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"Last of State's Japs Will Leave for Arizona"

San Francisco--Army officials announced that approximately 6,000 Japanese in eastern Fresno and Tulare counties will start their migration to Arizona relocation centers on August 2. "...The last clearance Calif. is expected to be completed by August 7. The final steps will be the transfer of thousands of Japanese now in small temporary assembly centers throughout the West Coast to large permanent relocation centers in the interior..."--San Francisco Chronicle, July 31, p. 7, col. 2. #1057

"Manzanar Free Press Makes Printed Debut"

Independence--Written and edited entirely by Japanese, the Manzanar Free Press, previously mimeographed, became a full-fledged, thrice weekly printed newspaper on July 22. Printing costs will be financed by national advertising, and the Manzanar Community Enterprises will manage its business department. It is printed in English.--Inyo Independent, July 24, p. 1. #1058

"FBI Agent Takes Two from Manzanar"

Independence--"Two Manzanar Japanese were taken from the local camp Calif. last week when Special FBI Agent Mochel removed Sabei Hiraga and Kiyoshi Iwasaki. No reasons were advanced for the warrants of arrest, and destinations of the pair were undisclosed."--Inyo Independent, July 24, p. 1. #1059

Manzanar To Build Its Own Schools

Calif. Independence--Manzanar Free Press announced that due to a wartime shortage of contract labor, Manzanar workers will build their own schools. "...Plans for teacher housing, two elementary buildings, a junior high school building and high school building have been approved..."--Inyo Independent, July 24, p. 1. #1060

"Olson Inconsistencies"

Calif. Independence--Editorial reviewed denunciation of Gov. Olson's proposed use of interned Japanese for farm laborers by Rex Hardy, Los Angeles attorney. "...Only a few weeks ago Olson came out with the statement that all Japanese should be removed from anywhere within the state. What he suggested was that, although camps had been built for relocation of Japanese, they still should be removed from California. Now, a few weeks later, because he wants to play for the agricultural vote, Olson suggests that the Japanese be released for farm labor use... Perhaps Mr. Olson also is playing for the absentee ballot vote of the Japanese Americans..."--Inyo Independent, July 24, p. 2. #1061

Only 63 Evacuees at Portland Assembly Center Want Repatriation

Ore. Portland--Out of 3,383 evacuees at the center, only 23 single persons and 13 families composed of 40 members "had taken advantage of the opportunity to request repatriation..."--The Oregonian, July 25, p. 1. #1062

"Wipe-Out of Santa Anita Race Track Assessment Refused"

Calif. Los Angeles--"A petition of the Los Angeles Turf Club, owner of Santa Anita track, for a complete 'wipe-out' if the \$1,246,825 assessed valuation placed on the property, was denied yesterday by the Board of Supervisors. Appeal for the action was based on a report by track representatives that the racing plant, now operated by the Army as an assembly station for Japanese, was suddenly put out of business, with no relief provided..."--Los Angeles Times, July 25, p. 5, part 2. #1063

"Groups Agree On Schools at Alien Center"

Utah Salt Lake--Utah school officials and a representative of the WRA approved details of agreement to be entered into for operation of schools at the Abraham Relocation Center in Millard County. All costs for operation of schools will be paid by the federal government. State department of education and Millard county school district "will be consulted in the selection of personnel and the drafting of the educational program..."--Salt Lake Tribune, July 24, p. 9. #1064

"We Probably Won't Retaliate"

Phoenix--Editorial protested the treatment accorded American prisoners of war and civilians who were in Japan when the war broke out. "..."What peeves us most is that we have been treating the Jap prisoners in this country like human beings, feeding them well, and looking after wants, while the Japs were mistreating Americans. Some day, we will exact three slaps for everyone dealt."--Arizona Republic, July 27, p. 7, part 2. #1065

"Mexico Acts to Clear Out Enemy Aliens on Coast"

Mex. Mexico City (INS) --Approximately 10,000 Germans, 5,000 Japanese, and 7,000 Italians will be affected by a decree issued by Minister of Gobernacion Miguel Aleman clearing all Axis citizens from Mexican coastal areas and requiring that they be lodged in Federal District concentration camps.--San Francisco Examiner, July 31, p. 6, col. 4. #1066

Talk on Manzanar Given

Calif. San Francisco--Roy Nash, director of the Manzanar War Relocation project, was to address the Commonwealth Club at a luncheon in the Palace Hotel on July 31.--San Francisco Examiner, July 31, p. 6, col. 6. #1067

"Plan Ready to Free Japs for Jobs in East"

Nat'l San Francisco--Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director, announced a permit application procedure whereby Japanese-Americans who have never visited Japan may be released from relocation centers, provided definite jobs are waiting for them outside the Western Defense Command area. Although approval of the applicant's loyalty and position must come from the WRA director, relocation center directors will issue the actual permits. Transportation from the center to the nearest railroad or bus station will be provided by the WRA.--San Francisco Examiner, July 31, p. 7, col. 4. #1068