

As Japanese Americans, we are ~~well~~ ~~aware~~ concerned about the recent situation in Iran and the reaction in the US to Iranian students and Iranian people because of what we experienced in the days following Pearl Harbor.

We are especially concerned about certain segments of the American press, politicians and groups who have quickly made racist judgements against a whole people.

- A few ~~some~~ examples of this racist hysteria are:
1. Robert Byrd, Senate minority whip who commented that he "doesn't blame people for punching out Iranians."
 2. Sac, Ca: Iranian gas station owner's store was vandalized and shot at.
 3. Bridgeport, CT: At the University of Conn, a banner hung from a dorm window reading "Iranians Go Home to Your Fascist Dictator."
 4. Pittsburg, Kansas: 2 Iranian students were attacked on the campus of Pittsburg State University.
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mass deportation without individual hearings and recourse to legal defense now being directed against so many Iranians closely parallels steps taken by the US government against the Japanese people.

These events^{+ incidents} clearly point out that our society has not learned lessons from the round up of 120,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese citizens in the US into concentration camps during WWII. As Japanese Americans, we want to bring out these injustices against the Iranian people and unite with all others to condemn the racist hysteria being whipped up.

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5. A headline in the NY Post dated 11/12/79 on p 3 read, "Marines Itching to Blast into Tehran". In the text, abusive, anti-Iranian language quoted verbatim from various marines included & "We're supposed to kick their behinds," "Two regiments can wipe them out."