

Early Critical Acclaim for YEARS OF INFAMY

. . . a truly excellent and moving book . . . YEARS OF INFAMY is hard hitting but fair and balanced. In its careful, detailed coverage, it shows just how unnecessary, unconstitutional, cruel, and destructive of all human values was the removal of the people of Japanese origin to concentration camps. . . . The story has often been told, but usually with an emphasis on the silver lining . . . Michi Weglyn concentrates instead on the other side of the picture . . . It is a terrible story of administrative callousness and bungling, untold damage to the human soul, confusion and terror. It reminds us not to close our memories on this phase of our history with the facile thought that it all turned out happily in the end. For thousands it did not, and more unseen damage exists than most suspect. . . .

—Edwin O. Reischauer, Educator (Harvard University) and former U.S. Ambassador to Japan

YEARS OF INFAMY reminds us with burning reminiscences of a shameful time in our history . . . the senseless creation of concentration camps . . . (let's stop kidding by calling them "detention" camps) . . . YEARS OF INFAMY is required reading for everyone who says, "It can't happen here." . . . we can never repair the damage done to loyal and decent Americans.

—Dore Schary, playwright and author, Go For Broke

. . . a powerful and absorbing book. It eloquently reminds us of a painful period when America, caught up in the passion of war, betrayed the principles of liberty and justice so basic to its own self-image. This reminder is necessary if we are to avoid the repetition of those tragic years.

—Daniel K. Inouye, United States Senator

Those of us who feel justifiable pride in fighting Japanese imperialism during the early 1940s can only feel shame at the injustices visited upon Nisei and Issei at home while our backs were turned. Michi Weglyn has ably documented this sad chapter in our history, and told it as a compelling morality play.

—William Manchester, The Glory and the Dream

I was greatly impressed . . . Michi Weglyn's book takes a giant and much needed step ^{to light} this unfortunate episode in our Nation's history. . . . my highest recommendations . . .

Spark Matsunaga, Member of Congress

Once I started reading Michi Weglyn's YEARS OF INFAMY I couldn't put it down. Every page says something important about an unconstitutional action by the Federal Government, which still in large measure refuses to recognize the enormity of the wrong done to a loyal group of American residents and citizens. Ms. Weglyn's documented essay clearly shows that those who did the interning were dehumanized while those who were interned retained and expanded their humanity.

—Patsy T. Mink, Member of Congress

Excellent . . . a work of high merit and genuine originality which goes well beyond the considerable literature on the subject. . . . The phrase in the subtitle, "the untold story," is not a publisher's blurb but the truth. It is a remarkable tribute to Michi Weglyn's tenacity and intelligence that she has unearthed documents that a series of trained scholars and reporters overlooked . . . If this book attains the success it deserves, perhaps one consequence will be that, at long last, a decent retribution will be made to the heirs of those made to suffer and incur considerable losses . . . Postwar Nazi Germany tried to pay for the country's injustice, but the payment to Japanese Americans was a hollow mockery.

—Dr. William Petersen, Robert Lazarus Professor of Social Demography, Ohio State University

. . . a well documented and compelling work which describes the plight of the loyal, and I can attest, very brave and gallant Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. The 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd covered themselves with glory. . . . I was proud to have them in the Fifth Army.

—Gen. Mark W. Clark, U.S.A. Ret.

. . . a monument to our heritage. For too long, I felt that no one could capture the story that must be told. Finally, we have the chilling unvarnished truth -- in a definitive work of fine research and sensitive writing which brings enlightenment with each new paragraph. No other book on the subject contributes so many new facts: the shameful conspiracies, the official deceptions and coverups . . . a masterful contribution to the rewriting of that part of our history too long distorted and misrepresented. YEARS OF INFAMY is a must for every library in the land and must reading for every American. . . . It's DYNAMITE!

—Edison Uno, Educator (San Francisco State University) and Hearst Award recipient (1973) as Outstanding Civil Libertarian

The volume provides important insights . . . a valuable contribution to the understanding of a tragically mistaken wartime decision.

—Carey McWilliams, Prejudice, and Editor The Nation

. . . the first major departure . . . the author reveals critical facts heretofore buried in government files . . . Michi Weglyn writes with great compassion and strength of the years of injustices, deprivations, and losses . . . For once a book has been written from the perspective of the oppressed, not the oppressor and their apologists.

—Raymond Okamura, Former Prisoner, American Concentration Camp (1942-45)