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Japanese Unfamiliar With Cotton Picking

Phoenix--"...Davis McIntyre, San Francisco, director of employment for the WRA, went into the Japanese evacuee volunteer labor problem, admitting that those available at the Sacaton relocation center could 'do anything except pick cotton,' being entirely unfamiliar with that type of farm work. Under questioning by Mr. O. M. Lassen, (member of the Ariz. government appointed board to determine the Arizona wage scale), it was brought out the majority of the experienced Japanese farmers were stationed in the Parker relocation center and that housing conditions were so crowded at present at Sacaton there was no possibility of moving any of these agriculturists to the Sacaton center..."--Arizona Republic, September 24, p. 2. #1671

"Limitations Of Jap Labor In Cotton Picking Are Told"

Casa Grande (AP) --"Japanese evacuee labor can be used to best results by the participation of large growers and those located near the Rivers resettlement center, E. R. Fryer, acting director of the center, said today at a meeting with growers, Pinal and Maricopa county war boards, and resettlement authorities. Using Japanese labor to help harvest Arizona's long-staple cotton...calls for abiding by certain hours for the workers leaving the center. Fryer said evacuees can not leave Ariz. the center near here before 6 a.m. and must return before 8 p.m. This necessitates a special breakfast and other arrangements, making it more feasible for the larger growers near here to use Japanese labor in their fields. Fryer said the larger growers also would have more facilities for feeding and otherwise caring for the workers... The goal of the Rivers center, for now, Fryer stated, is 1,000 workers..." A marked improvement in the trade of picking cotton is being shown by evacuees who have been on the job since Monday.--Arizona Republic (Phoenix), September 25, p. 9. #1672



"Santa Anita Internees Sent On Way To Arkansas"

Los Angeles--One-quarter of page devoted to a feature story with 3 large pictures (Times Photos) showing a group of Japanese-American children looking out of the windows of the train; Japanese in the mess hall eating their going away breakfast; Mrs. Tsuneko Fujimoto with son Edward, second baby to be born at the center and first "internment-born baby to leave gates of center;" a group of Japanese boarding the train for the journey to the Rowher Relocation Center. "Moving with smooth efficiency attained through months of handling the Japanese problem in Southern California, Federal authorities have segregated and started another 500 inmates of the Santa Anita Assembly Center by train to Calif. Rowher, Ark., where they will remain for the duration of the war... Not a word of Japanese was heard, except among the small proportion of Is i, or first-generation Nipponese." Comments of some of the evacuees given. Two Pullmans in the nine-car train reserved for mothers with infants and the weak with a doctor and 2 nurses in attendance. Every precaution was taken to prevent communication between the passengers and nonevacuees. "Instead of 'good-bye' it was 'sayonara' (the same in Nipponese,) and instead of smiles there were tears, for although family groups are being sent to inland points together, the center's 17,000-odd inhabitants are being distributed among several points in the inland..." Los Angeles Times, September 26, p. 1, part 2. #1673

Call for 160 Japanese Beet Workers

Utah Provo--"Leslie W. Mildenhall, head of the Provo employment office, reported he had orders for 160 Japanese to work in this area and urged farmers to get in touch with him."--Salt Lake Tribune, September 29, p.9. #1674

"Work Going Ahead On Camp at Hunt"

Jerome (AP) --"Steps to complete an adequate labor camp for Japanese harvest workers needed in this area are being pushed rapidly with the assistance of the U.S.E.S. office... The Amalgamated Sugar company is aiding in the work, the service said. Several hundred Japanese will be needed, it is estimated, for the forthcoming sugar beet harvest and other fall farm work."--Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), September 28, p. 2. #1675

"Indian Service Men at Manzanar"

Nev. Reno--"R. C. Boczkiewicz, formerly of Stewart, Nevada, has been promoted to principal finance officer" and Joseph W. Carney, formerly at Stewart, is now a junior fiscal accountant at Manzanar.---Reno Evening Gazette, September 29, p. 2. #1676



"Japs Afraid to Go Into Beet Fields"

Mont. Washington (AP) --"Japanese evacuees have been 'afraid' to go into Montana to take jobs in the sugar beet fields, Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) said Thursday, but guarantees as to safety and working conditions are gradually overcoming their fears. Five hundred Japanese, the senator was informed by the war manpower commission, were sent to Montana last week to alleviate a farm labor shortage... On Sept. 15, the commission said, it had 'unfilled orders' from Montana for 3,100 extra beet harvesters.-- Wyoming State Tribune (Cheyenne), September 25, p. 1. #1677

"Japanese Lads Help Get In Big Montana Beet Crop"

Mont. Spokane--Two three column pictures showing the Japanese evacuees at work in the beet fields of Ravalli County, Montana. "...The American-born Japanese workers attend theaters and generally follow their customary ways of life. There has been no report of misbehavior to date, officers say. The workers are policed on the ranches under direction of the sheriff. As beet laborers they are examples of energy."--Spokesman Review, September 27, p. 18. #1678

"Twenty-Two Japanese Placed At Housework"

Wash. Spokane-- "Twenty-two Christian American-born Japanese girls have been placed in homes for general housework by Mrs. Mary A. Bowlby, women's employment head at the city hall. She states that they have proved highly satisfactory..."--Spokesman Review, September 27, p. 12. #1679

"More Propaganda Material"

