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"The Problem People"

Two page story of the evacuation of Japanese from the West coast with five pictures of Manzanar photographed for Collier's by George De Zayas. "In a dozen new communities in the West, 100,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans wait out the war and, unwillingly, promote some heavy thinking among their new neighbors..." Praised the work of the army. Detailed description of the history, location, construction, and projects, and glimpses of life at Manzanar. Of the voluntary evacuation writer states: "Some hundreds did trek eastward, but many of these found the going hard... The migration stirred up a political battle" in Colorado. "...The voluntary migration eastward was short-lived..." Named the various relocation centers and gave their location. "All over the West there is talk of a permanent solution of the Japanese problem but no one ever has invented a workable plan... It could be that, after the war, the new settlers in Manzanar and Parker and Tule Lake and Minidoka will have built up for themselves, among the whites, enough respect and good will to allow them to remain permanently... But if this doesn't happen, the migrants will just go back where they came from, pick up where they left off and drift back into the island communities in which they formerly lived..."--Collier's, August 15, p. 50. #1238

Tule Lake Relocation Project

Calif.

Tulelake--Fourteen items on population and activities of the evacuees, also visitors, social activities and changes of personnel among the WRA staff.--Tulelake Reporter, Aug. 6, p. 6. #1239

"Facts and Figures on Tulelake Weather"

Calif. Tulelake--Description of the climate for the benefit of the many newcomers, the evacuees and administrative personnel, outlined.--Tulelake Reporter, Aug. 6, p. 1. #1240

"Japanese Neighbors Change Names of Landmarks"

Calif. Tulelake--Because the evacuees at the Tule Lake Relocation Center "have little or no means of knowing the names of the hills and landmarks they have invented their own names, e. g., Mt. Shasta--Fujiyama.--Tulelake Reporter, Aug. 6, p. 3. #1241

"Japanese Assault Korean Evacuee"

Calif. San Francisco--"Military police rescue him at Santa Anita Center ..."--New York Times, Aug. 9, p. 3. #1242

Letters to Editors

Calif. Fresno--W. T. Miller wrote that "in the most part the citizens of the U. S. are loyal... As to the Japanese, they are an industrious, lawabiding race of people, but they do not assimilate. If born here, they still remain Japanese..."--Sacramento Bee, July 27, p. 18. #1243

Ark. Camp Robinson--Private M. Abe viewed the efforts at disenfranchisement of American citizens, "based on racial prejudice and intolerance," with great alarm. "...Would it not breed disunity as well as distrust of any minority group regardless of race, color or creed, when men are dying on the field of battle for the very existence of these principles... Furthermore, it also stimulates the Axis propaganda, which tries to make us believe in the master race and Asia for the Asiatics!"--Sacramento Bee, July 27, p. 18. #1244

Calif. Rio Vista--Paul Lewis wrote: "...Once a Japanese, always a Japanese, and living in the U. S. or any place else won't change a Japanese. They are always saying 'Asia for the Asiatics.' Okay, let's send'em back."--Sacramento Bee, July 27, p. 18. #1245

Calif. Auburn--Glen Trenholm objected to letters in defense of the Japanese. Contended that most of them were written by people with German names "extending us heated lectures on the way we cruel Americans are treating the Germans' Axis partner and their offspring here..."--Sacramento Bee, July 28, p. 19. #1246

Tulelake--Fourteen items on population and activities of the evacuees, also visitors, social activities and changes of personnel among the WRA staff.--Tulelake Reporter, Aug. 6, p. 3. #1247

Calif. Susanville--Old Timer wrote: "...I think it would be a shame to use Japanese labor or bring in Mexican labor until all available home labor has been used..." He recommended that women and children should help work the farms.--Sacramento Bee, July 29, p. 20. #1247

Calif. Marysville--A Reader wrote that "there is no Japanese who is a true American. They were all sent here and born here for a purpose and that purpose was eventually to control the United States..."--Sacramento Bee, July 29, p. 20. #1248

