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"Japanese Make Ready to Move"

Auburn-Japanese of Placer County to be evacuated include many who moved from Zone One to Zone Two after boundaries of Zone One were Calif. announced by military authorities .-- Sacramento Bee, July 6, p. 9. #858

"Enlisted Men to Study Japanese"

Spokane (AP) -- Selected group of men in the second air force will study Japanese at Washington State college Dr. E. O. Holland, college president, has announced. Teaching staff to include Rev. John B. Cobb, former missionary to Japan, and possibly one or more American-born Japanese formerly of the University of Washington faculty .-- Herald and

"School Board Debates Status of Japanese Ex-Employees"

Los Angeles--Whether thirty-two evacuated Japanese--former employees of the City School District -- will get leaves of absence for the duration Calif. with a resumption of seniority rights or be required to prove their qualifications by examination before returning to service was the question faced by the Board of Education. Action was deferred for further study. -- Los Angeles Times, July 7, p. 8, part 2. #860

"Labor From WRA Project"

Klamath Falls--Editorial on the efforts of the Tulclake Growers and the Klamath county farm labor committee to secure evacuee farm labor to

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solve labor shortage problem in that area. "...For crops to go unharvested in this basin in this war year, while thousands of men are residing at the WRA project within the basin, would be an absurdity of the first magnitude. It can only happen through inefficiency, ineffective planning, short-sighted community attitudes or plain darn foolishness. We do not believe it possible that this can occur. All of us should be well aware that the WRA has a delicate problem on its hands, but certainly there is nothing in this situation that is an insurmountable obstacle to providing harvest help from the project. The government authorities logically must be certain that no unpleasant incident can occur in connection with outside use of labor from the project. It is noteworthy, in this connection, that from the time the project was located in the basin, general public attitude toward it has been cooperative and sympathetic.

"Klamath farmers, who undertake now an orderly approach to the matter of assuring this help from the project, are not acting prematurely. When an emergency in the farm labor situation develops, as it well may here this year, quick action is needed. Technical delays could bring tremendous losses... It is to be hoped the WRA and the army give the Klamath basin farmers the cooperation they deserve in this matter. Herald and News, July 6, p. 4.

Letters to Editors

Seattle--Anne Fisher protested Pegler's anti-Japanese propaganda.

She wrote: ".:.Those who expect to benefit by elimination of Japanese
Wash. competition are supporting the movement. After the Japanese are disposed of, other Asiatics or the Jews may be the next minority to be attacked, and then anyone with 'alien' ideas--ideas the Peglerites don't like, will be easy prey..."--Post-Intelligencer, June 30, p. 10. #862

Auburn—A Constant Reader deplored the attitude of race hatred, caused by the question of Japanese citizenship. "... If we were to eliminate all but the really true Americans what would be left in the U. S. but a few thousand Indians? The Japanese are fighting for this Calif. country, too, and should be allowed to make gardens to help feed this nation. Is it fair to have the Japanese fight in our armies, helping us win this war, only to be evacuated to the land of Nippon?..."——Sacramento Bee, June 30, p. 28.

Stockton—Norman D. Clayton protested the trend toward Fascism which writers have exhibited. Cited case of subscriber who wanted all Japanese deported: "...Here is an example of racial prejudice at its Calif. very worst. Why not think about these things before we write such trash. Let's at least keep our tolerance of others, and in so doing strengthen Democracy..."—Sacramento Bee, June 30, p. 28. #864

Berkeley-Donald A. Pieper thought that the Native Sons of the Calif. Golden West were unwittingly helping Hitler by their proposal to deny citizenship to the Japanese. San Francisco Chronicle, June 30, p. 12, col. 7.

Berkeley-John W. Ring proised editorial, in San Francisco Chronicle, for its broad, inclusive and sensible attitude on the proposal to deny Calif. citizenship to "American born persons of Oriental descent. ... More power to you in counteracting 'War Hysteria! "-San Francisco Chronicle, July 1, p. 16, col. 7. #866

Sacramento--A Subscriber thought that if people would read The Japanese Pincers in Brazil, by John W. White, in the Saturday Evening Calif. Post of June 27th, "they would, like myself, have a better understanding of why even native born Japanese cannot be loyal to this country..."

--Sacramento Bee, July 1, p. 23. #867

Seattle--Philip Tindall thought all Japanese should be returned to Japan after the war. Tindall quoted excerpts from Pegler's column Wash. and the statement of Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, to the effect that the Japanese could not be considered loyal to the United States.--Post-Intelligencer, July 2, p. 8.

Greenville--Mrs. M. L. J. wanted all Japanese returned to Japan.

