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"Interned Italians, Japs Aren't Happy as Bugs in Rug Together"

Mont. Missoula (Wide World) --Feature story by Sigrid Arne. "It seems to be quite a problem to keep the hundreds of Italians and Japanese happy at the Fort Missoula concentration camp... The camp guards never have seen an Italian say so much as 'good morning' to the Japanese... The Italians and Japanese are housed in separate buildings. It was soon found they wouldn't eat together, so there are two dining rooms and two kitchens... The authorities are splitting hairs to observe the Geneva convention on the treatment of war prisoners... Most of the day there's little to do. That's slightly irritating right now to Montana's sugar beet growers. They'd like to use some of the prisoners to harvest crops which may have to be sacrificed because of the shortage of labor here. But the rules say 'no'. There are no Germans in the camp. They're in another camp, with more Japanese. It seems the Japanese just snub both the Italians and the Germans, and receive snubs in return. But things happen when the Italians and Germans are housed together..."--Billings Gazette, Aug. 4, p. 8. #1179

"Many Japanese Will Seek Absentee Ballots"

Calif. Los Angeles--Feature story by The Watchman. "American-born Los Angeles County Japanese in detention camps and centers are manifesting a lively interest in the Aug. 25 primary election and their demands for absentee ballots are likely to be heavy, Registrar of Voters Donoghue disclosed yesterday..."--Los Angeles Times, Aug. 5, p. 10. #1180

"Japs' Sugar Buying Halted"

Calif. Fresno (AP) ---"Mail order purchases of sugar by Japanese in the Fresno District Fairground Center from retail grocery stores throughout Fresno County has been ordered stopped by the O.P.A. following an investigation conducted under the direction of Fred Kurz, district manager of the O.P.A. here... Al. M. King, executive secretary of the Fresno Sugar Rationing Board, said the Japanese were purchasing the sugar in violation of Federal regulations which require persons to turn back their ration books if they are confined in a public institution for more than 10 days. He said the government furnishes ample sugar for the Japanese in the assembly centers..."--Los Angeles Times, Aug. 5, p. 8. #1181

"Jap Evacuation Carried Out On Schedule"

Calif. Visalia--The late arrival of a public health nurse from San Francisco caused a delay of 49 minutes in the starting of the special train bearing 499 persons of Japanese ancestry bound for "the giant federal relocation camp at Parker Dam..." Tomorrow night another train bearing 500 Japanese will roll from the station here to the same destination and a similar train will be made up Thursday evening and pick up some 200 more Japanese at Reedley before continuing the journey to Parker Dam. After Friday night there will be no more Japanese in Tulare county, either aliens or citizens."--Visalia Times-Delta, Aug. 3, p. 1. #1182

"Error in Dearborn"

Mich. Billings--Editorial reprinted from The Detroit Free Press. "The ire of a group of Dearborn residents against admission to their city of Japanese-American students evacuated from California may be understandable emotionally, but it is impossible to condone. At a hearing requested by the Rev. Owen M. Goer, sponsor of the admission proposal, many fiery affirmations were made by objectors. The sentiment expressed was that they don't want any descendants of 'back stabbers around here.' One speaker went so far as to declare, 'In all the Japanese, race prejudice will overshadow citizenship in any country.' In other words, no matter where he may be, any person of Japanese ancestry automatically gives first allegiance to Hirohito and his brigands.

This sort of talk collapses under the slightest examination. Until proved otherwise there is no more reason to believe that American-born Japanese are a whit more subversive or traitorous than naturalized or American-born Germans or American-born Italians. There are Japanese-Americans serving in the U.S. army. Clean bills of health have been given all California-evacuated Japanese-Americans who are candidates for residence elsewhere. The Dearborn group would be better advised to turn its anger against the real enemy instead of sowing wrath against Americans whose skin doesn't happen to be white."--Billings Gazette, Aug. 3, p. 4. #1183

"Hawaiian State Senator Held for Having Jap Flag"

Hilo (AP) --"Sanji Abe, Republican territorial senator from the T.H. first district on the Island of Hawaii and of Japanese ancestry, was formally charged with illegal possession of a Japanese flag..."--Albuquerque Journal, Aug. 4, p. 1. #1184

