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"Labor Shortage Problem Is Met"

Mont. Helena (AP) --J. G. Diamond, secretary of the state subcommittee on farm labor, said that "Japanese evacuees, Mexicans from both sides of the border, transient farm laborers, Filipinos, Russians, Indians, Canadians and even one Belgian refugee were listed among those battling to save the crop..."--Billings Gazette, Aug. 20, p. 10. #1359

"Labor Leaves State Mines"

Ariz. Parker--Northern Yuma county's mines are faced with serious labor shortage because workmen are leaving the mines to take jobs on nearby war projects.--Arizona Republic (Phoenix), Aug. 21, p. 1, part 2. #1360

"Newport Issues Statement on Japanese Labor"

Ida. Boise--"Idaho fruit growers who will need labor within the next 10 days were advised by James Newport, state commissioner of agriculture, to make application to their nearest U. S. employment bureau office for Japanese labor. Newport, who will leave Monday for South-eastern Idaho to survey labor needs in that area and explain the steps for applying for Japanese labor, cautioned farmers against using white and Japanese labor in mixed crews..." Mr. Newport outlined the steps for securing Japanese evacuee labor. "Newport said reports to his office indicated Japanese labor will be needed within 10 days for the prune and peach crops in Gem, Payette and Canyon counties. 'Then will come the apples, the potatoes and the sugar beets,' he said. He expressed belief that fruit growers, through organization, could get

Japanese from the Nyssa camp. 'The Japanese at Eden will be ready for the potatoes and beets,' he added..."--Idaho Daily Statesman, Aug. 22, p. 3. #1361

"Traffic Congestion Reported at Eden"

Ida. Boise--J. L. Balderston, state commissioner of law enforcement, said the congestion demands immediate attention. "'The congestion involves the many trucks and large crews engaged in construction of the Japanese relocation center,'" Balderston explained.--Idaho Daily Statesman, Aug. 20, p. 5. #1362

"Smith Okays Plans to Employ Japs"

Wyo. Cheyenne--"Permission for Japanese aliens now interned at the Cody relocation center to work on farms in that vicinity during the beet, bean and small grain harvests was granted Saturday by Gov. Nels H. Smith. The governor, who originally opposed the relocation of west coast Japanese in Wyoming, stated, however, that he would not consent to their being employed beyond Dec. 1 of this year. A new agreement could be worked out in 1943 to take care of the emergency existing next year, he said..."--Wyoming State Tribune, Aug. 23, p. 10. #1363

"Sacramento Japanese Evacuee Is Arrested In Idaho"

Ida. Nampa (UP) --Masaji Okazoki, 57, was sent to the Minidoka Relocation Center at Eden after his arrest for straying from the area to which he had been assigned. Police stated he had been given permission to work in the relocation center. An Idaho fishing license found in his possession was confiscated.--Sacramento Bee, Aug. 24, p. 4. #1364

"Price Considers Labor Camp"

Utah Price--"The Carbon county ward board is considering whether a farm labor camp such as has been established in Preston, Idaho, providing facilities for Mexican and interned Japanese labor, could be set up in this county to meet the acute farm labor shortage..."--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 23, p. 14A. #1365

"Governor Okehs Recruiting of 2,200 Jap Field Hands"

Utah Salt Lake--Approval was given Saturday by Governor Herbert B. Maw. "The governor acted after being advised that the labor situation is acute, and unless Japanese labor can be obtained there is a serious danger that thousands of acres of beets will go unharvested..." Requirements for obtaining Japanese labor given. Number of Japanese laborers needed by each sugar company listed.--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 23, p. 1B. #1366

"Civic Clubs Flay Jap Land Buying"

Utah Nephi--"Taking cognizance of reports that Japanese and Japanese-Americans are purchasing privately-owned land throughout Utah, the Associated Civic Clubs of Southern Utah Saturday launched a state-wide investigation..." The organization adopted a resolution that "if the investigations confirm the rumors of land purchases by Japanese, the Associated Civic Clubs of Southern Utah, cooperating with the Northern Utah association, will ask the governor to call a special session of the legislature to enact laws to stop them."--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 23, p. 15A. #1367