

It would be necessary for one to have lived on the West Coast of the United States during those last weeks of 1941 and the early months of 1942 to understand the intense and curious hysteria that captured the minds of most residents. That feeling of outrage and apprehension that one could feel everywhere, the possibility of Japanese saboteurs and an attack on the West Coast by the Japanese Navy and Air force on a scale and pattern similar to the horror of Pearl Harbor was just below the surface in the thoughts of everyone.

This enemy that had so successfully soiled its name in Hawaii and the awakening realization of the staggering scope of the disaster added to the day by day disclosure of successive Japanese victories resulted in a picture of the Japanese as a traitorous race of super clever, vicious minded Orientals that threatened the