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"McIntyre's Stand on Jap Center Teachers' Pay Hit"

Wy. Cheyenne--Feature story. "In a letter to Rep. J. J. McIntyre, Max E. Mortimore of Thermopolis, district governor of the Lions, assails the congressman for stating that WRA teachers' salaries for the Heart Mountain relocation center at Cody are out of line with salaries of other schools in the state. McIntyre's letter to Joseph H. Smart, regional director of the WRA, calls for a review of the facts and an apology to the Wyoming schools for 'insinuating we have a low standard that does not exist,' Mortimore's letter states..." Mr. Mortimore stated the average salary was \$1,900 for 1941-42 but that he believed that most school districts, due to the higher cost of living, "must have raised these salaries at least five per cent for this coming year, which will make the average \$2,000 for 1942-43, the same that the relocation area high school teachers are to receive." He also pointed out that the teachers for the relocation center "are contracted for 12 months with 26 days vacation, while the Wyoming school contracts call for 9 months..."-- Wyoming State Tribune, Aug. 16, p. 10. #1314

"Teachers Take Positions at Jap Center"

Wy. Laramie--Heading the staff at the Heart Mountain Relocation Project's schools will be: Jack Corbett, former superintendent of schools at Lingle, principal of the high school; C. D. Carter, former superintendent of schools at Torrington, superintendent of schools; Paul Christensen and Mr. Tier, former principals of elementary schools at Superior, principals at the two grade schools. "Approximately 80 teachers will be hired at the relocation project to instruct 2,000 Japanese children..."--Wyoming State Tribune (Cheyenne), Aug. 16, p. 10. #1315

Marlin T. Kurtz Named Guidance Director at Heart Mountain Relocation Center

Wyo. Cheyenne--Mr. Kurtz has been state supervisor of distributive education for the last three years.--Wyoming State Tribune, Aug. 15, p. 1. #1316

Start of School Delayed Until August 31 by Army Request

Ida. Jerome--"...The setting back of the opening date was approved by the board following a request made by the United States Army officials at the Japanese Relocation Camp, Eden, who stated there was an urgent need to keep the school buses transporting men to and from work until the project was completed..."--North Side News, Aug. 13, p. 1, part 2. #1317

"Soldiers Arrive Sunday: First Japanese Come By Train Monday"

Ida. Jerome--About 150 soldiers arrived for guard duty at the relocation center at Eden. Approximately 200 Japanese evacuees in the advance group. "The big movement of Japanese into the local camp is scheduled to get underway this coming week, with consignments up to 600 leaving the assembly center at Puyallup, Washington each day, starting Aug. 15 ..."--North Side News, Aug. 13, p. 1, part 2. #1318

"Legion Extends Charters of Two Japanese Posts"

Calif. Los Angeles (AP) --"...Commander Harold F. Bergan of the seventeenth district said these groups, the Commodore Perry Post, Los Angeles, and the Townsend Harris Post, San Francisco, are conforming strictly with Legion rules and programs..."--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 17, p. 5. #1319

"Nevada Legion Wants To Bar Jap Citizenship"

Nev. Sparks (AP) --"A resolution advocating amendment of the U.S. constitution to prevent children of Japanese parentage from ever becoming U. S. citizens was adopted by the Nevada state Legion convention... 'It is to be regretted that such a policy was not adopted long ago, for the menace to the safety of this country from the (Japanese) race has long been apparent in this section of the nation,' the resolutions committee's report said..."--Redding Record-Searchlight, Aug. 17, p. 4. #1320

Oregon Growers to Use Japanese Labor Send Caucasian Labor to California

Calif. Tulalake--Refusal of Congressmen Sheridan Downey and Harry Engelbright of California, and Charles L. McNary and Rufus Holman of Oregon, to request Lieut. Gen. DeWitt to reconsider the ban on employment of interned Japanese in California was received this week by Tulalake Growers. "The Oregon growers have agreed, it was announced, that if the Japanese

cannot be employed in the California section of the area, Oregon will use the Japanese labor to meet its shortage, and send its white labor to the California area."--Herald and News (Klamath Falls), Aug. 18, p. 4.

#1321

"USDA Board Eyes Alien Labor Needs"

Utah

Logan--"...USDA war board is investigating the possibility of establishing labor camps for Japanese and Mexican workers in counties where shortages are most acute... In summarizing investigations on obtaining either Mexican or Japanese labor, Reed W. Bailey, farm labor representative of state war board, said it would be necessary to determine definitely the number of laborers needed and how long they can be employed, and to give assurance of housing facilities. Japanese labor will be available if proper arrangements are made... Mr. Bailey also gave the general conditions under which Mexican laborers may be obtained..."
--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 18, p. 18.

#1322

"Treatment of Japs in This Country"

Ariz.

