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"Los Angeles Schools Lose 6,800 Japanese"

Calif. Los Angeles--"...A total of 376,779 days of attendance were lost by the evacuees who attended classes at 228 schools in the district. The largest age group of evacuees is 16 and the heaviest loss by grade level is the 11th grade... The evacuees comprise 3,441 girls and 3,359 boys."--Los Angeles Times, July 3, p. 11. #816

"Japanese Enjoy Community Dances"

Calif. Independence--Two column picture of a young evacuee playing the accordion at a community dance at Manzanar Relocation Center.--Inyo Independent, July 3, p. 1. #817

"Government Efficiency"

Calif. Independence--George W. Savage column. "Several days ago the WRA administration at Manzanar started what was to be a nice bit of landscaping in front of one of the buildings. A hole was dug by Japanese workmen who filled dump trucks with dirt from an excavation about six feet deep, 10 feet wide and 25 feet long. The job took about 10 days. Then along came the contractors Wednesday of last week, who proceeded to fill up the hole with a bulldozer and now a building is being erected on the spot. That's just one of the holes in which the taxpayers' money disappears."--Inyo Independent, July 3, p. 2. #818

Summary of News at Manzanar

New Military Police unit of 120 men arrived to take over guarding the center under command of Capt. M. T. Archer.

Soldiers now manning the four guard towers, with searchlights installed and telephones in order.

"Block leaders assumed more self-government duties and moved into the new 'town hall'."

Manzanar officials worked half-day on the Fourth of July.

Calif.

Materials for the fence to encircle the camp proper ordered.

Truck, in which workers en route to camouflage factory, hit soft shoulder and spilled workers along the road. Several treated at camp hospital.

Guayule plantings now in bloom. Dr. Emerson of Cal-Tech anxious to have additional plants set out.--Inyo Independent (Independence), July 3, p. 1. #819

"Carr Says Jap Transfers Are Federal Affair"

Colo.

Denver--In a letter to Maj. Herman P. Goebel Jr., chief of the regulatory section of the WRA, Gov. Carr expressed deep concern over federal order which establishes as one condition of a transfer of Japanese from coast that the governor shall agree to their reception into his state. As result of order Gov. Carr has been flooded with pleas for permits. Letter said: "When this question of the transfer of alien enemies from the West Coast first arose, I made clear the policy of Colorado, and announced that if the president or the army determined, as a war measure, that enemy aliens should be removed from the West Coast, Colorado would cooperate in every way and receive them... Recently the government determined to build a reception center near Granada, on the Arkansas river in Colorado, and the permission or approval of the state and the governor was not asked. I do not feel that conditions have changed the slightest, nor have I changed my policy..."--Denver Post, July 3, p. 2. #820

"Shirrell Appointed Project Director of Japanese Center"

Calif.

Klamath Falls--Elmer L. Shirrell appointed project director at Tule Lake Relocation Center. Appointment announced following a visit to the project Thursday of Dillon Myer, national director of the WRA, and E. R. Fryer, regional director at San Francisco. Shirrell had been acting director. C. E. Rachford named director of Heart Mountain Relocation Project in Wyoming.--Herald and News, July 4, p. 1. #821

"Tulelake Growers Open Up Attack on Labor Problem"

Ore. Klamath Falls--Chester Main, president of the newly formed Tulelake Growers organization, said "that the main objective now is to complete a plan that will make possible the use of labor from the Japanese War Relocation Project on Tulelake. Here is a reservoir of labor that should be in reserve and ready for immediate use if a situation arises where it is needed to save the crops of the basin..."--Herald and News, July 4, p. 1. #822

"Jap Always Jap, Kiwanians Told"

Calif. Los Angeles--Asst. Dist. Atty., Clyde C. Shoemaker, at a luncheon of the Kiwanis Club said evacuation of Japanese from coastal area was a wise move. "Few people realize what a menace of sabotage and espionage it was. Because of the ideology and also because American law prescribed that they were aliens, the Japanese tended to keep together in colonies. They spoke their own language and instructed their children in the religious and political Japanese faiths..."--Los Angeles Times, July 2, p. 3, part 2. #823

"More From Olson"

Calif. Los Angeles--Editorial. "The comment which most readily pops into the mind to make about Governor Olson's radio speech urging that the Japs be brought back to handle California's harvesting is that it is fully characteristic. If the Governor had stopped to think, which he apparently seldom does, he might have realized that he couldn't bring the Japs back if he wanted to, since they are in charge of the United States Army; and that to bring them back would put California in far greater peril than would a partial loss of crops through lack of harvesters and undo the costly and ticklish job of rounding them up in the first place.

The Governor talks of working them in the fields under military guard. The United States Army has more important jobs and no time to spare for such work."--Los Angeles Times, July 6, p. 4. #824

"Chinese Laborers in Harvest Urged"

Calif. San Francisco--"A meeting to investigate the possibility of importing Chinese workers from Cuban sugar fields to relieve the critical farm labor shortage was arranged today by State Senator Robert W. Kenny, chairman of the Senate interim committee on economic planning..."--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, July 8, p. 3, col. 6; San Francisco News, July 8, p. 4, col. 1. #825

"DeWitt Bans Use of Japs on Farms"

Calif. San Francisco--"Japanese interned in war relocation centers cannot be used to relieve the State's farm labor shortage, Governor Olson announced yesterday following a conference with Gen. John L. DeWitt, head of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army. General DeWitt informed Olson it would be impossible to modify alien evacuation regulations, which he termed a 'military policy'..."--San Francisco Examiner, July 9, p. 4, col. 1. #826

"Four Interned Japs Indicted"

Calif. Los Angeles--Dr. Kamame Takahashi, Masuro Kuwada, Jotaro Ban and Ernest Kinzo Wakayama, Japanese 'trouble makers' at the Santa Anita Assembly Center, indicted by Federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to violate orders of the Western Defense Command.--San Francisco Examiner, July 9, p. 7, col. 7. #827

"FBI Picks Up 82 More Enemy Aliens"

N.Y. New York (AP) --"The government's determined drive to wipe out the German-American Bund brought the arrests of 82 more persons, raising the total held in Federal custody to 111..."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 9, p. 3, col. 4. #828