Ariz. Phoenix-Editorial. "While Americans know the reasons for the use of volunteer Japanese evacuee labor in agricultural pursuits in this country, we are wondering of what use the Jap and Nazi propagandists will make of it. None of the evacuees are forced to work on the ranches and farms. Only volunteers are employed, but even if they know such is the case the axis propagandists will ignore that phase of the effort... Compared with the manner in which the Japanese treat prisoners of war and civilian aliens in their country, the treatment we have accorded evacuees from certain military zones in the U. S. is startling. Some Americans feel that we are making things too luxurious for the Jap evacuees and that we should not be so generous in furnishing supplies to them. They forget, however, that a large part of the evacuees are American citizens who have been uprooted from their homes and placed in centers, most of them fortunately willing to accept the decree as their contribution to the war effort. The same applies to those who volunteer for farm duties."-- Arizona Republic, September 24, p. 8, part 2. #1680



"Japs From Granada Center Leave For Work in Beet Fields"

Lamar (AP) --"One hundred twenty-five volunteer workers from the Granada Japanese relocation center have entrained for northern Colorado to help farmers harvest sugar beets. The group will work on farms in Greeley, Windsor, Lupton and Brighton areas." Others from the center have Colo. volunteered to work in Holly Sugar company fields in Prowers county, and the American Crystal Sugar company has asked for others to work in fields in the northern Arkansas River valley. "Between 60 and 80 Japanese work daily in broomcorn harvest in southern Prowers county. James G. Lindley, director of the center, said about 1,000 of its occupants would soon be doing volunteer farm work."--Denver Post, September 26, p. 3. #1681

"Jap Test Case Opens In Los Angeles"

Los Angeles (INS) --"...The hearing was on the petitions of Ernest Wakayama and his wife, Toki, both American citizens by birth, for writs of habeas corpus. The petitions, filed through the American Civil Liberties Union, challenged the military necessity of mass evacuations of Japanese-Americans. Rights of approximately 120,000 wartime evacuees are Calif. involved in the case, which is being heard by Judges Harry A. Hollzer, Campbell E. Beaumont and J. F. T. O'Conner sitting en banc. Discussing the issue of the military necessity of the evacuation of citizen Japanese, Asst. U. S. Atty. Norman Neukom cites Senator Robert Reynolds', (chairman of the Senate Military Committee), statement that one of the men arrested for espionage at Pearl Harbor had been a highly respected citizen there for twenty years."--San Francisco Examiner, October 3, p.4, col. 2.

#1682

"FBI Alien Roundup in Bay Region"

San Francisco--"...Seventeen aliens had been arrested in this district Calif. by 11 p. m..." Nearly all were frequent curfew violators.--San Francisco Chronicle, October 3, p. 7, col. 4.

#1683

1,304 Aliens Arrested and Interned Since December 7

San Francisco--Nat J. Pieper, special agent in charge of the F.B.I. Calif. office here announced that 631 Japanese, 396 Italians and 277 Germans have been rounded up in Northern California.--San Francisco Examiner, October 3, p. 8, col. 2.

#1684

"Hongkong: Six Months In A Jap Hell"

San Francisco--Special section, consisting of three pages. "Maureen O'Brien, Chronicle Bridge Editor, met John Raymond through their mutual Calif. interest in Contract. From him she obtained this story of his imprisonment in Stanley Internment Camp and his impressions of the Assembly Center at Tanforan. For another picture of the city under the conqueror turn to Page 3 of this section..."--San Francisco Chronicle, October 4. #1685



"32 Alien Lawbreakers Are Seized in Northern California"

San Francisco--"The FBI, in cooperation with State and local authorities, yesterday concluded a wholesale roundup of aliens in Northern California who allegedly have violated federal regulations concerning their conduct... In all, 8 Germans and 24 Italians were arrested..." Details of contraband seized given.--San Francisco Chronicle, October 4, p.8, col. 2; San Francisco Examiner, October 4, p. 7, col. 2. #1686

"New Bund Roundup: U. S. Opens Drive To Intern Naturalized Citizens Active In 'Dissolved' Nazi Unit"

Washington(AP) --The Justice Department, officially designating the German-American Bund as the 'official spearhead of the Nazi fifth column in America', started today a Nation-wide drive to revoke the citizenship of all naturalized persons who were active in the organization, class them as enemy aliens and intern them. Atty. Gen. Biddle, in announcing the action, said, 'we are moving at once to clean out this source of danger to our national security'..."--San Francisco Chronicle, October 4, p. 8, col. 1. #1687

"Ruling On Jap Exile Up to U. S. Court"

San Francisco--"Briefs in the case of Mitsuye Endo, 22, American-born Japanese who is challenging the constitutionality of exclusion and relocation procedure, yesterday was submitted for decision to Federal Judge Michael J. Roche. Miss Endo, former employe of the State motor vehicle department, is seeking a writ of habeas corpus that would free her from the Tule Lake Relocation Center."--San Francisco Examiner, October 4, p. 10, col. 4. #1688

"Seven Japs Run for Office In Hawaii Elections -- 1 Wins"

Honolulu (AP) --"Thousands of Hawaiian-born Japanese voted in Hawaii Territory's primary elections Saturday. Of seven Japanese who were candidates, one was elected, four were nominated and two were defeated. On Kauai island Wallace Otsuka won the Republican nomination for Representative in the Legislature..."--San Francisco Chronicle, October 5, p. 3, col. 1; San Francisco Examiner, October 5, p. 4, col. 2. #1689

"Jap Internees Aid In Beet Harvest"

Denver (AP) --"Approximately 2,000 Pacific coast Japanese evacuees are now working in beet fields in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, a checkup disclosed tonight. 'The Japanese workers have been recruited from war relocation centers in Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming,' said Joseph H. Smart, regional director of the WRA."--San Francisco Examiner, October 5, p. 4, col. 4. #1690