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"Denaturalization Process"

Mont. Billings--Editorial. "The possibility of wholesale denaturalization proceedings is seen as one result of the present federal grand jury investigation of German-American bund members in the New York area. We who enjoy citizenship by right of birth or by adoption quite generally look upon the privilege as the greatest any person could have. Denaturalization would be a severe blow to most foreign-born who have been admitted to the American family. But among those who affiliate with secret organizations that plot against this country, citizenship means little except as it may help them forward the aims of such anti-American groups. The process of denaturalization is a logical way to remove such immunities they may enjoy as citizens and place them in the category of aliens, to come under the same regulations as subjects of hostile powers. What counts most is where a man's sympathies lie. An alien whose spirit is with America is more desirable than an adopted citizen who betrays us." --The Billings Gazette, June 27, p. 4. #760

"Klamath People Warned of Acute Farm Labor Shortage"

Ore. Klamath Falls--According to a statement issued by County Agent Charles A. Henderson as to means of meeting the shortage, "... The state of Utah has adopted a five-point program in this respect and the Klamath county committee has devoted considerable time to a similar program. The Utah program consists of (1) dismissing secondary schools during the peak harvest periods, if needed; (2) possibility of securing safe Japanese help from adjacent cantonments..." --Herald and News, June 27, p. 1. #761

"Peru Cancels Jap Farm Land Leases"

Lima (AP) --"The government dealt a severe blow to Japanese farming interests in Peru by decreeing cancellation of all land leases held by persons whose interests are contrary to those of the nations which took part in the Rio de Janeiro conference... Peru Chief sufferers are the Japanese who hold most of the lands planted in garden truck, cotton and flax..."--Los Angeles Times, June 30, p. A. #762

"Japanese-Americans May Be Employed in Private Jobs"

Nat'l Washington--Story by Times staff correspondent. "Possibility that Japanese-Americans removed from California, Oregon and Washington may receive permission to leave relocation centers and accept private employment was seen today as the House Appropriations Committee approved a \$70,000,000 budget request to finance the evacuation and resettlement program..." Director Milton S. Eisenhower "acknowledged Federal authorities have been forced to abandon the idea of making the Japanese self-supporting in communities which they would create and direct... Although the Japanese were 'remarkably co-operative,' Eisenhower told the House committee there would have been 'serious turmoil and possibly bloodshed' if even the American citizens of Japanese parentage had been permitted to go where they wished outside the restricted areas. The original scheme to employ the Japanese on public works projects has been given up, Eisenhower revealed, because of the small number of individuals of 'working age.'... After the centers are completed, light industries and agriculture will provide employment, the director explained. He said out of 130,000 removed from the Pacific Coast, 70,000 are expected to register as members of the 'War Allocation Works Corps.' As to their loyalty Eisenhower said he "believed 80 to 85 per cent of the Nisei are loyal to this country and 50 per cent of the Issei (native Japanese) are 'passively loyal'..."--Los Angeles Times, June 30, p. 9. #763

"Evacuation of Japanese Tops 'Unfavorable Items' on Balance Sheet"

N.Y. New York (AP) --"Reviewing the state of civil liberties in war time, the American Liberties Union has issued a balance sheet for the year ending in June which listed '28 favorable items and 23 unfavorable'..." First among the unfavorable developments was the evacuation of Japanese-Americans.--Spokesman-Review (Spokane), June 29, p. 2. #764

"Army Relaxes Jap Curfew for Pea Work"

Ogden--Dr. Henry Aldous Dixon, president of the Ogden chamber of commerce announced that "officials of three major military depots in the Ogden area... have agreed that Japanese-American and Japanese

Utah alien farmers of the area may make deliveries of their canning peas to the nearest vineries without being molested..."--Salt Lake Tribune, June 30, p. 9. #765

"Japanese Jailed After Running Amok"

Calif. Visalia--K. Asano, 44, ran amok with a cleaver at a Japanese camp. Arrested by Constable Floyd Clapp before he had done any harm to persons or camp. Asano threatened to commit hari-kari. --Visalia Times-Delta, June 29, p. 3. #766

"Jap Denied Store License"

Ida. Layton (AP) --Clarence D. Okuda, Pacific Coast evacuee, denied permission to establish general merchandise store by town board. --Idaho Daily Statesman, June 28, p. 2. #767

"Golden Poppy Council Urges Ban on Japanese"

Calif. Sacramento--"J.T. Edwards, adjutant of the Golden Poppy Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, issued a statement today announcing the Golden Poppy Council 'concurs in the action taken by the Native Sons of the Golden West in their resolution challenging the U.S. citizenship of the Japanese.'..."--Sacramento Bee, June 30, p. 24. #768

"All West Coast Japs To Be In Permanent Camps By August 15"

Nat'l Washington--Story by Ruth Finney staff correspondent. Milton S. Eisenhower, former director of the WRA, told House Appropriations Committee that "80,000 Japanese were in temporary reception centers on June 15, 20,000 were in permanent relocation centers, from 10,000 to 15,000 were 'frozen' in Eastern California preparatory to evacuation. About 8000 Japanese moved voluntarily in the early days of the evacuation program when they were encouraged to do so..." When centers are completed the voluntary evacuees will be invited to move to the relocation centers. Turmoil and possibly bloodshed would have resulted had voluntary evacuation been allowed to continue Eisenhower said, although he personally wished it had been possible to allow American-Japanese "once they had been removed from the coastal zone to move freely about the remainder of the U. S. and earn a living for themselves and their families." He also disclosed that because of "violent opposition" all relocation projects have had to be established on publicly owned land.

Entire list of War Relocation Centers as tentatively approved on June 15, given. "Mr. Eisenhower expects that the land used for these centers will be considerably increased in value after it has been 'subjugated' and prepared for raising food crops... Fifty per cent of the Issei are 'passively loyal'...80 to 85 per cent of the Nisei who have never been out of the U. S. are loyal. Third

group, the Kibei--American-born citizens who returned for a considerable period to Japan, and who were educated there--as 'pointed in the other direction.'... Eisenhower said he believed that if the U. S. Government could offer repatriation to Japan to this group a very large number of them would step forward... About 45 per cent of the Japanese are skilled in agriculture..."--San Francisco News, July 2, p. 8, col. 4. #769

"U. S. Court Dismisses Suit to Bar American-born Japs From Voting"

Calif. San Francisco--The action brought by the Native Sons of the Golden West was dismissed by Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure. "Judge St. Sure in dismissing the case wrote: 'This case is exceptional because the sole question it presents to this court is one which has been definitely decided by the Supreme Court of the United States.'..."--San Francisco Examiner, July 3, p. 3, col. 6. #770

"Olson May Ask for Japs in Harvest"

Calif. Los Angeles(UP) --"Governor Olson tonight informed California that unless a sufficient supply of agricultural labor is obtained soon he may be forced to ask for the use of interned Japanese..."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 3, p. 5, col. 7. #771

"97 Evacuated Japs to Get Diplomas"

Calif. Fresno (AP) --"Diplomas will be presented at the nearby Pine-dale assembly center tonight to 88 Japanese from Pacific coast high schools and to nine from colleges..."--San Francisco Examiner, July 3, p. 2, col. 8. #772

"Denaturalization Aimed at Bundists"

Ill. Chicago--"U. S. Dist. Atty. J. Albert Woll indicated that the Federal Court petition asking denaturalization of a former German-American Bund leader may initiate a campaign to deprive 'Brown Shirts' in the Chicago area of citizenship rights..."--San Francisco News, July 2, p. 24, col. 1. #773