Phoenix--Editorial protested against the "great to do" that has been made by some organizations fostering civil liberties "about the military orders banning the Japs, regardless of the place of their birth, from certain areas, claiming the orders violated the constitutional rights of the Nisei... It seems strange that the persons most vitally affected by the evacuation orders are making few protests about constitutional violations while some of these organizations are seething over them... Deep down in his heart, no Japanese evacuated can complain either of mistreatment or of lack of justice. The government did everything possible to make life easy..."--Arizona Republic, Aug. 19, p. 9, part 2.

#1323

"Ring Refuses Request for Jap School Fund"

Ariz.

Phoenix--E. D. Ring, superintendent of public instruction, yesterday advised the Colorado River War Relocation Project at Poston, near Parker, the state cannot assume the financial burden of providing education facilities for the 104 Japanese children relocated there... Arizona's other major Japanese relocation center at Saco did not request the state to bear the expense of educating the Japanese children and no reason was given for the departure from that precedent by the Poston center..." Willard W. Beatty, director of education at the project, made the request.--Arizona Republic, Aug. 19, p. 6.

#1324

"Centers For Japanese Are Military Areas"

Nat'l

Washington (AP) --"Secretary Stimson has issued a proclamation declaring the war relocation centers, near Cody, Wyo., Rohwey, Ark., Jerome, Idaho, and Granada, Colo.--in which Japanese evacuated from

military zones on the Pacific Coast will be interned for the duration of the war--has been designated military areas... The effect of designating them as military areas will be the placing of a guard of military police around each project..."--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 19, p. 3. #1325

"50,000 Japanese Relocated in West"

Calif.

San Francisco--Feature story by Lawrence E. Davies. Writer summarizes what has been done in relocating the Japanese, in the last six months, since Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt received authority (August 20) under presidential order to exclude any person citizen or alien from the 8 Western States on grounds of "military necessity." Named the permanent relocation centers which have received the 50,000 residents to date, and stated that the remaining 62,000 or so evacuees in temporary assembly centers will be transferred to relocation centers by October or November "if additional relocation centers can be prepared." With the evacuation completed the Army is modifying "some of its original regulations....families have been reunited,...machinery set up by War Relocation Authority enabling individual Japanese-Americans to leave the relocation centers with their families, under certain conditions to accept jobs elsewhere. Without a doubt, inactivity and impatience for work are responsible for more complaints and restlessness among the Japanese than anything else." Misinterpretations of Army policy corrected. Cited instance of a notice at Santa Anita which ordered "residents to hold no meetings to discuss international affairs, national, State or local politics." Col. Karl R. Bendetsen repudiated this order as soon as it was brought to his attention. "Secret meetings are taboo but there is no restriction on subjects discussed at open sessions. This, Army men say, is still America and these are American citizens." Also a two column cartoon by Thomas reprinted from the Detroit News entitled "The Great Western Roundup"--showing a cow-boy lassoing a Japanese alien. --New York Times, Aug. 16, p. 10E part 4. #1326

"Arizona's Japanese Projects are Part of Historic Migration"

Phoenix--Thirty-three-inch feature story. "Arizona is playing an important role in one of the most historic migrations of mankind--the evacuation of some 100,000 persons of Japanese lineage from strategic military areas of the Pacific coast to inland wartime relocation centers--which is now entering its final phase..."Locations of the two centers in Arizona given. "On these fertile desert acres, which await only the introduction of water and the toiling hand of man to turn them into garden spots, are being created unique communities where the people will produce things needed for their own subsistence and for the democracies engaged in a vast, world-wide, life-or-death struggle. And at the close of the conflict, here as elsewhere, they will have made a broad contribution to the development of the land resources of the semi-arid West..." Relocation centers in other states named. All relocation centers to be administered by the WRA, "special agency set up by an executive order

of the president. This program is not to be confused with the activities of the department of justice....of the 100,000 Japanese...two thirds are American-born citizens..." Explained the reasons for evacuating the Japanese. "The work that they will do can be divided into six principal classifications: Community services, construction, agriculture, industries, public works and off-project employment..." Classifications outlined in detail. Wage scale for evacuees and work furloughs explained. "The maintenance of the relocation centers in Arizona and other states, it is envisioned, will be a mutually beneficial arrangement. In accepting this responsibility in national defense, Arizona will be making a vital contribution to America's war effort. In return, the relocation centers shall make an important and lasting contribution to the development of the land resources of the state of Arizona."--Arizona Republic, Aug 12, p.4; Nogales International, Aug.14, p.1. #1327

"Japs Moving to Colorado Center"

San Francisco--Some 200 Japanese evacuees now in the Merced Assembly Center will begin moving today to the Granada relocation center in the Calif. Arkansas river valley, the WCCA announced yesterday. In the group will be Japanese cleared from Marin, Napa and Sonoma counties.--San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 25, p.22, col.5; San Francisco Examiner, Aug.25, p.9, col. 4. #1328