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"11 Alien Women From Hawaii Interned Here"

Calif. San Francisco--"Too dangerous to be allowed to remain in Hawaii, a group of eleven women have arrived in San Francisco and have been placed behind the barricades of the Immigration Service's alien enemy detention station at Sharp Park. The women are all enemy aliens. Five of them are Japanese... The other six women in the group are German nationals..."--San Francisco Examiner, June 30, p. 6, col. 8. #737

"Japanese at Work For the U.S."

Calif. San Francisco--Fifty-two inch feature story by Lawrence E. Davies with six photographic illustrations of Japanese evacuee life at Manzanar. The proposed work to be done at other War Relocation projects where the evacuees "will be the instruments through which a reclamation program planned for completion in two decades may be well on the way to realization in two or three years, or less..." Location and description of sites given. Personal history of some of the evacuees cited.--New York Times, June 21, p. 14, Magazine section. #738

Japanese to Sign in Draft

Calif. Klamath Falls--"Youths in the 18 to 20-year-old group at the War Relocation Authority Tulcelake project for evacuees of Japanese ancestry, will register for selective service between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. on June 30..." Evacuees will register on the project, through arrangements effected with the Modoc county selective service headquarters.--Herald and News, June 26, p. 9. #739

"Eisenhower Quits"

Independence--Editorial on the resignation of Milton Eisenhower from the War Relocation Authority. "...We wonder if Mr. Eisenhower hadn't come to realize that the WRA is a hot potato, just a little too warm to handle with bureaucratic tongs. The WRA, with its social service approach to Japanese problems plus its very evident examples of maladministration, already had two strikes against it. The experiences we have seen at Manzanar since WRA took over are being repeated elsewhere. We Calif. just returned from the north, where we talked with a publisher neighbor of the new WRA camp at Tule Lake. When we asked him what he thought of WRA, his answer was characteristic, 'It's a mess.' We believe wholeheartedly that the administration of the Japanese, in all camps, whether they be relocation areas or assembly centers, should be under direct charge of the United States Army, with an agency like the WCCA, which was directly answerable to the Army under Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, as the administrative body. In regard to the present administration at Manzanar, we cannot understand how Director Roy Nash can completely ignore the people of this county in the policies he is establishing there..." Cited cases in which Mr. Nash had ignored the people of Inyo County. "Why is it that Manzanar has to be in such a state of turmoil? Queer, isn't it, that most of this has occurred since Mr. Nash and WRA arrived on the scene. We are thoroughly disgusted with the whole deal."--Inyo Independent, June 26, p. 2. #740

Summary of News at Manzanar

Company "B" Military Police battalion which has been guarding the center transferred and Army soldiers from Washington will assume command.

Camp census conducted for the purpose of establishing identification, compiling a legal record, and gathering occupational and educational data.

Calif. Work speeded on camouflage nets. Two-hundred workers active on projects. Shipments made regularly.

Bank of America establishing a branch at center.

Classes in junior and senior high school English, science, foreign languages and other courses began June 22.

Two-page supplement in Japanese characters now appears in each issue of Manzanar Free Press.

Distribution of merchandise order "script" has boomed business at center.

Picnics and long walks permitted in a designated area.

Proposal of Japanese at center to set up a war industries manufacturing project denied by reason of the Geneva Conference provision prohibiting conscription of enemy aliens for war industries.

Rationing of sugar, tires and other commodities. Six ounces of sugar per person per week suggested for camp mess halls.

Speed limit on all WRA autos set at 40 miles per hour. Unnecessary and duplicating travel must be avoided.

Colonel Fulton McGill, provost marshal, toured center last week.-- Inyo Independent (Independence), June 26, p. 1. #741

"Work Speeding Up on Japanese Camp; Guards Arrive Wednesday"

Jerome--Eight recreation buildings completed. Work going on the rush jobs on a two-shift basis. "When construction hits full speed, the company expects to complete two buildings every hour. All administration buildings are of pre-fabricated construction but all Japanese barracks will be made of dimension lumber, sawed at the saw mill now being erected at the camp site..." Progress on work on utilities, roads, clearing of land etc., described.--North Side News, June 25, p. 1. #742

"Jap Caches on Canadian Coast?"

Ottawa (UP) --"Members of Parliament from British Columbia today demanded a hunt along the Pacific Coast for gasoline and other supplies believed to have been cached by Japanese fifth columnists..." San Francisco News, June 30, p. 9, col. 2. #743

"Olson Convinced Mexican Labor Won't Help in State This Year"

Washington--Story by Ruth Finney staff correspondent. "Governor Olson left Washington Friday night convinced that Mexican labor can not be secured in time to meet California's acute agricultural labor shortage, and that other steps must be taken to make sure that crops are harvested..."--San Francisco News, June 30, p. 6, col. 3. #744

"Tanforan Japs to Exhibit Paintings"

San Francisco--Tanforan Camp Art School exhibit to be held July 8 at Mills College in connection with the current Institute of International Relations Conference. Chiura Obata is organizer of the school at camp.--San Francisco Examiner, July 1, p. 6, col. 3. #745

Alameda Suit to Disenfranchise Japanese-Americans Dropped

San Francisco--Case dropped because it duplicates another action "seeking to take citizenship from San Francisco Japanese-Americans," U.S. Webb, former State attorney general, said.--San Francisco Examiner, July 1, p. 6, col. 2. #746

"Labor Shortage"

San Francisco--Editorial asked why there should be an acute labor shortage in California. "...War industries have been and are recruiting labor from all sorts of sources; the Army has drafted large numbers of young men; in California the evacuation of the Japanese has removed a considerable quantity of agricultural labor. All this, however, does not seem to account fully for the sharp shortage of labor that can do this farm and orchard work..."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 1, p. 16, col. 2. #747