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"Joseph Smart Will Direct Jap Centers in Mountain States"

Washington (AP)--"WRA appointed Joseph H. Smart as regional director, with headquarters in Denver... Two relocation centers thus far have been designated which will come under his supervision." One in Colo. Prowers County, Colo., the other is in the Heart Mountain region near Cody, Wyoming.--Salt Lake Tribune, June 20, p. 28; Denver Post, June 20, p. 8. #693

"Japanese Denies Mass Evacuation"

New York--At a meeting of the Post War World Council called to discuss the question of Japanese evacuation, Miko M. Masoka, national secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens, said: "We are a test of democracy," referring to evacuation on the West Coast, "if they do that to one group, they can do that to other groups." A resolution that recommended "that both military and civil authorities keep the evacuation 'within present geographical bounds,' and that 'after evacuation the entire matter of assembly and resettlement be taken from military authority and put into civilian control through Federal bureaus..."

N.Y. Thirdly that "American citizens of Japanese ancestry be exempted from all orders and that boards of hearing be established so that both alien and citizen may appear and have their cases heard. It ended with the recommendation 'that every effort be made to see that those temporary shelters... shall not through any cause be permitted to become even semi-permanent.'" Resolution adopted by close voice vote.

Miss Teru Masumoto, who represented the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy, offered a resolution in opposition which was narrowly defeated. C. Read Cary of the American Friends Committee

described conditions at resettlement camps as differing only slightly from concentration camps abroad. Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, discussed legal effects of the evacuation. He said: "that the excuse of military necessity should not be tolerated..."--New York Times, June 19, p. 6. #694

"Japanese Found Dead in Blood-Stained Room"

Spokane--Takematsu Yoshioka, middle-aged, found in the Clem Hotel. Coroner I. S. Collins said he found evidence Yoshioka bled internally of cancer and that he had been dead two days. The Japanese, according to alien registration papers found in his personal effects, is from 216 Fifth avenue, Seattle.--Spokesman-Review, June 21, p. 10. #695

Diplomas Presented to 143 Japanese High School Graduates

Fresno (AP)--The graduates were from 24 high schools of nine Calif. California counties and are at the Fresno Assembly Center--Los Angeles, June 21, p. 25. #696

"Postal Route Will Open to Serve Reception Center"

Klamath Falls--"Postal authorities, anticipating a deluge of parcel post purchases through the channels of Uncle Sam's mail, announced Ore. that a special star route to operate between Klamath Falls and Tule Lake, serving the Japanese reception center at Newell, Calif., would be instituted shortly after July 1..."--Herald and News, June 22, p. 8. #697

"Tule Lake Japanese Will Not Produce Potatoes for Sale"

Klamath Falls--"County Agent C. A. Henderson said he has been assured the Japanese relocation operations at Tule Lake will not attempt commercial production of potatoes..."--Herald and News, June 23, p. 1. #698

"Colorado Jap Who Slew Wife Sentenced to Die"

Denver (INS)--George Honda, Denver butcher knife slayer, who sought to have his murder trial postponed for the duration of the war because Colo. of the war-time prejudices against his race, found guilty by jury. "He faces death in the lethal gas chamber at the state prison..."--Albuquerque Journal, June 22, p. 7. #699

No Fairs This Year at Puyallup; Fair Grounds Used for Reception Center

Seattle--Editorial stated reasons why regional and state fairs Wash. will not be held during "the duration." Japanese evacuation and transportation problems given as major reasons.--Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 23, p. 8. #700

Lee Shippey Column

Los Angeles--"Some of the weirdest rumors get around. An indignant letter tells me that in the Japanese receiving center at Santa Anita our Army cooks and serves the meals and washes up the dishes, and it isn't right. It not only isn't right but isn't true. There are six mess halls at Santa Anita, all completely staffed by Japs except that Calif. the chefs are white. Under the direction of the chefs the Japs cook and serve the meals and wash the dishes. There is no Army personnel whatever inside Santa Anita. The Army guards the center from the outside but all Army connection stops at the gate."--Los Angeles Times, June 24, p. 4, part 2. #701

"400 Japs Still In U.S. Army"

Washington--"There are, apparently, some three or four hundred Japanese in the United States Army at the present time..."--San Francisco News, June 25, p. 4, col. 7. #702

"5 Japs Face Trial in Santa Anita"

Los Angeles--"Sullen and defiant, five Japanese 'trouble makers' at the Santa Anita reception center were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner David B. Head today on charges of conspiring to violate military wartime orders. Date of their preliminary hearings was set for Calif. July 9..."--San Francisco Examiner, June 26, p. 7, col. 2.

Call-Bulletin: "6 Jap Evacuees Face charge of plotting..."--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, June 25, p. 7, col. 7. #703

"S. F. Sets Meet on 'Little Tokio'"

San Francisco--"All property owners in a square block of San Francisco's former 'Little Tokio' were invited by the board of supervisors finance committee yesterday to attend a rehabilitation discussion at 4 p.m. next Thursday..."--San Francisco Examiner, June 26, p. 4, col. 1. #704