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Letters to Editors

- Calif. Los Angeles--A. C. Karr suggested that American-educated Japanese be made the nucleus of a post-war, democratic Japan, thereby solving the problem of what to do with Japanese-Americans after the war.--Los Angeles Times, Aug. 27, p. 4, part 2. #1446
- Calif. Sacramento--Mrs. Yucca Bells protested against the government's granting Japanese evacuees "...\$50 a month, and also a place to live, and only \$40 a month to our native born Americans..."--Sacramento Bee, Sept. 1, p. 24. #1447
- Calif. Stockton--Miss Masako Tabuchi gave her version of life at the Stockton assembly center. "...The mere fact that we have not complained is not indication that we have not suffered...we are accorded the fullest of freedom as long as we keep 10 feet within the bounds of the barbed wire fences... We have baseball and basketball, wrestling, bridge parties, dances, but who wants to indulge in them day in and day out?..." --San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 1, p. 12, col. 7. #1448
- Calif. Sonoma--M. Soley wrote, "After reading Miss Masaka Labuchi's letter in the Safety Valve, September 1, my blood boils... I wonder how many persons of American blood in Japan are indulging in dances, card parties, baseball, basketball?..."--San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 5, p. 10, col. 8. #1449

Ore. Hood River--G. M. Knox described the treatment of Japanese evacuees as too good. "...No doubt many of them are fine people but it does not necessarily follow that they ever were or ever will be loyal Americans... They are voting for our highest officials...We are schooling them...They are comfortably housed... Somehow or other I cannot forget the boys of Bataan and Wake and Pearl Harbor, and all the other innocent victims of Japanese treachery. Neither can I forget their mothers and fathers sitting alone at home...while the blood kin of their murderers are pampered and coddled..."--Portland Oregonian, Sept. 3, p. 10. #1450

Calif. San Jose--"...I have many times passed the camp in which the Japs are being housed at Salinas and think the setup looks much too good," Amelia C. Flintjer observed.--San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 7, p. 10, col. 8. #1451

"Labor From Mexico"

Wyo. Cheyenne--Editorial pointed out advantages to American farmers resulting from importation of Mexican farm labor.--Wyoming State Tribune, Sept. 3, p. 4. #1452

Less Japanese Farm Labor Than Expected Available in Idaho

Ida. Boise (AP) --George Gouchnour, USES farm labor placement supervisor for Idaho, revealed that employment opportunities elsewhere have lessened the number of Japanese from the Eden relocation center available for harvest work. The number was previously estimated at 2500. "...Sponsoring units for Japanese labor, including sugar companies, are making efforts to obtain additional Japanese harvest recruits from areas outside the state, and this may improve the general situation, he said..."--Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 2, p. 8. #1453

Items from Tulalake

"...A queen and six attendants will be chosen to reign over the festivities of Labor day..."

"The 39th child was born at the Newell base hospital, on August 29..."

Calif. Kikuye Nishimura and Shigeru Kawasaki were married in a Buddhist ceremony, the center's third marriage.

"Kenneth E. Woods, field representative of the American National Red Cross at San Francisco, has arrived to complete arrangements for the formation of a Red Cross chapter..."

"Sickness Prevention week ended August 31..."--Herald and News (Klamath Falls), Sept. 2, p. 5. #1454

Procedure for Obtaining Japanese Farm Labor Outlined

Idaho Jerome--L. E. Pool, Jerome county USDA War Board chairman, summarized method of procuring Japanese evacuee labor. "...There has already been several applications signed up, covering approximately 200 Japanese workers. About half of these will live on farms they will help with the harvest and another group will likely be quartered at a farm labor camp to be set up again at the fairgrounds..."--North Side News, Sept. 3, p. 1. #1455

"Maw Pleads for Jap Labor Draft"

Utah Salt Lake City--Gov. Herbert B. Maw urged the drafting and assigning of young Japanese-American men into a farm work army "at army wages." In a letter to Congress, the governor emphasized the seriousness of Utah's labor shortage and declared that the potentiality of the Millard county war relocation center as a source of farm labor was as yet unknown. "...Inasmuch as we have in all western states an acute farm labor shortage, could not an arrangement be made wherein American-born Japanese could be drafted into the military service as our sons are being drafted and have them assigned to farm labor at military salaries instead of to active military duties..."--Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 3, p. 15. #1456

"Caldwell Faces School Puzzle at Labor Camp"

Idaho Caldwell--The possibility that families at the FSA migratory labor camp near Caldwell may move unless their children are allowed to attend public schools in that city was disclosed by Clair Barrett, camp manager. "...If the white labor leaves the Caldwell area because of the lack of school facilities, it is not likely that Japanese labor can be brought in to replace them," he said, quoting the regulation that Japanese cannot be used to replace white labor..."--Idaho Daily Statesman, (Boise) Sept. 3, p. 14. #1457

"In the Magazines"

Calif. San Francisco--Mary Ellen Leary column reviewed article in current Harper's. "...Carey McWilliams, California's immigration and housing chief, does the best job yet in discussing the Japanese evacuation. Perhaps you'll say he should: he's in the know. But he's done a thorough rounded-out description and analysis, everything from the kids' baseball games to theorizing about 'our relations with colored people generally.' While intimating he didn't favor the move, he explains the reasons for it, praises the Army for accomplishing 'with a minimum of fanfare and publicity, one of the most unusual operations in its history...a miracle of effective organization.' Loss of the Japanese won't upset California's economy, he says... He ends: 'There is no reason why the relocation projects cannot be successful...provided a majority of the American people will insist upon fair treatment of the Japanese.'"--San Francisco News, Sept. 7, p. 8, col. 5. #1458