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Herb Caen Item

San Francisco--"Asami Kawachi reports the following conversation between a Japanese mother and her American-born little girl at the Santa Anita assembly center. Girl: 'Mama, I want to go back to America. I want to play with Patty!' Mother: 'Child, we are in America. See the American Flag?'"--San Francisco Chronicle, July 1, p. 15, col. 1. #748

"American Japs Good Soldiers"

Honolulu (AP)--"Army headquarters announced that American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who have been mustered into the army in the last two years have been sent to the mainland and are in training at Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis., preparing for action on one of the many battlefronts. Army authorities said these troops would be assigned to combat duty elsewhere because it was believed they could serve their country best in that way. The officers said the physical similarity between these troops and men of the Japanese army would constitute a military hazard in case of contact in the Pacific area. It was said that these Japanese-Americans had established an enviable record for efficiency and devotion to duty and that their conduct before, during and since the attack on Pearl Harbor had been exemplary."--Spokesman-Review, June 28, p. 3. #749



"Approve Plan for Farm Labor"; 231 Japanese Workers in State

Helena (AP) --"Use of a card mailing system to recruit every possible hour of labor available in Montana to harvest a bumper hay crop was approved Friday by the state farm labor subcommittee of the Montana land use planning committee... J.P. Brennan, farm labor placement chief of the United States employment service reported to the subcommittee that 231 Japanese laborers now are in the state and that negotiations are under way for additional best field workers.--Billings Gazette, June 27, p. 8. #750

"Yuba Japanese is Under Arrest"

Sacramento--Konjiro Yoshikawa, 40, ranch worker in Yuba and Sutter Counties for 17 years, in county jail awaiting action by Calif. Justice Department as a dangerous enemy alien. "The officers said an investigation revealed Yoshikawa served as commander of a machine gun company in the Japanese army from 1922 to 1925..."--Sacramento Bee, June 27, p. 17. #751

"Japanese Relocation Center Organization Work Smoother"

Cody--"With preliminary organization of office and field crews completed, work on the Heart Mountain Relocation Center smoothed out this week and building of quarters for 10,000 west-coast Japanese 13 miles northwest of Cody went into two shifts. Nearly 1,500 workmen are employed on the project now, according to Major J.C. Robbers, army engineer in charge and they are working two eight-hour shifts..."--The Cody Enterprise, June 24, p. 1. #752

"Two Names Offered for Jap Center Here"

Cody--"Vocation," suggested by Burlington railroad. "The other, and more appropriate, is found in the name of one of the project managers, Alexander Maitland. The name 'Maitland, Wyoming' with post office rating and all, was suggested by Mr. Maitland's companion and Co-manager of the project, Theodore Metcalf."--The Cody Enterprise, June 24, p. 8. #753

"Jap, Wife Held for Possessing Firearms"

San Francisco--Harno Iwawaki, 29, and his wife 27 held for FBI at Sonoma after Sheriff J. H. Dambacher arrested them allegedly with a shotgun and two rifles in their possession.--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, July 1, p. B, col. 1. #754



San Joaquin County Fairgrounds Used as Assembly Center Taken Over by Army

Calif. Stockton--The fairgrounds, used in recent weeks as a Japanese evacuee assembly center, will hereafter be known as the Stockton Military Reservation.--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, July 1, p. 4, col. 2 #755

"Mexico Restricts Axis Alien Travel"

Mex. Mexico City (UP)-- "Department of Interior cancelled the traveling privileges of foreign-born agents of Axis firms. The order, confining all German, Italian and Japanese traveling representatives to their homes, was held to have the twofold purpose of curtailing what Axis business still remains and stamping out another potential source of espionage."--San Francisco News, July 1, p. 3, col. 4. #756

"Jap Registration Dodger Arrested"

Calif. San Francisco--Japashi Yamamoto, 23, of 116 Mason Street arrested for failure to register with the WCCA. Yamamoto claimed he was deaf and dumb, came here from Watsonville three months ago and worked as a dishwasher here.--San Francisco Examiner, July 2, p. A, col. 3. #757

"FBI Seizes 24 in Raids on Saboteurs"

N.Y. New York (AP) --"In a series of swift raids in Yorkville, the Brooklyn Navy Yard area, and New Jersey, the FBI today seized 24 enemy aliens in the metropolitan region and confiscated shortwave radio sending sets, rifles, shotguns and ammunition..."--San Francisco Examiner, July 2, p. 7, col. 4. #758

Herb Caen Item

Calif. San Francisco--"Nogouchi, the famed Japanese-American sculptor whose works can be seen in, among other places, N.Y.'s Rockefeller Center, moved here from the East last fall. Then came the war, and instead of returning to N.Y. and safety, he elected to stay here and set an example for other Japanese by moving with great good grace into an assembly center."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 2, p. 13, col. 1. #759