"Farmers May Cut Down Row Crops 50 Per Cent"

Nampa--"Because of the expected labor shortage for 1943, many large growers of Canyon county may cut their valuable row crops by 50 per cent next year, Reed Moody, prominent farmer and chairman of the county farm labor committee, told members of the Nampa Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Monday..." I. P. Sollenberger, manager of the U.S.E.S office in Nampa, told the business men that "...it is problematical whether or not any Japanese evacuees from coastal areas may come here to alleviate the labor shortage..." Following the reports, members of the combined organizations told the speakers that every effort will be made to bring in the idle Japanese who are at present interned at several coastal points. It was pointed out, however, that all Japanese laborers brought here would be taken back to the coast when the war ends."--Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), Aug. 4, p. 6. #1185

"Segmented Seed Cuts Down Beet Labor"

Fort Collins (UP) --"...Officials of the Great Western Sugar company Colo. revealed that successful experiments conducted on 3000 acres of test plots this spring showed that segmented seed cuts down the need for thinners and blockers from 50 to 90 per cent."--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 5, p. 4. #1186

"Use of Trained Japanese Agriculturists for Labor Shortage Considered"

Ogden--"...Shortages of farm labor are acute in all parts of the nation... Since 20,000 of the 120,000 Japanese evacuated from the Pacific coast are trained agriculturists, this source of labor should be considered," declared J. T. F. Dinwoody, field man for the western division of the U. S. department of agriculture.--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 5, Sep. 18. #1187

"Rumors Refuted"

Klamath Falls--Editorial. "Captain William Patterson, commander of the military guard at the Tulelake war relocation center, has found it advisable to refute publicly certain unfounded rumors concerning alleged attempts at escape from the project properties. The true story--that residents of the Newell project are cooperating wholeheartedly and there have been only two harmless incidents concerning attempts to leave the Calif.

premises--has been told publicly on a number of occasions, and those who persist in spreading these wild tales are committing an unpatriotic and rash act. For certain sound reasons (for the sake of American prisoners in other countries, for one thing) the sympathetic treatment of evacuees in the WRA projects must be widely realized by the public. Those who spread completely unfounded rumors which hint at a false picture of life in the settlement are therefore doing a definite harm that can have serious ramifications."--Herald and News, Aug. 6, p. 4. #1188

"Boulder Defines Policy on Taking Jap-Americans"

Boulder--"An eight-point policy governing approval or disapproval of requests from Japanese-Americans for permission to move to Boulder went into effect Wednesday..." Outline of rules given.--Denver Post, Aug. 5, p. 16. #1189

"More Than 10,000 Jap Evacuees May Lose Voting Privilege Unless They Use Absentee Ballots"

Salt Lake--On Account of the War column by John Bigelow. "The 100,000-plus American Japs moved away from their coast homes are in the same boat as soldiers away from home when it comes to voting in the fall elections..." --Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 6, p. 12. #1190

"\$50 a Week Bribes Offered by Seven Japanese to Run Gambling Concessions"

Los Angeles (UP) --"...U. S. Atty. Russel K. Lamborn issued a complaint charging Robert Hoshi and George Sashihara with offering a bribe to run gambling games during daylight hours, and five others--Fred, Tomoshi and George Nakashima, and Atushi Endo and Mami Kusenose--as offering similar bribes to conduct the games at night," at the Santa Anita Assembly Center.--San Francisco News, Aug. 11, p. 11, col. 1. #1191

"Japs Must Yield All Ration Books"

San Francisco--"Sugar ration books held by Japanese now living in U.S. evacuation centers will be surrendered, the O.P.A. announced yesterday."--San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 12, p. 13, col. 4. #1192

"Rumors Retained"

Klamath Falls--Editorial. "Captain William Patterson, commander of the military guard at the Tule Lake war relocation center, has found it advisable to retain publicly certain unproved rumors concerning alleged attempts at escape from the project properties. The rumors state that residents of the Howell project are cooperating whofeheartedly and have been only too anxious to leave the project."