

## Over 100 Years of Japanese-American History

Rafu Shimpo online archive gives researchers first-hand accounts of day-to-day life from Japanese-Americans and their descendants from the early 1900s to today.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, USA, June 12, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Over 100 years of Japanese-American history is now available online through Rafu Shimpo (\_\_\_\_\_, the L.A. Japanese Daily News) Digital Archive, a new collection on East View's Global Press Archive platform.

Founded in 1903 to support the small but growing Japanese community in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles, California, Rafu Shimpo was published daily, with an Englishlanguage section added to the Sunday edition in 1926. By the 1940s the newspaper had grown to be the largest-circulation newspaper published in Japanese in the United States.

Once World War II started, Publisher H. Toyosaku Komai was arrested by the FBI on SATUEDAY, APRIL 4, 1942

## WE'LL MEET AGAIN

We have not always been right, but we have strived to attain that end.

We know now, as we look ahead and gird ourselves forwhatever lies ahead, that the problem of morale is a major one for the population of 132,000 resident Japanese of the United States.

The fact that two-thirds of this number are American citizens emphasizes the need for constructive work.

We feel that morale will be almost as important as eating.

We are confident that the spirit that has prevailed in our staffs, the spirit that has come to symbolize The Rafu Shimpo in these many years, will not only continue to live through the trying period just ahead, but it will exert a healthy and wholesome influence.

Out of the wreckage of the old, we shall build a new, and the new will be far better.

Yes, we are writing an end to this chapter of The Rafu Shimpo in its fortieth year.

But we die hard. We cease publication today in the full faith and belief that we shall go forward to publish once again-and soon.

-THE EDITORS AND STAFF

December 7, 1941 and the paper was forced to cease publication. In his absence, his eldest son Akira took charge of the newspaper until Akira and the majority of the Komai family were interned at the Manzanar camp near Granada, Colorado for the remainder of the war.

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Rafu Shimpo rests squarely at the scholarly intersection of Japanese history and the Japanese-American émigré community—especially in California, with its unique coverage of local news." Kent D. Lee, President & CEO of East View With Akira's foresight to hide expensive printing equipment and ensure the rent was paid, the publisher quickly revived the business after the war, and capitalized on being the first Japanese-American newspaper to resume publication in January of 1946. The paper outlasted all its local competitors and grew to become the most important newspaper among Japanese-American communities throughout the United States.

"Rafu Shimpo rests squarely at the scholarly intersection of Japanese history and the Japanese-American émigré community—especially in California, with its unique coverage of local news and obituaries," said Kent D. Lee, President and

CEO of East View Information Services. "This unique resource gives researchers first-hand accounts of day-to-day life from Japanese-Americans and their descendants from the early 1900s to today."

Contact East View at info@eastview.com for a quote or a trial to Rafu Shimpo Digital Archive, which features full-image e-content with searchable text.

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