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Descriptive Summary
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Biography
During World War II, approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans were deemed a national security threat and placed in internment camps. Contrary to common belief, Japanese Americans protested against their involuntary confinement. The Manzanar Riot is among the most renowned examples of internnee resistance and Harry Ueno played a central role in it. Harry Ueno was born on April 14, 1907 in Hawaii. When he was eight years old, he was taken to Hiroshima, Japan, to be educated. After graduating from the Kuba City grammar school and attending a trade school in Tokyo for nearly a year, he returned to the United States in 1923. He held various positions in Washington and northern California before moving to Los...
Angeles in 1931. In Los Angeles, he and his wife, Yaso, had three children. Harry Ueno was employed as a salesman for retail fruits and vegetables until the evacuation. The Ueno family was evacuated to Manzanar. A few months into his internment, he initiated the investigation of the sugar and beef shortage, and organized 1,600 kitchen workers into Mess Hall Workers Union. On December 5, 1942, Tayama, a JACL (Japanese American Citizen's League) leader in Manzanar, was severely beaten by masked internees. Although Ueno was arrested for this incident, he was not charged or given a trial. The internees in Manzanar congregated in front of Ueno’s jail cell demanding his release. Ueno was the veritable folk hero, the martyr of Manzanar, around whom the internees marched. The riot ended with eight internees wounded and two killed. Ueno along with other camp leaders were removed to isolation centers where they were cut off from all contact. It was not until nearly a year later, that he would see his family again. With the war’s end, the Ueno family resettled in northern California and began a cherry and strawberry farm. Harry Ueno is now retired, and is an active member and supporter of the Japanese American community and its related research.

**Collection Scope and Content Summary**

The Harry Ueno Collection consists of 2 linear feet of original and photocopied manuscript materials, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Much of the Japanese-language materials were kept as they were found when the collection first arrived at Stanford University Libraries. However, most of the English-language manuscripts have been rearranged into six series or topics for easier access to materials. The war-time diaries of Harry Ueno, Yaso Ueno, and Masunaka are valuable parts of this collection. Harry Ueno's Japanese language diary have been re-arranged by the organizer in a chronological order. Also unique to this collection, is Ueno's handwritten record and member lists of the Manzanar Mess Hall Union lists found in Box 1. Series 2, containing newspaper clippings, will be especially helpful for scholars working with redress and reparation. Lastly, many of the government documents are missing pages and may be hard to follow.

**Access Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Bendetsen, Karl R.
Hayakawa, S.I. (Samuel Ichiyâe), 1906-
Hohri, William Minoru, 1927-
Kurihara, Joseph Y.
Myer, Dillon S. (Dillon Seymour), 1891-
Ueno, Yasoko.
Welgyn, Michi.
Japanese American Citizens' League.
United States. War Relocation Authority.
Concentration camps--United States.
World War, 1939-1945--Evacuation of civilians.
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons, American.
Manzanar (Calif.)
Manzanar National Historic Site (Calif.)
Manzanar War Relocation Center.

**Series 1. Writings from the Camp and Published Journal Articles**

Box 1, Folder 1  
Ueno’s Diary n.a.

Box 1, Folder 2  
Handwritten Japanese-languaged documents n.a.

Box 1, Folder 3  
Manzanar Mess Hall Union (member signatures and notes) n.a.

Box 1, Folder 4  
JACL Manzanar Report n.a.

Box 1, Folder 5  
Published Journal Articles 1977-1993

**Series 2. Newspaper Clippings**
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Harry Ueno and related articles n.a. |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | "Jap Evacuees Camp Kit Results in Martial Law" 12/7/42 |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | World War II - military 1942-1989 |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Japanese American soldiers n.a. |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Redress and Reparation |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Redress and Reparation |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Editorial n.a. |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Editorial 1970s |
| Box 2, Folder 9 | Editorial 1980s |
| Box 2, Folder 10 | Editorial 1990s |
| Box 2, Folder 11 | JACL |
| Box 2, Folder 12 | Internment Experience and Reflections |
| Box 2, Folder 13 | Legal - debates, hearings, bills |
| Box 2, Folder 14 | Manzanar |
| Box 2, Folder 15 | Moab |
| Box 2, Folder 16 | Tule Lake |
| Box 2, Folder 17 | Day of Remembrance |
| Box 2, Folder 18 | Tokyo Rose |
| Box 2, Folder 19 | Articles Honoring Individuals |
| Box 2, Folder 20 | Internment Related Works and Research |
| Box 2, Folder 21 | Japanese American Artists and their works |
| Box 2, Folder 22 | Tozai Times |
| Box 2, Folder 23 | Various newspaper sections |
| Box 2, Folder 24 | Japanese-languaged articles |
| Box 2, Folder 25 | Vincent Chin |
| Box 2, Folder 26 | Miscellaneous articles |

