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Beet Laborers Needed to Save Crop in Sheridan County

Sheridan (AP)--Unless 350 laborers are found to thin sugar beets Wyo. farmers will be forced to plow under 1,000 acres of beets, County Agent Dan Ingraham says.--The Billings Gazette, June 11, p. 13. #634

Approximately 150 Men Now Employed on Construction of Relocation Center

Eden (AP)--"Full-scale employment is expected to be reached with-
Ida. in a week or 10 days on the Japanese relocation center near Eden.--
Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), June 12, p. 16. #635

"Group Plans to Supply Labor Needs"

Boise--"Plans for organization of an Idaho supply committee were several steps nearer completion Wednesday evening after an all-day session of the state's leading agricultural and industrial representatives and heads of federal employment and war agencies..." John E. Gross of Denver, chairman of the regional labor supply committee and regional U.S. employment service director said: "...Idaho's problem
Ida. of labor supply must be met by the people of Idaho by transferring workers from non-essential to essential activities... One of the incentives for intensive rather than extensive search for a labor pool is the fact that requirements for treatment of imported Mexican and Japanese workers are prevailing for wages, housing and sanitation, those for available local labor..."--Idaho Daily Statesman, June 11, p. 14. #636

"Caldwell Japanese Dies of Injuries"

Caldwell--Jim Kitsugu Itama, 44, died Wednesday from a skull fracture suffered when he attempted to rope a steer at his farm near Homedale.
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Survivors are his widow, 8 children and his father.--Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), June 12, p. 16. #637

Labor Shortage Chief Problem of Beet Sugar Industry

Calif. New York--W. N. Wilds, president of the American Crystal Sugar Company, at the annual stockholders meeting, said: "...The beet crop in California is scheduled for harvest in July and industry is now endeavoring to make arrangements through Washington officials to bring in field laborers from New Mexico. Although there have been discussions about bringing Japanese on the Pacific Coast into interior fields to work," but that he did not know how it was working out.--New York Times, June 10, p. 35. #638

"First Group of Local Japanese Reach Tule Lake"

Calif. Sacramento--First contingent of Japanese from Walerga Assembly Center arrived at their permanent home in the relocation center at Tule Lake.--Sacramento Bee, June 16, p. 2. #639

Japanese Evacuees Express Appreciation for Kind Treatment

Calif. Sacramento--Japanese Council of Walerga Assembly Center upon leaving center for Tule Lake Relocation Project sent a resolution to Gene Kenyon, manager of assembly center, expressing its "sincere appreciation for the very kind and sympathetic treatment..." while at the center. Resolution was signed by Dr. George Iki, H. K. Masaki, J. E. Miyakawa, Dr. G. Muremoto and W. T. Tsuchimoto.--Sacramento Bee, June 16, p. 2. #640

"Our Enemy Aliens Are Treated Like Honored Guests"

Mont. Butte--Editorial protested the treatment of Japanese diplomats and evacuees. "President Roosevelt has called upon Congress to provide \$70,000,000 for relocating Japanese evacuees from military areas on the Pacific coast. When requests were made for Japanese laborers in the beet fields of the Northwest, the War Relocation Authority announced an impressive set of regulations under which such labor would be permitted..." Regulations given. "The Authority will even see to it that these laborers get a fair rate of wages and that no impositions of any kind are practiced upon them..." Luxurious living accorded to Japanese diplomats and consular officials and their retinues described. "...To all of this no exception is taken by the American public. Our desire is that unfortunate aliens, innocent of wrongdoing, who are caught in the trap of war, should be treated with courtesy and respect, even though we may have some doubt as to the honesty of their intentions... But there is a growing desire throughout the land to learn beyond a doubt the conditions under which Americans who have fallen into the hands of the Japanese are forced to live. The stories from

Hongkong, of the early days after the fall of Manila fill us with grave doubts as to the manner in which our enemy is treating our soldiers and sailors who are prisoners of war."--Montana Standard, June 11, p. 4.

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"Myopic Iowan"

Iowa Portland--Fourteen-inch editorial. "The Des Moines Register reveals that it is in doubt whether Japanese were evacuated from the Pacific coast 'because of west coast fogs, so ideal for sneak raids with aircraft carriers or because of west coast Americans with their traditions of race intolerance, mob violence and demagogery.' The Iowa newspaper recognizes that Japanese could become a cover for spying and sabotage, but thinks nevertheless they might have become 'the butt for mob violence by frenzied Californians.' It may be said, parenthetically, that California drew a large part of its population from Iowa and other midwest states, and that if race intolerance and mob violence are traditional in California it must be the reflection of traits rather largely imported from Iowa..." Disturbances of racial origin in California and Northwest reviewed. Iowa paper also charges that "we have always wronged them, and therefore must wrong them again..." Article refutes charges of racial segregation, and charges of people taking advantage of the evacuation to defraud Japanese of property. "...The evacuation policy originated wholly with military and other government authorities, and not in consequence of local agitation or because of fear of racial disturbance... The policy was based on sound considerations of national security, including the security of the state of Iowa."--The Oregonian, June 15, p. 6. #642

