

RESOLUTION NO. 22127

WHEREAS, the failure and neglect on the part of the government of the United States to promptly evacuate and intern enemy aliens who are residents of the Pacific Coast, together with the descendants of these aliens, particularly Japanese, whether the latter be citizens of the United States or not, is presenting a serious problem to the economic welfare of the western states, and

WHEREAS, this problem is first a problem of military security for the Pacific Coast, which has been heretofore called to the attention of the proper authorities by resolution of this Council, and

WHEREAS, a further problem is presented in that many of these aliens and their descendants, and particularly Japanese, are truck gardeners who in the past have provided a large share of the vegetables, berries and fruits consumed by the residents of this area, and

WHEREAS, because of a reported evacuation at some future time of Japanese nationals and their descendants by the government of the United States, these persons are not cultivating or planting their holdings, with the result that if the property is not promptly cultivated and planted there will be a decided shortage in fresh vegetables, berries and fruits for the population of the Pacific Coast this year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Portland does by this resolution petition and memorialize Congress, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Attorney-General and the United States Army to take prompt and decisive steps to the end, particularly that Japanese nationals and their descendants be immediately evacuated and removed to some inland point where they will be less liable to be of military menace to the Pacific Coast, and that the properties now occupied by these Japanese nationals and their descendants be put into cultivation by those who are authorized to remain in this area, proper protection and consideration to be given to the evacuated in order that he may not be deprived of his property without consideration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Oregon Delegation in Congress, to the American Municipal Association, United States Conference of Mayors, the National Institution of Municipal Law Officers, the Attorney-General of the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and such other persons or agencies as the Council may deem advisable.

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