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"Enemy Aliens in West to Get Travel Permits"

Calif.

San Francisco--"Army announces a schedule of temporary exemptions ..."--New York Times, Aug. 26, p. 4. #1422

"Classification of Japanese"

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Phoenix--Editorial. "Considerable agitation is being stirred up by some organizations promoting the cause of civil liberties over the classification by some of the selective service boards of Japanese born in this country. The protestants state they have seen classification cards which place Japanese-Americans in 4-C. This classification is for neutral aliens requesting relief from service and training, and aliens not acceptable in the armed forces. Japanese born in this country obviously are not aliens. There is no question that many of them are loyal citizens and it is equally true that many of these Japanese-Americans are not loyal to this country. The rub comes in knowing which are which, hence it has not been the policy of the boards to select registrants of Japanese ancestry. It is doubtful, however, that any of their citizenship rights are violated by boards classifying them in a group in which there is no danger of them being called for service. If there is any violation of rights at all, it rests in not selecting them for service along with other citizens.--Arizona Republic, Aug. 28, p. 7, part 2. #1423

"Japanese Laborers Sought at Red Lodge"

Mont. Red Lodge--O. P. Roberts, secretary of the war board in Carbon County, has notified the U.S.E.S. office that the board requests bringing Japanese evacuees into the county to aid in the sugar beet harvest. --Billings Gazette, Aug. 28, p. 6. #1424

"Japanese Start Arriving at Granada, Colo., Camp"

Colo. Denver--"Preparations for the mass arrival of evacuated west coast Japanese-Americans are under way at top speed at the Granada relocation project, Joseph H. Smart, regional WPA director, said Saturday following arrival at the project Friday of the first contingent of evacuees..." --Denver Post, Aug. 29, p. 6. #1425

"Cody Evacuee Center Has First Death"

Wyo. Cody (AP) --T. Okamoto, 60, died of a cerebral hemorrhage August 28 at the Heart Mountain Relocation Project. --Wyoming State Tribune, Aug. 30, p. 2. #1426

"Western Montana May Use 900 Japs in Beet Harvest"

Mont. Missoula (AP) --"Frank Cleland, district manager of the American Crystal Sugar company, said harvesting this year is scheduled 10 days early because of labor shortages. He said the longer period also will compensate somewhat for possibly inefficient new labor." Arrangements with federal officials are being completed to bring evacuees from relocation centers. --Billings Gazette, Aug. 31, p. 7. #1427

"Defense Office Will Handle Alien Passes"

Calif. Visalia--Alien Permit Officer is Don O. Howard, civilian defense co-ordinator. --Visalia Times-Delta, Aug. 31, p. 2. #1428

"Official Urges Regimenting of Japanese on Farms"

Utah Salt Lake--"The regimenting of Japanese, both citizen and alien, for labor on Utah farms 'at a price not to exceed that paid the soldier who is in the armed forces,' was urged by David F. Smith, manager of the Growers' Market company and former state commissioner of agriculture, in letters sent Sunday to Gov. Herbert B. Maw and members of the congressional delegation. He also urged more strict control of Japanese, declaring they 'are moving along most all of the roads in the night without any supervision or restrictions.' Emphasizing that the farm labor shortage is now reaching an acute stage, Mr. Smith complained that 'it is practically impossible to hire a Japanese laborer,' and 'the only way that he will take part in the production of food is by placing him upon the land by way of lease or sale.'... Mr. Smith said the officials

'should institute immediately a thorough investigation' of the matters complained of."--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 31, p. 13. #1429

"Other Jap Sympathizers Menacing Coastal Cities"

Utah

Salt Lake--Editorial. "Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt...has taken a decided step without which the removal of Japanese residents from the coast to the interior sections might be a waste of time, money and effort... The General favors 'immediate removal from vital Pacific coast areas all persons dangerous or potentially dangerous to military security.'... This is a precautionary measure, as essential to the safety of seaports and factories in coastal cities as the original banishment of Japanese was believed to be..."--Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 31, p. 8. #1430

"Jap Labor Declared Vital To Save Utah Crops"

Utah

Salt Lake City--Feature story by Lincoln Thompson with four-column picture of Japanese family gathering Utah tomato crop. He quoted Selvoy J. Boyer, chairman of the Utah State Labor Committee who asserted that Japanese evacuee labor from relocation centers was necessary if tomato and beet crops are to be saved. "...If it had not been for Japanese labor much of the beet crop in Utah and Idaho would have had to be plowed up... These people are industrious people who want to work, and if they can save our crops, they must be made to feel that they are wanted and must not be discriminated against. Suggestions that relocation evacuees be put in concentration camps and paid \$30 a month is ridiculous..." Resume of WRA conditions governing use of evacuee labor given. Larry Tajiri, managing editor of the JACL publication, the Pacific Citizen, commented, "Evacuees of Japanese ancestry have already made a singular contribution toward the nation's war effort as volunteer farm workers in the beet fields of the intermountain west. In the acute labor shortage this spring in southern Idaho, they are credited with a large share in saving the \$16,000,000 sugar beet crop... Any proposal to establish concentration camps for these volunteer farm workers, such as that made by certain people in Salt Lake County and any proposal for the regimentation of such labor under virtual slave conditions is a negation of that democracy for which the men of Utah and the men of free American are fighting on the world's far-flung fronts... We hope that these Americans of Japanese extraction will be treated as Americans." --Deseret News, September 2, p. 1. #1431

"Idahoans Told Japanese Labor Is Available"

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Preston--"The Franklin County USDA War Board has announced this week that Japanese labor will be available to farmers this fall, but that Mexican labor will not be accessible in Idaho..."--Deseret News, (Salt Lake City), Sept. 2, p. 16. #1432

"U. S. Seizes 30 Jap Firms"

Calif. San Francisco--"The Office of War Information reported today the U. S. Government has seized Japanese interests in 30 firms on the Pacific Coast. The seizures were announced in Washington by Leo T. Crowley, alien property custodian..."--San Francisco News, Sept. 3, p. 4, col. 1.  
#1433

"39 Japs Freed From Centers"

Calif. San Francisco--"Some white-Japanese mixed families in relocation centers of the Western Defense Command have been released, the WCCA announced last night..."--San Francisco Examiner, Sept. 4, p. 6, col. 4; San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 4, p. 7, col. 7.  
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