

# NISEI GROUP TO FIGHT EVACUATION

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LOS ANGELES, Friday, Feb. 20. —Fifteen hundred Nisei — second-generation Japanese-Americans — organized the United Citizens League last night preparatory to a fight to prevent loyal aliens and citizens of Japanese descent from being evacuated inland from the Pacific Coast.

"We need action and need it now," declared Larry Tajiri, former Washington, D. C., correspondent for a Japanese news service. "We are loyal to the American flag, but race hatreds are being stirred up now in the Fascist pattern."

Kay Sugahara, produce merchant, said:

"If the Army and Navy say we are a menace, let's get out. But if it's merely a question of fighting politicians that would gain favor by hopping on 'those defenseless Japs' we should fight them to the last ditch."

Joseph Shinoda, florist and former member of the Anti-Axis Committee, demanded that authorities give Japanese-Americans a part in the war effort.

Nearly 1,000 Japanese aliens recently have been taken into custody in California and many official and civic groups have demanded that every Japanese be moved inland at least 200 miles.