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"Santa Claus in Eden"

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Boise--Vardis Fisher column. "In the Twin Falls area, and probably in other Idaho places, some farmers are offering five dollars a day to men and can't get them... But it's only insignificant chicken feed in comparison with the wage in those unions upon which the President smiles. Have you heard of Eden? There's a Jap camp a-building over there and the contractor is still advertising for men. A great many of the men around here have answered the golden summons--so many, indeed, that in a day or so I shall go into a neighbor's field to pitch hay... I started out to tell you about the wages in Eden. The federal Santa Claus is there with a part of his billions which, according to ex-Judge Bothwell, are not being extravagantly spent... A month ago the manager of a Boise Payette lumber yard in this region hired a sixteen-year-old high school lad at \$21 a week. After working about three weeks the lad heard of Santa Claus, dashed over to Jerome, dashed back and resigned... How much is this beardless youth making over in Eden? According to my information his wage is only a trivial \$530 a month... Working seven days a week and 12 hours a day, how much is the skilled labor earning? Right around \$700 a month. It doesn't have to be too skilled... Gooding knows of none who is making less than \$100 a week..."--Idaho Daily Statesman, Aug. 2, p. 4. #1145

Eden Relocation Project Workers Pledge \$4,500 Weekly in War Bonds

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Jerome--Georgo Pugmire, deputy state war savings administrator, said "pledges were made by a high percentage of the 3000 workmen on the project, which will house 10,000 Japanese evacuees."--Idaho Daily Statesman, Aug. 2, p. 7. #1146

"Shirrell Speaks to Lions Club"

Ore. Klamath Falls--E. L. Shirrell, project director at Tule Lake, "spoke most interestingly of the human interest problems encountered in adjusting the Japanese-Americans there to their new environment with emphasis on their loyalty as American citizens."--Herald and News, Aug. 4, p. 2.

#1147

"Canners Fear Shortage of Tomato Labor"; Reject Japanese Labor

Utah Ogden--"Executives of Weber county canning companies, anticipating a shortage of labor to harvest and can the area's 1942 tomato crop, predicted Sunday that growers may lose as much as 50 per cent of their crops and that canning plants will be forced to close down early..." County boards deferred opening of schools to October 12 so school students would be available for the harvest. Peak tomato season comes between September 20 and October 12 but the outlook for the late canning crops, when students are not available, is gloomy. "Efforts to secure Japanese labor for the packing plants were readily discouraged after present employees threatened to resign rather than work alongside Japanese. Until recently the government forbid plant operators to permit Japanese to enter the plants, one operator reported."--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 3, p. 8.

#1148

"Enemy Aliens Get Transfer to Denver"

Utah Salt Lake--Seven Japanese and one Italian, "who have been arrested in and around Salt Lake City over a period of several months, have been ordered interned for the duration of the war, said Salt Lake immigration authorities."--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 3, p. 16.

#1149

"Seven Japs Given Fines for Gambling"

Calif. Pomona (UP) --Jerry Kuwaki, 37; James Ogawa, 27; Hachiro Kodama, 46; Joe Sawada, 66; John Toma, 35; Jack Sumida, 40; and George Tsuchio, 40; from "the Pomona alien assembly center today were fined \$100 each, with \$50 suspended by Justice of the Peace Will G. Field on charges of gambling at the center."--Los Angeles Times, Aug. 4, p. 9.

#1150

"Location of Kelp Beds Kept Secret by Japs"

Calif. La Jolla (AP) --"Japanese sea divers who used to work off the California coast kept secret the exact location of kelp beds which yield agar agar, and as a result this country is now without a source of supply of this medicinal material... Loss of this supply source was disclosed in an announcement by Dr. Clude E. ZoBell, acting director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography..."--Los Angeles Times, Aug. 3, p. 10.

