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Descriptive Summary
Title: Harry Y. Ueno Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1937-1986, bulk 1937-1950
Collection number: 1555
Creator: Ueno, Harry Y. (Harry Yoshio), 1907-
Extent: 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.), 1 oversize box

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Abstract: While a cook at the Manzanar Relocation Center Harry Ueno was active in trying to organize kitchen workers in protest against camp conditions and was outspoken against the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). He was accused of beating JACL leader Fred Tayaman and taken to the Inyo County Jail. A mass protest for his release triggered the Manzanar Incident which exposed tensions in the camp and accelerated the War Relocation Authority's (WRA) plans to segregate the loyal from the unloyal camp residents. The collection consists of personal papers and documents relating to the Manzanar War Relocation Center riot. Includes some items connected with Leupp Isolation Center, Tule Lake Segregation Center, and materials related to Ueno's children's educational experience at various centers. Materials in this collection are primarily in English, with some in Japanese.

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Biography
Ueno was a cook at the Manzanar Relocation Center; he was active in trying to organize kitchen workers in protest against camp conditions and was outspoken against the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL); accused of beating JACL leader Fred Tayaman and taken to the Inyo County Jail; a mass protest for his release triggered the Manzanar Incident; the Incident exposed tensions in the camp and accelerated the WRA plans to segregate the loyal from the unloyal camp residents; Ueno later reported mistreatment related to his transfer to Leupp Isolation Center.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of personal papers and documents relating to the Manzanar War Relocation Center riot. Includes documents, clippings, notes, correspondence, and ephemera. Also includes some items connected with Leupp Isolation Center, Tule Lake Segregation Center, and materials related to Ueno's children's educational experience at various centers. Some items are photocopies.

Materials in this collection are primarily in English, with some in Japanese.

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

Ueno, Harry Y. (Harry Yoshio), 1907--Archives.

Related Material
Manzanar Martyr: an Interview with Harry Y. Ueno. Available at the Charles E. Young Research Library and College Library.

Title: Japanese American Research Project Collection of Material about Japanese in the United States
Identifier/Call Number: (Collection 2010).
Available at the Department of Special Collections, UCLA.
Title: Japanese American Research Project - Fading Footsteps of the Issei
Box [1-2]  Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Box [1]  Freedom of Information

Box 1, Folder 2  Freedom of information file.
  Physical Description: [Photocopied documents and correspondence]

Box 1, Folders 3-5  FBI materials from Freedom of Information request.
  Physical Description: [photocopied documents]

Box [2]  Internment

Box 2, Folder 7  Clippings regarding internment.
  Physical Description: Photocopied material.

Box 2, Folder 9  FBI material regarding internment.
  Physical Description: Photocopied material.

  War Relocation Authority.

Box 2, Folder 8  Photocopied material re internment, redress and reparations.
Box 2, Folder 10  Photocopied material re internment, and some original documents
  (mimeographed government directives).
Box 2, Folder 11  [Photocopied material re internment].

Box 2, Folder 3  Anti-Axis Committee of JACL Southern District Council.
  Physical Description: [Photocopied documents]

Box [1]  Kurihara, Joe

Box 1, Folder 10  [Correspondence and photocopied documents].
  Leupp

Box 1, Folder 7  Leupp, Arizona Isolation Center.
  Abstract: [Photocopied documents and publications in Japanese]

Box [1-3 &
  Oversize Box 4]  Manzanar

Box 1, Folder 1  Manzanar War Relocation Center - Manzanar riot, etc.
  Physical Description: [Photocopied documents and clippings]

Box 1, Folder 9  Manzanar War Relocation Center - Manzanar Free Press items.
  Note
  [4 items removed to Oversize Box 4]

Box 2, Folder 1  Mitsuo Nakagawa correspondence (from Manzanar War Relocation Center).
Box 2, Folder 2: Manzanar War Relocation Center - mess hall workers union.
Abstract: [Notes, correspondence, work assignments]

Box 2, Folder 4: Manzanar War Relocation Center - miscellaneous material.
Box 2, Folder 5: Retrospective newspaper clippings.
Box 2, Folder 6: Redress and reparations documents.
   Physical Description: [Typescript, correspondence, clippings and photocopied documents]

Box 3, Folder 1: [Ueno, Harry Y. Manzanar Martyr Fullerton: Oral History Program, California State University, Fullerton, 1986].
Box 3, Folder 2: [Third grade Japanese language reading book used in Manzanar by Ueno's son].
Box 3, Folder 3: [Watashitachi no kanji high school book on Chinese characters].
Box 3, Folder 4: [Junior high school textbook in Japanese].
Box 3, Folder 5: [Fifth grade textbook in Japanese].
Box 3, Folder 7: [Third grade textbook in Japanese].
Box 3, Folder 8: [Notebook used for practicing kanji].
Oversize Box 4, Folder 1: Manzanar War Relocation Center - Manzanar Free Press items.
   Note
   [Removed from box 1, includes pictorial issue].

Box 1, Folder 6: Moab, FBI
Box 1, Folder 8: Tule Lake Segregation Center.
   Physical Description: [Photocopied documents and holograph notes]

Box [1-3 & Oversize Box 4]: Tule Lake
Box 2, Folder 12: Tule Lake Segregation Center - ephemera.
Box 2, Folder 13: Tule Lake Segregation Center - memorabilia.
Box 3, Folder 6: [Zai Tsurureiku Hiroshimakenjin Meibo, 1937, used in Tule Lake].
Oversize Box 4, Folder 2: [Diplomas for graduation from various elementary school grades at 4th National school, Tule Lake and Ueno's announcement as member of its board of education].