

PAIRING A PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCE

For use with "Donald Trump & FDR" on p. 16 of the magazine

'To All Persons of Japanese Ancestry'

The excerpt below is from a document ordering people of Japanese ancestry to evacuate large portions of San Francisco, California, during World War II. Like Japanese-Americans in other parts of the West, the evacuees were housed in internment camps for the duration of the war. Read the excerpt, along with the Uprfront article about this period in American history. Then answer the questions that follow.

To all persons of Japanese ancestry . . . Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 34, this Headquarters, dated May 3, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon [Pacific Time], Saturday, May 9, 1942. . . .

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of property. . . .
3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

The following instructions must be observed:

1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 1942, or between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 1942.
2. Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:
 - (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;

- (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
- (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family;
- (d) Sufficient knives, forks, spoons, plates, bowls and cups for each member of the family;
- (e) Essential personal effects for each member . . .

All items carried will be securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered in accordance with instructions obtained at the Civil Control Station. The size and number of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.

3. No pets of any kind will be permitted.
4. No personal items and no household goods will be shipped to the Assembly Center.
5. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of the more substantial household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. Cooking utensils and other small items will be accepted for storage if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and address of the owner. Only one name and address will be used by a given family.
6. Each family, and individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Assembly Center or will be authorized to travel by private automobile in a supervised group. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil Control Station.

Questions

1. What do you think is meant by the phrase "both alien and non-alien"? Does this part of the order surprise you? Explain.
2. What items were people instructed to bring with them? Why do you think other items were restricted?
3. How would you describe the tone of the order?
4. How do you think people of Japanese ancestry felt when they saw these notices appear around town?
5. The article notes that Donald Trump has compared his proposed ban on foreign Muslims to the internment of Japanese-Americans. Based on the article and this order, are there parallels? Explain.