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SUMMARY OF REPORT ON PROGRAM FOR LOYAL WEST COAST JAPANESE.

Curtis Munson reports from Los Angeles that already five L.A. Japanese-Americans have committed suicide because their honor could not stand suspicion of their loyalty. He is rushing to Washington a program, which is based largely on the O.N.I. (Commander Ringle) proposals for maintaining the loyalty of Japanese-Americans and establishing wholesome race-relations. Its essence is to utilize Japanese filial piety as hostage for good behavior.

The chief points of this program are as follows:

- 1) Encourage the Nisei (American-born Japanese) by a statement from high authority;
- 2) Accept offers of patriotic cooperation from the Nisei through such agencies as a) Civilian Defense, b) Red Cross, c) United Service organizations;
- 3) Appoint an Alien Property Custodian to supervise Isei (Japanese-born residents ineligible for citizenship, under instructions to encourage the Nisei (U.S. Citizens of Japanese blood) to take over Isei property;
- 4) Accept INVESTIGATED Nisei as workers in defense industries such as ship-building plants, aircraft plants, etc.
- 5) Put responsibility for the behavior of the Isei and Nisei on the leaders of Nisei groups such as the Japanese-American Citizens League
- 6) Put responsibility for the production of food (fish, vegetables) on the Nisei leaders mentioned above. (Japanese produce is frozen by Treasury orders; Japanese fishing-boats are beached by the Navy; result is threat of starvation to loyal Japanese families and food shortage in Los Angeles).

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