"Era of Reclamation"

Calif. San Francisco--Editorial. "The end of one era and the beginning of another may well be the significance of the founding of California's newest city in Modoc County yesterday, on the 40th anniversary of the founding of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation..." Settlement named Newell for first chief engineer of the bureau. "It will be populated by 16,000 Japanese evacuees from the Pacific Coast military zone... It will be transformed into a vast irrigation project wherein the Japanese will raise grain and root crops..." Achievements of bureau in Western states given. "Its 40 years of operation do mark indeed an era of development in the winning of the West. Perhaps the resettlement of the Japanese population now and after the war will open a new and different era." --San Francisco News. June 19, p. 18, col. 2. #643

"First Schools Due for Jap Evacuee Pupils"

Calif. Santa Barbara (INS)--"The most modern educational methods will be used when the first schools for approximately 6,000 Japanese children at two evacuation relocation centers, Manzanar and Tule Lake, are opened

about September 1, Dr. Curtis E. Warren, superintendent of Santa Barbara city schools announced. He is the State Board of Education representative for establishment of the evacuee educational program... Work on school structures to start shortly. Classes will run from nursery through high school. "Schools set up under federal director and superintendent, with a board of education to include a Japanese advisor. The schools, for the first time in California, will use the seven-year elementary and five-year high school plan advocated by Dr. Warren. It was estimated 280 staff members and certified California teachers will be engaged by the state board, upon recommendation of Mrs. Lucy Wilcox Adams" WRA educational and recreational director.-- San Francisco Call-Bulletin, June 19, p. 22, col. 2. #644

"Jap Center Shift Asked"

Palo Alto--At annual conference of California Editors, George W. Savage, publisher of the Lone Pine Progress-Citizen, stated: "Morale is at the lowest point since the camp (Manzanar) opened four months ago. Thirty per cent of the 10,000 Japanese at Manzanar are quietly disloyal. Forty per cent are just as loyal as white Americans and the remaining 30 per cent are opportunists who don't care who wins but want to be on the right side." Publisher charged that "politics have crept into administration of the Japanese relocation center at Manzanar," and asked that administration of camp be returned to the Army by the WCCA which is now in charge.--San Francisco Examiner, June 20, p. 9, col. 2.

San Francisco News--Mr. Savage said: "Conflicting jurisdiction resulted from the fact that the Army, the WPA, WCCA, Treasury Procurement Agency and the U. S. Engineering Department all have participated at times in construction or management of the project." Publisher charged that "since WRA took control a few weeks ago there has been too much effort to bring in friends to manage the Japanese camps..." He advocated that camps be returned to the Army.--June 20, p. 3, col. 1. #645

Japanese Wife of Chinese Sent to Assembly Center

San Francisco--Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure ordered Mrs. Liwa Chew, 32, American-born Japanese sent to assembly center. Mrs. Chew was arrested Tuesday for failure to obey Army exclusion law.--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, June 19, p. B, col. 1. #646

"U. S. Studies Use of Japs in Interior"

Washington (AP)--"Secretary Wickard said that the Agriculture Department was considering plans to use Japanese evacuated from the West coast to help meet farm labor shortages in the interior. Whether these plans work out will depend largely on the attitude of various State governments toward the Japanese..."--San Francisco Examiner, June 20, p. 5, col. 2, #647

"Educator to Tour Jap Evacuee Camp"

Calif. Sacramento--Dr. Charles Bursch, chief of the State division of schoolhouse planning, will make a two day inspection of the Tule Lake project to determine what educational facilities may be made available for evacuee children, June 22 and 23. He has already surveyed conditions at Manzanar.--San Francisco Examiner, June 20, p. 5, col. 3.

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S. F. Sailor Quizzed on Talks With Japanese Evacuee

Calif. Stockton (INS)--San Joaquin authorities opened an investigation into alleged connections of Rolland F. Schaefer, 35, of German descent, with Takoo Ekimure, 28, of Stockton assembly center. Detectives listening in on conversations learned that the sailor had been corresponding with other Japanese at Santa Anita, Sacramento and Fresno centers.--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, June 19, p. 8, col. 1.

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"Jap Sent to Federal Prison"

Calif. San Francisco--Federal Judge St. Sure sentenced John Ura, 19, to one year in a Federal penitentiary for failing to observe military regulations. "Ura received the maximum sentence because at the time of his apprehension he had cameras and firearms in his possession."--San Francisco Chronicle, June 21, p. 12, col. 1.

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"The Japanese Cities of America"

Calif. San Francisco--Feature story with two pictures, one by Wide World photo the other a War Relocation photo, describing relocation projects at Manzanar and Poston, Arizona. "Two new towns with a joint population of some 35,000 Asiatics now at rest in the fertile valleys of America..."--San Francisco Chronicle, June 22, p. 10.

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