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FBI Arresting Enemy Aliens

FDR Authorizes Nationwide Raids on Japanese Nationals

FBI agents have begun a series of raids against alien Japanese in major U. S. cities and defense areas under orders from the President.

As the arrests began last night, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced that FDR had authorized him to apprehend as "alien enemies" Japanese aliens considered dangerous "to the peace and security of the U. S. A." He said that at least 1000 Japanese nationals would be affected, but there would be "a fair hearing for all persons apprehended."

The President's proclamation was issued under a law which provides that alien enemies may be arrested "where an invasion or predatory incursion is perpetrated against the United States."

Roundup in New York

Shortly before last midnight three FBI agents, each accompanied by one Japanese national, boarded the ferry for Ellis Island. Only one of those arrested would identify himself. He said he was Dr. Sabro Emy and was picked up by the FBI in his office at 1035 Park Ave. Dr. Emy said he had been in the U. S. A. for 35 years, and had not been back to Japan since 1917. He is 50, a graduate of NYU, married, and has a 10-months-old daughter. Well dressed and soft speaking, Dr. Emy said he didn't know what to say, except that he considered the war "very unfortunate."

Later, FBI agents were seen taking another batch of three Japanese to Ellis Island, but none of these was identified. The total arrests here reached 102 this morning.

In Los Angeles's *Little Tokyo*, largest Japanese colony in the U. S. A., the FBI arrested three men and a woman in a hotel. Other groups of FBI agents were reported circulating through the area and taking alien Japanese into custody.

R. Sato, branch manager of a Japanese newspaper in Sacramento, was arrested. In Norfolk, Va., site of an important U. S. Navy base and shipyard, 14 Japanese nationals were picked up by city police. A heavy police guard was stationed in San Francisco's Japanese colony.

Consulates Guarded

When the news of the attack on Hawaii was broken to Joshio Muto, Japanese Consul General in San Francisco, he said:

"It's unimaginable! I had no intimation of it."

Kihachiro Ohmori, Acting Consul General in Chicago, told reporters that is was questionable how long Japan could continue at war with the U. S. A.

"Japan is not wealthy," he said. He added that the war might have been caused by "friction between the navies of the two nations." Reporters interviewing him could see the flames and smell the smoke from the burning contents of the consulate filing cabinet.

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