

Glossary: Legalizing Detention: Segregated Japanese Americans and the Justice Department's Renunciation Program by Barbara Takei

Expatriates -- U.S. citizens who choose to take up residence outside their country of birth.

Inu – Japanese word for dog, used to insult Japanese American collaborators, informants or spies. The image is that of a dog, sniffing around. The hatred of inu was aroused by the use of paid informants, mostly members of the JACL, before and after Pearl Harbor, who gave names and passed along unsubstantiated rumors that led to hundreds of innocent victims being arrested and sent to DOJ prisons. The Office of Naval Intelligence and the FBI were reported to give \$10 to \$25 per suspect name.

Issei – First generation immigrant from Japan, prohibited from becoming U.S. citizens, and referred to as “aliens ineligible for citizenship.” Existing federal naturalization laws allowed the right of naturalization only to “free white persons and aliens of African nativity and to persons of African descent.”

Kibei – American-born Nisei who received their academic education in Japan.

Nisei – Second generation Japanese Americans, American-born children of Issei.

Renunciants – American citizens who gave up their citizenship, includes Nisei and Kibei.

Resegregationists – The loyalty questionnaire culled the so-called “loyal” from the “disloyal” and the Tule Lake Segregation Center was established, however, many “loyal” or “old Tuleans” did not wish to leave and were one-third of the Segregation Center population. Newcomers who segregated to Tule Lake expected to be in a camp of others planning to go to Japan, and had significant differences in outlook, goals, and attitudes from the “old Tuleans.” The pro-Japan advocates regularly requested to be separated, or re-segregated from the “old Tuleans.”

Repatriates – first-generation immigrant Issei who were legally ineligible for U.S. citizenship, who returned or repatriated to Japan.

Segregation – separation of those considered “loyal” and “disloyal” based on loyalty question #28.

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