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EDITORIALS

THE CONSTITUTION AND JAPANESE-AMERICANS

When Rep. John Phillips, of Calif., filed in the house a petition from approximately 500 of his constituents asking that "necessary action" be taken to prevent the return of people of Japanese ancestry to California, he raised a question that can shake the nation to its foundation.

At stake in this matter is something more than the prospective return of people of Japanese ancestry. At stake is a fundamental constitutional question of Congress or a state deliberately usurping authority denied to it by the Constitution, and establishing in the place of constitutional restraints the principle of racial, religious and class discrimination.

The XIV amendment to the Constitution is explicit and clear. It reads: "Section 1. Rights of the citizens of the United States. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which will abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person living within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

That amendment explicitly limits the powers of the states which even California must recognize. Section 9 of the Constitution itself forbids Congress to pass any bill of attainder or ex-post facto law. The discrimination requested by Representative Phillips amounts to a bill of attainder, blaming children for what their parents were.

It is time for some of those persons who boast they are Americans to wake up and realize the consequences of the things they propose. When Japan's power is broken, as it will soon be, there will be nothing to fear from Japan, and most certainly nothing to fear from those people of Japanese ancestry who have so quietly and cooperatively surrendered their constitutional rights during time of war.

If our Constitution means anything if protection of minorities is to continue to be a principle of American life, it is up to all duly elected officials to stand by their oath of office to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, even to the extent of seeing, once peace comes, that those unfortunates of Japanese ancestry are defended against those hot heads who must be cowards to fear what have been law-abiding, industrious people.

—Tucson Star, Arizona

DO BUREAUCRATS NEVER LEARN?

Just as the the public begins to feel the OPA is really trying to cooperate in production and distribution problems, a new order comes out like its recent decision to put lamb back on the ration list of meats.

In commenting on the OPA's latest order which blocks the sale of lamb in the Pacific Northwest, United States Senator Guy Cordon says: "Despite the fact that the local OPA officials can see sound reason to permit the free flow of lamb into the market, some wise guys back in Washington, who think they know more than anyone else, think otherwise."

The Portland Oregonian says: "The fact that every informed source in this region condemns as error the restoration of lamb to the

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ration list ought to convince the national OPA that a point holiday on lamb is necessary in this area to prevent a grave waste of food and grave loss to producers."

If the OPA is as stubborn about correcting the lamb situation as it has been about correcting its unexplainable highest price line limitation orders, and its resistance to suggested improvements in the Price Control Act, and access to district courts, the present lamb supply will be old sheep unfit to eat before any relief is given.

Although they are willing supporters of wartime rationing and price control, the people are getting a good taste of bureaucratic dictation. It is crystallizing their determination to regain their independence and control of their local affairs at the earliest possible date after this war.

South America As Seen by Local Lady

Mrs. Mildred Swain is writing to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott, from South America, where she is with her husband, who is employed by the government rubber research.

Continued from last week

Our second night in Belem went to the home of my old girl friend with whom I lived the first two months of my stay in Manaus—Jean Kelta, now Mrs. Wm. Stevenson. She is married to an Englishman and is now permanently living in Belem. It was great fun seeing Jean again and meeting Steve and we enjoyed ourselves immensely. When we knocked at her door who should open it but my old servant, Elza, whom we had paid passage for her to reach Belem after her terrible illness in the hospital in Manaus. She was as pleased as punch to see us and was completely recovered. She had taken on quite a lot of weight and looked wonderful but still wanted to know if she could come back to Manaus and work for us. She asked us to say "remembrance" for her to the doctor and nurse who actually saved her life and we promised to do so.

The next day was Saturday and a half day of work. Since it had rained almost constantly since our arrival in Belem I had been unable to get down town in an attempt to buy shoes. The Brazilian girls have small feet but even so I had been unable to purchase any shoes in Manaus and wanted to try my luck in Belem. The weather on Saturday was quite promising and after lunch I dragged Joe, against his better judgment, down town with me by telling him that we might as well get lost together. Luck was with me and I found three pairs of shoes at the first shoe shop—Sapataria, they call them. With rare exception you see on your own when shopping in Belem and must use your meagre knowledge of their language to do all shopping. Occasionally you find a clerk who can say a few words in English but not often. While the shops and stores are all Latin in appearance they nevertheless have a wide selection of things from which to choose—providing you can find it. As in Manaus there are narrow sidewalks (but not quite as much so) and the stores abruptly face the street with no entrance way whatsoever. You simply step from the street and the next step you are in the main part of the store. I am still amazed at the number of yard-goods stores in Brazil. One and only one ready-to-wear store has opened in Belem and it is stared at in amazement. All clothing, men and women's, is purchased by the yard and the garments made from pictures supplied to the dressmakers or tailors, or you can have an old dress or suit copied

"exatamente"—exactly. They do beautiful work. We snooped through the "Four Mil Four Centavos" (Dime Store), leather shops, Crocodilla Shop, "Perfumerias" (cosmetic stores), grocery stores and the like, passing little parks and many statues set apart in memory of some departed hero of the State of Para.

