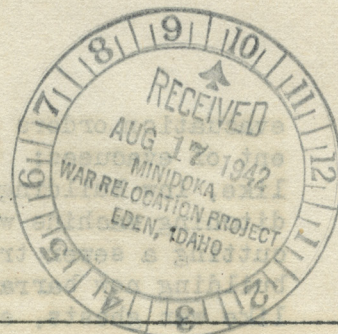


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"The West Coast Japanese"

Calif. Four page story of evacuation written by Grace E. Wills. "...We are at the beginning of an unpredictable period in the history of our Japanese-American people. It is possible that out of this enforced migration may come something constructive for the evacuees and for ourselves. The break-up of the ingrown Japanese communities, and the collaboration with Caucasians in the Relocation centers may hasten the assimilation of the Japanese into American life. But to those who are interested in the welfare and the legal rights of thousands of young Japanese-American citizens, it is of real concern that when at last the war is over, the way will be open for them to return to their former life." With the above paragraph Miss Wills concluded her history of the Japanese in California and their efforts to make this state their home in spite of anti-alien groups who desired their exclusion. She traced various legislative steps designed to restrict or to exclude them, e.g. President Theodore Roosevelt's "Gentleman's Agreement" which "...Japan scrupulously observed...", the California Alien Land Act, and the Immigration Act of 1924. Distinctions between the Issai, Nisei, and Kibei were clarified and an instance of Japanese loyalty to the United States was cited.--Asia, August, p. 487. #1193

"Outcast Americans"

Calif. A three and one-half page "human interest" story on the Japanese evacuation by William Robinson. "Today 72,000 of our Japanese citizens live behind stockades under U.S. military guard because some of them betrayed their adopted land...A tragedy of divided loyalties." The confusion, bewilderment and fear among the Japanese which followed

evacuation orders depicted. His trip to Manzanar with the first contingent of evacuees: "Then the camp consisted of two dozen long, barrack-like, low buildings, sheeted with tar paper and slats... An enormous ditching machine was roaring and snorting in the middle of the street, cutting a sewer trench. Under floodlights, hundreds of workmen were building new barracks. Through this bedlam wandered the new arrivals like wan ghosts, each with his bundle of bedding... I went back to Manzanar in early summer. More than 10,000 Japanese were there... The tar paper shacks were still squat and ugly, but no uglier and much more orderly than many Western desert camps..." Sites of four of the relocation projects described. "All of the land to be used for resettlement belongs to the government; most of it is controlled by the Indian Bureau. It is planned--although nebulously--to put the Japanese evacuees onto this land and encourage them to develop its latent agricultural resources..." Asked what will happen to the Japanese after the war, a WCCA spokesman replied, "We can't see that far ahead." Also five pictures; 3 by Press Assn.; 1 Wide World; 1 International News.--The American, September, p. 30. #1194

"Mexican Farmers Fear Labor Shortage"

Mex. Guaymas (AP) --"A group of farmers messaged the Interior ministry declaring that a decision to authorize Mexican farmhands to flock to the U. S. to meet the labor shortage there would make the local situation critical..."--Montana Standard (Butte), Aug. 5, p. 3. #1195

"Enemy Aliens May Now Prosecute Actions"

Pa. Philadelphia (UP) --"A ruling by the third U. S. circuit court of appeals held today that enemy aliens have an 'unquestioned right' to prosecute private lawsuits in state and federal courts even while this nation is at war with their homelands... The circuit court added, however, that 'proceeds of any judgment secured by a resident enemy alien... may be so guarded that they will be of no benefit to the enemy'..." --Montana Standard (Butte), Aug. 5, p. 3. #1196

"U. S. Captives Put To Work"

China Kunming (UP) --"Japanese use them to build roads!" according to unconfirmed reports from China. Foreign sources disclosed that the Japanese have failed to keep their promises to improve conditions among British prisoners at Hong Kong.--New York Times, Aug. 3, p. 2. #1197

"Japanese Seeks Proof of His American Birth"

Calif. Sacramento--"A petition to establish legally the birth in Sacramento of Frank Toichi Yoshida, 36 year old Japanese evacuee, was filed yesterday in the superior court..." Many Japanese have taken legal steps to establish their American birth since the war. "It is believed

the petitioners are desirous of protecting themselves against any possibility of deportation as aliens at some later date."--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 6, p. 25. #1198

"Sugar Beet Growers Need Prompt Aid To Save Crops"

Calif. Sacramento--Editorial on the need for adequate labor as soon as possible. Quotes one plant manager who said that "unless the Mexican government permits 3,000 Mexican laborers to cross the borders to work in the California harvest fields it appears the sugar beet harvest in this section is sunk..." ...Every state and federal agency which has anything to do with the solution of the farm labor shortage should cooperate cordially and immediately to prevent tons of precious sugar beets from rotting in the ground."--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 6, p. 28.

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"Harvest on Jap Acreage Started"

Calif. Palos Verdes Estates--"Farmers and other residents of Palos Verdes have opened the bean harvest, largely on acreage formerly cultivated by Japanese..." Three column Times picture showing residents helping with the harvest.--Los Angeles Times, Aug. 7, p. 13.

#1200

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Nat'l Washington (INS) --"... 'Such action has never been discussed by the Justice Department,' Biddle told a press conference. 'Of course, some Japanese-Americans may be released temporarily to harvest crops.' The Atty. Gen. pointed out that custody of the Japanese-Americans is not held by the Justice Department and that any action regarding their release would have to come from military authorities."--San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 13, p. 5, col. 6.

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"Alien Employes Considered at Meetings Here"

Calif. San Francisco--"Two secret meetings, seeking to work out patterns for employment of Mexican and Japanese agricultural labor for the entire West--patterns which will become dominant factors in the economy of California's agriculture--were under way in San Francisco yesterday. Beet growers and refinery representatives from all regions west of Chicago gathered in San Francisco Tuesday and appointed a committee which yesterday met with governmental representatives to work out plans for hiring Japanese now in war relocation camps... The beet interests were said to have announced need for 23,000 Japanese, while governmental spokesmen said it was doubtful whether more than 5000 could be obtained for field work. The officials took the position that the Japanese would not be required to quit their work in the relocation camps to accept jobs in the fields."--San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 13, p. 9, col. 3.

#1202

"25 Japs Apply for Absentee Ballots"

San Francisco--Registrar Cameron H. King disclosed that 25 Japanese now at Tanforan and Manzanar had applied for absentee ballots for the August primary election. Application period ends Aug. 20. Ballots for the special election in June were requested by 160 Japanese. San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 13, p. 15, col. 6. #1203

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