#1151

"Date is Set for Sale of Japanese Owned Bonds"

Calif. Sacramento--"Superior Judge Malcolm C. Glenn today set August 18th as the date for the sale in open court of a \$10,000 block of par value San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation bonds owned by the Sumitomo Bank of California, a Japanese owned institution..."--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 4, p. 19. #1152

"Japanese Must Observe Law Regulating Rents"

Calif. San Francisco (UP) --"Evan Haynes, federal rent director for California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona announced that rental agents for interned Japanese must register under the new federal rent control law..."--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 4, p. 5. #1153

"New Uses Seen for Jap Camp at Santa Fe"

N. M. Santa Fe (AP) --"Solicitor Gen. Charles Fahy, former Santa Fe attorney, and E. J. Ennis, director of the Alien Control Board, Department of Justice, Friday inspected Santa Fe's Japanese detention camp and indicated that the Government soon might convert it to new uses... It has been suggested that the camp be used to house non-dangerous aliens and their families."--Albuquerque Journal, Aug. 2, p. 5. #1154

"Ghost Town of War"

Calif. Los Angeles--Full page of pictures showing the padlocked and empty stores in the Japanese section.--Los Angeles Times, Aug. 2; Home magazine section, p. 14. #1155

"4 Facing Bootlegging Charges at Jap Center"

Calif. Los Angeles (INS) --"Four civilian employees of the Japanese assembly center at Santa Anita were under arrest today on bootlegging charges..."--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Aug. 8, p. 4, col. 4. #1156

"Sugar Beet Strike"

Calif. Woodland (UP) --"A strike of Mexican harvest hands today brought activity in Yolo County sugar beet field to a halt. The workers walked out after demands for a 20 per cent increase over the present pay minimum of 55 cents an hour had not been met..."--San Francisco News, Aug. 8, p. 2, col. 6. #1157

"200 Soldiers Quell Jap Riot at Santa Anita"

Calif. Los Angeles (AP) --"Two hundred military police were called inside the Japanese assembly center at Santa Anita last Tuesday to quell a disturbance, the WCCA disclosed today. One of the evacuees, suspected of being an informer, was set upon and badly beaten by a huge crowd of

Japanese. He was rescued by the soldiers and taken to a hospital..." WCCA statement followed.--San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 9, p. 8, col. 2. #1158

"FBI Arrests 33, One With Maps of New York Harbor"

N.Y. New York (AP) --"...Those arrested and sent to Ellis Island for internment hearings were 25 Germans, 6 Italians, 1 Japanese and 1 Hungarian."--San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 9, p. 4, col. 3. #1159

"Trainload of Japs Arrives in Wyoming"

Colo. Denver (UP) --First trainload of an eventual mass migration of 10,000 West Coast Japanese was en route to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center near Cody. Description of the center presented. "...It will be no concentration camp such as the Axis nations maintain for citizens of the United Nations, according to Regional Chief Joseph H. Smart of the WRA... Project Director Christopher E. Rachford said experience at other camps had taught the WRA that the Japanese migrants are extremely anxious to work..."--San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 9, p. 8, col. 1. #1160

6 Saboteurs Executed; Leniency Shown to Other Two

Nat'l Washington (AP) --"Death by electrocution today snapped short the shadowy careers of six Nazi saboteurs... Two others, adjudged equally guilty by a military commission of seven Generals, escaped the death penalty fixed by the law of war for their intended crimes, by tattling on the rest... They were given prison sentences, one for life, the other for 30 years, both at hard labor..."--San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 9, p. 1, col. 1. #1161

"2,000 Extra Grape Harvesters Wanted"

Calif. Ontario (AP) --"A conference of more than 100 southern California vineyardists reported today the 2,000 extra workers would be needed for the grape harvest and favored importation of Mexican labor..."--San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 9, p. 11, col. 1. #1162

"Beet Growers Urge Drive on Vagrants"

Calif. San Francisco--"Olson asked to make them fight, work or go to jail... Austin Anson, secretary to the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association, pointed out that, while there was a shortage of at least 2,100 field workers in the Salinas Valley alone, many men are loitering around, either not working or spending but one or two days a week in employment."--San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 9, p. 5, col. 5. #1163