

MURDER IN CAMP MANZANAR.

I, J. Y. Kurihara, citizen and a veteran of the United States, do hereby make the following statement regarding the incident that culminated in the most shameful murder committed by the soldiers of the country that blatantly preaches Democracy. It deplores me to state the facts as they exist; but however painful it may be, I have decided to state the truths unbiasedly. In the name of Justice, with Almighty God as my witness, I shall now proceed to state to the best of my knowledge, this shameful incident under the title "Murder in Camp Manzanar."

Early Sunday morning, I was informed by the foreman of Kitchen 27, that Fred Tayama was administered a thrashing at about 8 P.M. by a group of masked assailants. Mr. Harry Ueno was arrested on suspicion, and was immediately taken to Independence Jail by Ned Campbell, Assistant Project Director.

The Kitchen Workers Union have summoned the representatives of all the Kitchens to a meeting after breakfast at Mess Hall 22. Though I am not connected with the union in anyway, I have decided to attend and acquaint myself with the facts, in order to defend Mr. Ueno. After having been fully informed on matters connected with the incident, I have roused the members of the Kitchen Workers Union to unite and fight, or allow yourselves be called ungrateful slackers.

The meeting was closed with the appointment of five as the negotiating Committee, namely: four representing the Kitchen Workers Union; Mr. Hashimoto, S. Tateishi, G. Yamaguchi, K. Suzuki, and myself, (J. Y. Kurihara) and with an understanding to hold a general meeting of the residents at 1 P.M. at Mess Hall 22.

Far in advance of the specified hour, the residents from throughout the Center gathered with ever increasing number, far beyond expectation. Preparations were made to receive them. Loud-speakers were installed and the microphone connected in readiness with the speakers. When the hall was thrown open, it was immediately jammed beyond capacity. In order to satisfy the ever increasing crowd, announcement was made that the meeting is to be held outdoor. The people complied without a murmur.

Addresses were made from the oil tower with the aid of the loud-speakers. There were an estimated crowd of approximately 2000 or more. Mr. S. Tateishi: acted as chairman. The speakers were the representatives of the Kitchen Workers Union; namely, Shigetoshi Tateishi, Genji Yamaguchi, Sokichi Hashimoto and myself.

The representatives of the Kitchen Workers Union spoke principally to inform the residents of the unselfish efforts and sacrifices made by Mr. Ueno for the benefit of the people. Personally, I prefer to let them relate their statements themselves in order