

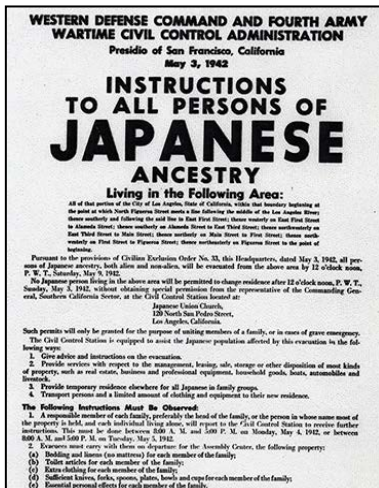
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The Devil's Heritage: Masuo Kodani, the “Nisei Problem,” and Social Stratification at the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Japan (1946-1954)

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Professor Smocovitis chronicles the story of Masuo Kodani, a Japanese American geneticist known for his work on human chromosomes, starting with his career at the University of California, Berkeley and his incarceration in several WWII Relocation Centers where he, with other incarcerated Japanese American scientists, conducted a study on guayule, a source of latex and valuable wartime commodity. She discusses his subsequent appointment to the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission that conducted research on the survivors of the atomic blasts. There, she explores his dual identity as an intermediary between the survivors, and American officials and scientists collecting genetic data. She concludes with an assessment of Asian minorities in the twentieth century in general and Japanese Americans in particular.



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