TO WITHHOLD FUEL OIL RATION

Local War Price and Rationing Boards were authorized by the Office of Price Administration today to withhold fuel oil rations from anyone who destroys coal or wood burning equipment, or who sells it or gives it away without good reason, in order to obtain a fuel oil ration. Charles B. Maxfield, district OPA fuel rationing representative, announced today.

Heretofore boards have only been permitted to revoke outstanding rations if such other equipment was destroyed or made unserviceable after the ration was issued.

SUGAR STAMP NO. 33

Sugar Stamp No. 33 in War Ration Book Four will be good for buying five pounds of sugar beginning September 1, 1944. Willard Case, district OPA food rationing representative, announced today.

Like other sugar stamps now being used, Stamp No. 33 will be valid indefinitely. Stamps now good for five pounds each are No. 30, No. 31 and No. 32.

Sugar Stamp No. 40 is good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

It is the policy of OPA to validate a sugar stamp every 2 1/2 months.

Mrs. Guy Tex and granddaughter, Linda Kay, spent last week visiting in Prospect returning home Friday.

Letters to Nephews

By Ella H. Leonard

Dear Nephew: Just tell me how to do it. I've heard people say it's easy to break a habit, break the way of doing a thing. "Have you taken the broom to Abner?" dad asked. Not then, I hadn't. When he first came, he was so little and helpless looking. Dad set the box he was in, at the embankment beyond the kitchen door. Now that Abner has grown almost full size, he insists on coming back there to squat and sleep. And do his worst. Clean, clean, clean. Forty times a day. Right where one has to walk from the step. At first, Abner would squawk as if being killed, when he was scolded. Now, he pokes away defiantly, as far as the syringe, and as soon as I start back to the kitchen, he deliberately turns, comes back to the step, and flops down as if too weary to go one more step. He has trebled his size in a week. The chicken mash, you suppose? We've never seen anything grow so fast. He

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may go into the pot before Thanksgiving. Arms of the berry bush wrapped around my overall legs. Stickers pulled at my shirt sleeves. Thorns filled my fingers, piercing right thru the canvas gloves. My steps were watched carefully. Suppose I should step into a ditch and be thrown headlong into the bushes! Can anything be more sticky than an evergreen blackberry bush? But such things must be endured if we got any berry jam for winter. It has that wild tang that spurs the appetite. Run over, Arthur, and I'll make hot biscuits to go with it. Or do you now prefer mangoes?

We listened to Miss Hancock, our returned missionary from China, Sunday night. Fifty years there and 4 furloughs. Two years a Jap prisoner. May I tell you this bit . . . On opening her pounded door, Jap officers filled the room. She was asked sharply, "Are you telling these people that there is only one God, and that he answers prayer?" Knowing that she was in danger, that perhaps death stared her in the face, she still could answer calmly, "yes". And found her God a shelter in the time of storm. So may we, if . . . If what?

Earnestly, Aunty.

Rationing Calendar

PROCESSED FOOD: Book 4—Blue stamps A8 through F5 valid indefinitely.

MEAT, BUTTER, FATS AND CHEESE: Book 4—Red Stamps A8 through D5 valid indefinitely.

SUGAR: Book 4—Sugar Stamps, 30, 31 and 32 valid indefinitely. 5 pounds each. For canning only: Sugar stamp 40 valid for 5 pounds. Apply at local OPA board for more.

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FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

So what—it isn't what you start the counts. It's what you finish—Anon.

The Civic club will sell ice cream and cake at the school house Friday evening.

The Associated Service station has been moved to new location and remodeled. Mr. L. C. Grimes is manager of the station.

Dorothy Harris and John A. Christm of Gold Hill will be married today, August 17.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lamb of Medford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shell.

Don Faber and Hal Jewett had an exciting time trying to break Pedro to drive, when he decided to run away. Both boys were scratched up some.

TEN YEARS AGO

Ersel Caster and Miss Francella LaDieu were married at the LaDieu home in Trail Sunday.

Miss Harriett Sparrow was hostess at a luncheon honoring Miss Nancy Berkeley of Honolulu, house guest of

Miss Sparrow, at the Kirtland farm. Mrs. Jessie Mosher of Oakland visited her brother-in-law and wife Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mosher last week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond and children and Mr. and Mrs. Brunfield are planning a trip to Diamond Lake this week.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert at the Purucker Home Monday.

Mrs. George—Marine entertained with a birthday dinner minus a birthday cake in honor of her husband. The beautiful birthday cake landed in the Rogue river after traveling all over the country, when the bakery wagon door came open on return trip from Prospect.

Mrs. Everett Faber entertained her home in Medford Friday evening with a reception for her brother, Franklin B. Launer Dean of Music at the Christian college in Columbia, Ohio.

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