Calif. She also wanted all of the Germans and Italians "we find detrimental to our country" to be deported and "all immigration from those countries" stopped.--Sacramento Bee, July 3, p. 16. #869

Brentwood-Anne Graham praised Chronicle's editorial on disenfranchising citizens of Japanese ancestry. "How can we ask our Ameri-Calif. can soldiers, especially those of Japanese ancestry, to give their lives for the principles of democracy throughout the world when we deny those same principles to minority groups among our own citizens?"--San Francisco Chronicle, July 6, p. 10, col. 7.

Calif. San Francisco-William Goodwin wanted all Japanese sent back to Japan.--San Francisco Chronicle, July 6, p. 10, col. 8. #871

San Francisco-Jack Jennison protested the disenfranchisement of citizens of Japanese ancestry. "...Now after we've deported our Japanese Americans ('tis but a step after disenfranchisement) we can, with Calif. equal logic, send the Chinese to Asia, the Negroes to Africa, etc...

The Japanese and their citizen offspring had to be segregated as defense policy-but it is my belief that a very large portion of them are loyal American citizens..."--San Francisco News, July 7, p. 14, col. 7. #872

Corte Madera--A Constant Peader wanted the newspaper to start a campaign against "the visiting and gift bearing Americans to the Jap Calif. camps... The account given by Lieut. James Brown of Japanese brutality should be read by all American lovers of Japs. It would also be well for them to take note of the difficulty in getting food to the captive soldiers in the Philippines..."--San Francisco Examiner, July 13, p. 6, col. 6.

Rescue--Ethel McElhaney wanted all Japanese sterilized. "...For when the present American born Japanese have passed on the Japanese Calif. question would be settled for all time and if they are loyal American citizens they will submit to this gesture. If not, they should not be allowed in this country."--Sacramento Bee, July 7, p. 21. #874

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San Francisco--"...City Purchaser Hubner was pretty mad the other day when Uncle Sam's priority people told him we couldn't buy any double-strength fire hose. Without it our high-pressure system is sadly handicapped because it will explode a single-strength hose which so much as kinks. Well, Hubner exploded, too, when he learned that San Francisco Calif. with thousands of blocks of three to 10-story buildings, not to mention some 20 and 30-story structures--couldn't get double-strength hose but a California city without one building in excess of a single story was getting plenty. That would be Manzanar, the Japanese relocation center.

"But you can chalk up one for Tanforan, a somewhat nearer Japanese

village. After working two months in a mess hall, with no pay in sight yet, Bill Kochiyama, U. C. sophomore, suddenly get rich the other day. A former screen star left him \$2000. His father had worked for her 20 years. So Bill held out \$100 to pay the income tax-put \$1900 into war bonds."--San Francisco News, July 13, p. 9; col. 1. #875

"Evacuated Japs Ruled Not Electors"

San Francisco--"Japanese-Americans, removed from prohibited areas to reception centers, do not become electors of the county in which Calif. they are located, Atty. Gen. Warren ruled today. Change of residence was not voluntary, Mr. Warren pointed out."--San Francisco News, July 13, p. 2, col. 5. #876

Japanese Girl Charges U.S. Holds Her Illagally

San Francisco--Mitsuye Endo, 22, American-born Japanese, petitioned for her release from a Modoc county relocation center. According to Calif. Asst. U.S. Atty. A. J. Zirpoli "her petition is the first in the country which attacks the right of military authorities to order the removal and relocation of American citizens. She charged Gen. DeWitt and his aid, Col. Karl Bendetsen, had illegally caused her to be incarcerated, violated her civil rights, affected her property rights and made it impossible

for her to perform her rightful duties. Zirpoli indicated her petition may be followed by others filed by 67 other Japanese civil service 'suspendees' now in the Tule Lake camp..." Her brother, Kunio Endo is training at Camp Crower, Missouri.—San Francisco Chronicle, July 14, p. 13, col. 3. #877

"A Japanese Writes Us A Letter"

San Francisco-Letter received yesterday by Chronicle Columnist Chester Rowell: "Dear Mr. Rowell: Although 100 per cent of my \$3.17 pay check isn't very much compared to the 10 per cent of others, please enroll me as a member in the '10 Per Cent War Savings Plan' with my first Calif. pay check as a kitchen worker at the Tanforan Assembly Center. With unshakable faith in America and its great leaders, I remain Very truly yours. George Ishida. P.S. Please send me my savings and especially my membership button." Enclosed was check for \$3.17.—San Francisco Chronicle, July 14, p. 4, col. 8.

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14 Arrested For Aiding Nazi Saboteurs, Face Treason Trial

Washington (AP) --Group of 14 arrested includes six women. All of Nat'l them with the exception of one American-born woman are German-born, but nine of them had become citizens by naturalization.--San Francisco Chronicle, July 14, p. 1, col. 2. #879