensions. One group of 30 young people have bought 500 of these and are enclosing them with letters to their ministers, teachers, friends, Congressmen. Will you do likewise?

One young Japanese writes: "It is wonderful to know there are people trying to change this horrible mess. Not only for ourselves, but for all minorities, we must tell people the truth."

Get these pamphlets! Study the evacuation and talk to others. "American Refugees" costs only 2¢ each in quantities of 100 or more; 3¢ each in lots of eight or more and 5¢ for single copies. Order from 2151 Vine Street, Berkeley, California.

IF YOU DON'T DO IT, NOBODY ELSE WILL.

1.

Change public opinion about the Japanese evacuation. Study, write to Congress, work towards program outlined on page 7 of enclosed "American Refugees."

2.

Get into an intensive cell group with other pacifists. Meet frequently for meditation, real study, action. Our world requires trained, committed individuals.

3.

Support the work we are all doing with your time and money. We urgently need your help to keep going and expanding. Send regular contributions.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Meanwhile in Washington, Rep. Leland M. Ford (R., Calif.), bitterly attacked the whole WRA plan which he called "a social experiment. I think it is too dangerous to experiment in war time," he added. In his address to the House, Ford opposed present plans to release nisei students to attend eastern and mid-western colleges, and urged that the Japanese who are still free in the United States be taken up and placed in custody. This speech reflects a behind-the-scenes conflict now going on for control of the evacuation program. The ideals formulated by the WRA are socially constructive and call for release of as many of the citizens as soon as possible. It remains to be seen if they will be given sufficient support to carry them out.

HIRABAYASHI CASE HEARD.....

Gordon Hirabayashi, Seattle Youth F.O.R. leader jailed for refusing to be evacuated, was given a hearing recently before Federal Judge Black in Seattle. He said that the evacuation could be accomplished legally only by amending the constitution. Judge Black commented: "I don't believe the Constitution is so unsuited for survival in these days of lightning war" as to require amendment "to protect military areas." Supporting Hirabayashi is a citizens committee of which Mr. Ray Roberts is chairman.

(Summary of arguments in habeas corpus case of Mitsuye Endo is enclosed.)

HERE AND THERE.....

.....Pacific Coast Activity Working creatively for a better world, a group of thirty young people from all over the United States are at a Friends Reconstruction Training Seminar at Hidden Villa Ranch. They work mornings, at a migrant camp or on the ranch, study in the afternoon and evening, live co-operatively.....TULARE COUNTY F.O.R. members have been helping in the evacuation of Japanese from that area, serving punch and sandwiches despite threats from the American Legion and refusal of most churches to help.... ...At a F.O.R. meeting at Mills College, Maynard Kreuger, Socialist leader, outlined a 7 point economic program good for many pacifists, in which he stressed the importance of non-governmental public operation of economic functions such as co-operatives. "Get over on the wrong side of the tracks," he said, pointing out that the impetus for reform would largely come from dispossessed and minority groups. "Howard Thurman, chaplain of Howard University, spoke on race problems and closed the weekend with an address "A Faith for Living," in which he said: So much that is not good has flown from me to my fellow men that I have learned to be charitable when that which is not good flows from my fellow men to me."... ..A PACIFIC COAST GENERAL CONFERENCE will be held in Berkeley October 9-11. Nevin Sayre, Allan Hunter and Bayard Rustin will be among the speakers. Save the dates!