



**D E N S H Ō**  
*The Japanese American Legacy Project*

## **Press Release**

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### **Manzanar Free Press and Minidoka Irrigator Now Available Online**

SEATTLE, January 4, 2007 -- Complete collections of the Manzanar Free Press and Minidoka Irrigator are now available online in the Densho Digital Archive ([www.densho.org/archive](http://www.densho.org/archive)). Both newspapers feature typed article titles, comprehensive indexing and a printable PDF of each issue. Densho is currently in the process of digitizing and making available to the public all ten War Relocation Authority (WRA) camp newspapers. Published from 1942-1945 by Japanese Americans incarcerated in WRA camps, these newspapers detailed events inside and outside of camp.

"Making the newspapers available on the web will give students, teachers and researchers unprecedented access to the inside-the-camp perspective," said Densho Executive Director Tom Ikeda. "We see these newspapers as a rich source of information about daily camp life, camp events and individuals."

The remaining papers include: Denson Tribune (Jerome), Gila News-Courier, Granada Pioneer, Heart Mountain Sentinel, Poston Chronicle, Rohwer Outpost, Topaz Times and Tulean Dispatch. This project is generously funded by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program and will be completed in the summer of 2007.

The Manzanar Free Press and Minidoka Irrigator are new additions to Densho's online archive, which contains over 500 hours of videotaped life history interviews and 5,000 historical photographs and documents focusing on Japanese American history. The Densho website is exceptional in offering a wealth of primary sources supported by contextual material and curriculum for elementary through college levels. Students, teachers, and the general public may use the resources free of charge for research and education.

#### **About Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project**

Densho is a Japanese term meaning "to pass on to the next generation," or to leave a legacy. Its mission is to preserve the testimonies of Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during World War II. Using digital technology, Densho provides access to personal accounts, historical documents and photographs, and teacher resources to explore principles of democracy and promote justice.

*Preserving the past, informing the future*

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