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Newsnotes from Manzanar

"John Baker, WRA chief of public relations,... arrived at Manzanar Friday of last week..."

Calif.

"Project Director Roy Nash this week branded as 'purely rumors' reports that Manzanar Japanese were to be moved from Owens Valley within the next few months. A check-up by the Free Press, camp newspaper, indicated the rumors apparently started at the Santa Anita center..."

"Appropriation of \$450,000 for food purposes at Manzanar for a quarter-year period, was announced last week by J. R. Winchester, chief of mess. The appropriation is practically the same as the Army quota..." Details concerning amount per capita, type of foods, and use of center's produce given.--Inyo Independent, Sept. 4, p. 1. #1473

"Delta County Beet Growers Agree to Employ Japanese"

Colo.

Delta (AP) --At a meeting attended by law enforcement officers, Holly Sugar corporation representatives and county commissioners, Delta county beet growers voted to employ Japanese evacuee labor for harvesting. "...Under the arrangement, Japanese would come on a volunteer basis, transportation to Delta being furnished by the sugar companies. Farmers would provide living quarters during the harvest, with the Japanese returning to their relocation centers when the job is done..." --Denver Post, Sept. 5, p. 18. #1474



"Missouri College Accepts Japanese Despite Protests"

Mo. Parkville, Mo. (AP) --Seven American-born Japanese evacuee students were accepted at Park college after a controversy involving Dr. William Lindsay Young, college president, Mayor Herbert A. Dyer, and city councilmen. Dr. Young's assurance that the students' loyalty was guaranteed by federal agencies met with the hostility of the mayor who asked, "...If the FBI is so sure these Japs are loyal citizens, why doesn't it let them remain on the west coast?..."Friday, though, fifteen of the twenty trustees met and decided to admit the seven Japanese--five boys and two girls--for the coming scholastic term..."--Denver Post, Sept. 5, p. 18. #1475

10,000 Beet Workers Needed In Montana

Mont. Helena (AP) --O. C. Lamport, Montana USES director, declared that 10,000 workers were needed immediately to save sugar beet crops from frost. "...Lamport said the service has assisted farmers effectively to procure extra help from unusual sources, including...evacuated Japanese from west coast areas 'as a test of that labor possibility.'..." He indicated that the same sources would be used in beet topping which should start about September 20.--Billings Gazette, Sept. 4, p. 5. #1476

"Idaho Relocation Center is Half Filled"

Idaho Eden (UP) --It was announced that 5,000 Japanese evacuees have arrived at the Minidoka Relocation project. "...Among the arrivals, which have numbered five to six hundred daily, were many fathers and single men and boys who will accept contract labor under the WRA-USES program, but camp officials reported a majority...have had little farm experience... Among them was an attorney who Thursday sent his request to the state bar association for permission to practice law in Idaho."--Billings Gazette, Sept. 4, p. 10. #1477

"Brandt Urges Farmers Seek Labor Now"

Idaho Caldwell--After outlining the method to be followed if Canyon county farmers were to obtain Japanese evacuee labor this fall, Harry C. Brandt "...urged farmers to apply in groups for evacuees in order to keep down transportation costs to the individual farmer..."--Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), Sept. 6, p. 7. #1478

"Inquisitive Cameraman"

Idaho Boise--In response to the question, "Would you hire Japanese help?", six Idahoans made varied statements. Bank teller Loren Roberts: "...Personally I would not feel easy about having a Japanese working in my home. In business, it might be a little different..." NYA supervisor



A. L. Lillibridge: "...If I had a business where soldiers came in often, no...But I wouldn't have any prejudice against having a Japanese work in my home, providing he lived up to the usual qualifications..."

Sergeant Harliss Duff: "...I don't think any patriotic American should hire any Jap for anything..."--Idaho Daily Statesman, Sept. 6, p. 10.

#1479

"Japanese Center Should Not Cause Any Shortages Here..."

Ore.

Klamath Falls--Feature article by Malcolm Epley analyzing the effect of the Tule Lake War Relocation project upon shortages of food commodities in the Klamath basin. E. R. Fryer, regional director of the WRA, presented the WRA policy, "...The WRA makes its purchases for subsistence items through the quartermaster's corps which in turn purchases from the principal markets of the country...no purchases are made locally... Perishables (for the Japanese project) are purchased under the same arrangements as staples, although they do, of course, usually come from other markets..." Epley proposed that "...certainly the Japanese center, store or mess halls should sustain at least the same restrictions and shortages that are forced upon the Caucasian community... In general, it seems fair to state that thus far there has been no real suffering here because of the Tulelake project, and further that the project supply policy, if adhered to, should work out fairly for this community..."--Herald and News, Sept. 5, p. 1.

#1480

FBI Seizes Japanese Alien in New York

N. Y.

Albany (UP) --The FBI and state police arrested an unidentified Japanese alien, reportedly a participant in the 1932 Lake Placid Olympic Games, on grounds of possessing contraband, thereby violating a Presidential proclamation.--New York Times, Sept. 4, p. 12.

#1481

"Japanese Center, Fast Becoming Third Largest City in Wyoming..."

Wyo.

Heart Mountain--Feature article by Bob White explaining the problems faced by the WRA and evacuees in building and equipping the Heart Mountain center. White traced the history of the project from pre-construction through the social, economic, and psychological problems confronting the administration at present, stressing the attitude of the evacuees themselves, e.g., "...The important thing is to do everything we can toward winning the war."--Billings Gazette, Sept. 6, p. 1, part 2.

#1482

"'Mardi Gras' at Tanforan"

Calif.

San Francisco--Two two-column pictures of Mardi Gras celebration at Tanforan reception center, showing "gayway" attractions.--San Francisco News, Sept. 9, p. 4B, col. 7.

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