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"Wickard Assures Californians of Mexican Aid on Sugar Beets"

Calif. San Francisco--Secy. of Agriculture Claude Wickard assured California farmers that Mexican labor would be available for harvesting sugar beet crops. "...W. J. Cecil, State Director of Agriculture, said that in spite of the removal of Japanese commission merchants and dealers, most of California's vegetable acreage had been kept in production and sales outlets maintained."--New York Times, Sept. 1, p. 13. #1459

"President Upheld on Alien Roundup"

Calif. San Francisco--"Federal court finds also for army in test of evacuation of Japanese in west..."--New York Times, Sept. 2, p. 18. #1460

"L. A. Schools Offer 40,000 Youths to Plug Labor Gaps"

Calif. Los Angeles (AP) --Summary of attempts of California schools and prisons to help meet acute farm labor shortage. "...Due to Japanese internment, emigration of workers into the armed services and higher-paying defense industries, California's normal \$700,000,000 farm crop is seriously threatened..."--Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 5, p. 1. #1461

FSA Declares No Mobile Camps Available for Mexican or Japanese This Year

Utah Logan--Dr. Ethelyn O. Greaves, FSA regional supervisor, revealed that no mobile camps for transient labor in Utah will be ready this year, thus eliminating the possibility of Mexican labor until next spring. "...The FSA is working to obtain 'two or three' mobile labor camps to house Japanese evacuees in Utah next year, Dr. Greaves said..."

Much of the labor to be used during September and October on Utah farms probably will be Japanese evacuees recruited by sugar companies or other agencies from large relocation centers and housed on individual farms..."
--Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 5, p. 8. #1462

Items from Tule Lake

"The busiest place on the Tule Lake Relocation project, except canteens, is the Newell post office..."

"Ten \$25 war bonds and three \$100 war bonds have been purchased by the residents on the project...they have bought postal saving certificates to the amount of \$400..."

Calif.

"Some of the farm projects at the Tule Lake Relocation Center are now being used in the Project mess halls..."

"A mixed carload of beets and turnips was shipped to Parker, Arizona, August 27, and a mixed carload of turnips or beets and spinach will be shipped on September 1. The Gila Project is to receive a mixed carload of beets and turnips October 31, and another mixed carload of beets and turnips with spinach October 7..."--Tulelake Reporter, Sept. 3, p. 5.

#1463

"City News in Brief"

Ore. Portland--"Seventy-seven Japanese who have been at the assembly center in Portland since its establishment, left Thursday to rejoin immediate members of their family at Tulelake, Cal...."--The Oregonian, Sept. 4, p. 11. #1464

"Never the Twain Shall Meet"

Ore. Portland--Editorial anecdote illustrating the irreconcilability of the American mind to the Japanese.--The Oregonian, Sept. 4, p. 10.

#1465

Condemned Japanese Murderer Asks Commutation

Utah Salt Lake City--The Salt Lake City board of pardons will hear the plea of Masato Karumai that his death sentence for the murder of a Japanese 17 years ago be commuted to life imprisonment.--Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 4, p. 13. #1466

"Veterans Favor Prisoner Swap"

Nat'l Portland--"A resolution providing exchange of enemy aliens for American prisoners held in Japan, introduced by the Oregon delegation at the 43rd annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Cincinnati, O., was unanimously adopted..."--The Oregonian, Sept. 4, p. 13. #1467

"Former Official Pleads For Jap Farmers"

Utah

Salt Lake City--George A. Fisher, former state land board secretary and supervisor of the Keetley Japanese farm colony, and Fred Wada, project manager, denied that Japanese farmers were traveling Utah highways without supervision at night. Wada declared that U. S. Dist Atty. Dan B. Shields had given Japanese farmers permission to bring their produce to Salt Lake City markets by way of the Parleys canyon and expressed willingness on the part of Japanese to conform to Gov. Herbert B. Maw's proposal that those of military age be drafted for farm work at army wages. "...Approximately 100 acres of land, formerly covered with sagebrush, are now being farmed at Keetley producing lettuce, carrots, peas, cabbage, beets, turnips, and other vegetables 'to help feed Utah's rapidly growing population of war workers,' Mr. Fisher said. He said members of the colony have hired themselves out to farmers in various localities where the labor shortage is acute and in several instances have prevented complete loss of crops."--Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 4, p. 15. #1468

"Conferees Clarify Status of Jap Evacuee Labor"

Utah

Salt Lake City--"...There will be no regimenting of Japanese labor..." So stated Charles F. Ernst, director of the Central Utah Relocation project in Abraham, without reference to the plea of Gov. Herbert B. Maw that Washington officials make provisions for the conscription of Japanese farm labor to save Utah crops. "...Mr. Ernst... cited WRA policies to point out that conscription of Japanese labor for farm work is impossible...commented that little Japanese labor will be available for the early fall harvest, but the Abraham center will be filled with evacuees in time for the sugar beet campaign..." Selvoy J. Boyer, Utah State Farm Bureau federation executive secretary, announced that approval of the governor and county officials was required before any Japanese farm labor might be taken into any county. "...When the governor cleared plans for requisitioning 2200 Japanese farm hands 10 days ago,' he said, 'we went to county officers and obtained approval for use of Japanese on farms in Box Elder, Davis, Weber, Utah, Sanpete, and Sevier counties..." He also asserted "... that farmers of the state will maintain minimum wage scales and proper working and living conditions for Japanese harvest hands..." Ernst announced that 10,000 evacuees are due to arrive between September 15 and October 7 and that the project will be staffed by approximately 120 Caucasian employees and their families and 50 school teachers, many of them Caucasians.--Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 4, p. 15. #1469

"North High Teacher Named Principal of Jap Center School"

Colo.

Denver--Herbert K. Walther was appointed principal of the junior high school at the Granada Japanese relocation center.--Denver Post, Sept. 6, p. 7. #1470

"Trial Set for Jap Testing Army Order"

Calif. San Francisco--Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure set the trial of Fred Korematsu, pleading not guilty of entering a military zone illegally, for later in the day. Korematsu is sponsored by the ACLU in contesting the constitutionality of Japanese evacuation.--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Sept. 8, p. 8, col. 6. #1471

"Japanese Internees"

Calif. San Francisco--Editorial response to Japanese propagandists charging that Japanese internees in the U. S. have been mistreated. "...And any American knows that there has not been a single case of official abuse of any Japanese in America since Pearl Harbor, and not a single case of official manhandling in any instance where there was not physical resistance. Internment has been a hardship, but every internee has been sheltered, clothed, fed on American standards, and allowed American visitors with the least possible restriction. We do not have to defend ourselves on the Tokyo accusation, but it is well to state the facts."--San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 9, p. 16, col. 1. #1472