**Series 3. Government Documents**

| Box 3, Folder 1 | Ueno, Harry |
| Box 3, Folder 2 | Kurihara, Joe |
| Box 3, Folder 3 | Masaoka, Joe and Mike |
| Box 3, Folder 4 | Corn to/from Karl R. Bendetsen 1942-1943 |
| Box 3, Folder 5 | Corn to/from Dillon S. Myer 1943 |
| Box 3, Folder 6 | Jerome 5/28/43 "Interview with Reverend Kunishichi Iwori and Reverend Hideo Hashimoto" |
| Box 3, Folder 7 | Leupp 1943 |
| Box 3, Folder 8 | Lone Pine Jail 12/12/42 |
| Box 3, Folder 9 | Manzanar 1942-1943 |
| Box 3, Folder 10 | Manzanar Riot 1942-1943 |
| Box 3, Folder 11 | Moab |
| Box 3, Folder 12 | Topaz |
| Box 3, Folder 13 | Tule Lake |
| Box 3, Folder 14 | Dept. of Justice - misc. |
| Box 3, Folder 15 | FBI-misc. |
| Box 3, Folder 16 | JACL |
| Box 3, Folder 17 | Navy Intelligence |
| Box 3, Folder 18 | Renunciats |
| Box 3, Folder 19 | "Unknown Person Report the Manzanar Incident" 12/16/42 |
| Box 3, Folder 20 | WRA - misc. |
| Box 3, Folder 21 | Miscellaneous |

**Series 4. Correspondence**

| Box 4, Folder 1 | Personal Correspondence |

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Clements, Len; Cook, Christopher; Crouch, Tom; Embrey, Sue K.; Eto, Shinkichi; Fugita, Steve; Hayakawa, S. I.; Herzig, Jack and Aiko; Hobri, William; Komuri, Yoshihisa; Lim, Deborah; Lin, Che-Hwei; Machak, Frank; Okihiro, Gary Y.; Omura, James M.; Tateishi, John; Uyeda, Clifford I.; Weglyn, Michi; Yamada, George; Yamasaki, Jennie
Box 4, Folder 2  Correspondence from Harry Ueno to Yasoko Ueno1943
Box 4, Folder 3  Correspondence from Art Hansen to Harry Ueno1982-1996
Box 4, Folder 4  Corr. from Art Hansen, not to Harry Ueno1985-1993
Box 4, Folder 5  Corn from Nakagawa, Mitsuo1943-1944
Box 4, Folder 7  Corn not to/from Ueno1972-1997
Box 4, Folder 8  1940s Corr.1942-1943

Box 4, Folder 9  Writings on/about Harry Ueno
Box 4, Folder 10  Manzanar Martyr specific materials
Box 4, Folder 11  Yaso(ko) Ueno Diary1942-1943
Box 4, Folder 12  Masunaka Diary1942-1943
Box 4, Folder 13  Ishihara, Shintaro Interview
Box 4, Folder 14  Kurihara, Joe Y.
Box 4, Folder 15  Myer, Dillon
Box 4, Folder 16  Weglyn, Michi's commencement speech given at Pomona College
Box 4, Folder 17  "A private report on the incident of Dec. 6, 1942" / by Koichi Tsuji
Box 4, Folder 18  Draft Resisters
Box 4, Folder 19  Fair Practice Committee (Manzanar)
Box 4, Folder 20  Hayakawa testimony before Subcommittee1986
Box 4, Folder 21  JACL
Box 4, Folder 22  Legal representation of Japanese Americans
Box 4, Folder 23  List of names at Tule Lake1943
Box 4, Folder 24  Lone Pine County Jail inmate signatures1943
Box 4, Folder 25  Miscellaneous handwritten notes
Box 4, Folder 26  California Journal11/1986
Box 4, Folder 27  Epistolarian by William Hohri
Box 4, Folder 28  Manzanar Reunion by William Hohri
Box 4, Folder 29  Nikkei Heritage1992
Box 4, Folder 30  "Segregator" by Richard Drinnon
Box 4, Folder 31  Tule Lake Pilgrimage1991
Box 4, Folder 32  Leupp
Box 4, Folder 33  Manzanar during war time
Box 4, Folder 34  Manzanar National Historic Site
Box 4, Folder 35  National Council for Japanese American Redress
Box 4, Folder 36  Japanese American Historical Encyclopedia headwords1991
Box 4, Folder 37  Informational Flyers and Letters
Box 4, Folder 38  UCLA Archive

Box 4, Folder 39  Photographs1912-1997

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