Calif. Lodi--E. I. Wagers wrote: "...I have lived among our American Japanese for years and found them good honest American citizens and if you are going to condemn them you had better include a lot of others..."--Sacramento Bee, July 30, p. 29. #1249

Ida. Roxburg--Roy L. Kent submitted a plan to get rid of the Japanese in this country. His plan was to trade 20 Japanese for each American prisoner.--Salt Lake Tribune, July 30, p. 7. #1250

Calif. Sacramento--W. F. Hedgpeth suggested that the Japanese labor be employed to grow and harvest guayule plants as the "answer to the army command's problem."--Sacramento Bee, July 31, p. 22. #1251

Calif. Colusa--M.E.G. protested against indignant letters to editors which deplored any kindness shown the Japanese.--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 5, p. 22. #1252

Utah Provo--Fred Nakamura wrote in answer to Roy L. Kent's letter of July 30, (article #1250), that "90 per cent of the Japanese in America are not prisoners of war" and that therefore his plan was not feasible. Called attention to the fact that Japanese-Americans are serving in the army, also that the Japanese were evacuated for their own protection and not because they were undesirable citizens and aliens.--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 6, p. 4. #1253

Calif. Sacramento--Edward Pinkham, ex-chief yeoman USN., wanted all Japanese sent back to Japan after the war. "Japanese warfare has shown their true character..."--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 7, p. 22. #1254

N.Y. New York--Margaret McLean in a very long letter protested against the ingratitude of aliens in this country and stated that they "do not fulfill the responsibilities of citizens." Writer contrasted their lot here with what ours would be in enemy lands.--New York Times, Aug. 2, p. 7, part 6. #1255

New York--Henry F. Kolar in answer to Margaret McLean's letter of Aug. 2 protested that her criticism of aliens here was not wholly just. "As far as the two major responsibilities of citizens are concerned... not only are resident aliens subject to the same kind of taxation as all citizens, but they are also subject to being drafted into the Army of the U. S.... In all fairness these facts should, however, clear the enemy aliens as a group from the allegation of being mere passive beneficiaries of the hospitality and protection this country affords them..."  
 N.Y. Times, Aug. 5, p. 18. #1256

Fair Oaks--Hazel Hunt Voth protested against "a policy of vengeful hatred towards the Japanese or any other racial group." Writer termed race hatred as un-Christian and un-American.--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 11, p. 22. #1257

Arthur Caylor Column

San Francisco--"However, when it comes to willingness to step from a place of complete safety into the front line, you have to hand the ribbon to 218 American citizens who have just petitioned President Roosevelt to open a second front--and send them to it as soldiers. They're Japanese at Manzanar. 'We are willing and ready,' says the letter to the President, 'to serve our country and the United Nations to our utmost in preserving our democracy and extending the Four Freedoms to the four corners of the earth.' Some women signed. I don't know how many. But for the men, offering to sign was the equivalent of offering to enlist--except for the high probability that nothing will ever come of it. The petition has something of a party-line tinge. Nevertheless, an extra spot of courage was shown by Koji Ariyoshi and Karl G. Yoneda, members of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, who told the President they were responsible for its composition and circulation--thus saying, in effect, that if any rap had to be taken as a result, they'd take it."--San Francisco News, Aug. 17, p. 9, col. 1. #1258

"Deadline Today for Japs to Report"

San Francisco--"Japanese who may have been overlooked in the evacuation of Military Area No. 2 a few weeks ago now have until noon today to report to an assembly center or officer of the law, the Army announced yesterday..."--San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 18, p. 4, col. 3. #1259

"Californians Urge Speed on Mexican Labor"

Nat'l Washington--Feature story by Earl Marckres, INS correspondent. "...Sen. Sheridan Downey, Democrat and Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart, Republican, both of California, today asserted that tomato, sugar beet and grape crops in their State were in danger of rotting if they were not harvested within ten days." They said that "between 50,000 and 100,000 Mexican laborers were needed to fill the gap left by evacuated Japanese farm hands..."--San Francisco Examiner, Aug. 18, p. 6, col. 1. #1260