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"Graduates of U.W. Teach at Jap Camp"

Wyo. Cheyenne--Names of teachers at the Heart Mountain relocation project who received their training at the University of Wyoming were given; they included six administrative officers, twelve secondary and sixteen elementary teachers.--Wyoming State Tribune, September 16, p. 2. #1579

"Nevada Legion Seeks to Curb U.S. Japanese"

Nev. Reno--Nevada delegates to the American Legion convention planned to offer a resolution, which "recommends a federal constitutional amendment which would prevent any child born of Japanese parentage from becoming eligible for United States citizenship, and that citizenship of any such person already granted be revoked."--Sacramento Bee, September 17, p. 12. #1580

"Japanese Plead to Aid With Crops"

Calif. Los Angeles--Offering their services in saving crops as manifestation of their loyalty to this country, 793 internees of the Manzanar relocation project signed a resolution to be sent to President Roosevelt. An accompanying letter written by Koji Ariyoshi, chairman pro tem of the Manzanar Citizens' Federation, declared, "We hope that our requests will be realized through your kind assistance, Mr. President; so that, instead of remaining as wards of this country, which we know as our only home, for the duration of the war waged to preserve our democracy and to spread the 'Four Freedoms' by the four winds to all the people, we can help in fighting this war to destroy totalitarianism permanently."--Los Angeles Times, September 17, p. 14. #1581

"Machinery Is Set Up For Japanese Labor"

Phoenix--A program releasing Japanese internees at Sacaton for labor in the Arizona cotton fields, in keeping with Army regulations, was worked out by Gov. Osborn; Col. Karl R. Bendetsen; R. W. Frase, WRA representative from Washington, D.C.; Earl Maharg of the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, and others. Details given. "...Meantime Brig. Gen. C. K. Brown, sent here by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general, Western Defense Command, was ready on short notice to place protecting troops about any designated area where the released pickers might be used. The army is ready on 36 hours notice... Probably the first man to get aid from the Sacaton camp will be Ray Saylor who has 1,200 acres within two miles of it. He plans to seek between 200 and 300 pickers and to get started as soon as possible..."--Arizona Republic, September 16; p. 5, pt. 2. #1582

"Still A Japanese"

Calif. Sacramento--Editorial traced briefly the Korematsu case, wherein a Japanese tried to disguise himself as a Spaniard through plastic surgery but was identified. "...All of which should be taken as fairly conclusive evidence that face lifting is not a satisfactory substitute for face saving."--Sacramento Bee, September 18, p. 24. #1583

"Japanese Colony Population Reaches Almost 10,000 Mark"

Idaho Jerome--Story dealt with rapid growth of the Minidoka War Relocation center at Hunt. "...Temporarily there is a housing shortage for the new colonists which will be relieved as soon as barracks now under construction are completed..." Description of barracks and accommodations. "...For each group of 12 barracks, called a block, there are a laundry room, men's and women's shower rooms and lavatories, a recreation hall, and a dining hall. Centrally located are stores, 150-bed hospital, a library, post office, newspaper office, fire stations, and other buildings found in any average community... As soon as the last of the large groups of evacuees arrived, plans were launched to set up democratic self-government in the colony... Nursery schools are now in progress and elementary and high schools are scheduled to open October 1..."--North Side News, September 17, p. 1. #1584

"Japanese Evacuees Begin Work In South Idaho Harvest Fields"

Idaho Hunt--Thirty-eight volunteer workers from the Minidoka War Relocation project, the vanguard of 1,800 for whom contracts have been approved, began topping onions near Twin Falls. Hundreds are expected to move into Idaho and Montana potato, sugar beet and onion fields, it was announced. "...The colony at Hunt...hopes to supply this many workers, sending out all evacuees who volunteered except those essential to the operation of the Minidoka center..."--North Side News, (Jerome), September 17, p. 1, pt. 2. #1585

"Behind the News"

Calif. San Francisco--Ernie Pyle column commented on Manzanar internees' hope that they may save crops, cf. article #1581. "...The circumstance which led them to hope for such a break is the fact that a scant 129 residents of that relocation center were allowed to help harvest sugar beets in southern Idaho...However, chances seem slight that the Japanese will get to replace school students and nonexistent Mexicans in Western fields. Every time a Japanese is released to work, everybody and his brother has to be notified--the governor, the sheriff, the county supervisors, the public, and the little man who wasn't there. It would be simpler to send into the field all the Government employes who have to do the paper work."--San Francisco News, September 21, p. 11, col. 1. #1586

"80 Negroes Jailed for Forming Pro-Jap 'Army'"

Ill. Chicago (INS)--Eighty Chicago Negroes were seized by the FBI charged with draft evasion and sympathy with Japan. "...The Chicago Herald-American, in a copyrighted story, said the prisoners had been organized by the powerful Japanese Dragon Society and that Maj. Satakata Takahashi of the Japanese Imperial Intelligence was sent here for that purpose in 1928..." Organizations affected included the Peace Movement of Ethiopia, the Temple of Islam, and the Brotherhood of Liberty for the Black People of America.--San Francisco Examiner, September 22, p. 5, col. 2. #1587

"Jap Cotton Pickers Log"

Ariz. Casa Grande (AP)--"Japanese volunteers went into the fields enthusiastically today, but emerged tired and disappointed after their first day of picking Arizona's vital long staple cotton crop... Inexperience so handicapped the Japanese that only one man was able to pick as much as forty-four pounds during the morning. The average was about twenty-two pounds... Experienced pickers gather 200 pounds daily... Growers and officials of the WRA were frank to say that the success of the Japanese cotton picking plan depended upon the attitude of the first volunteers after their initial day's work. Unless many recover from their discouragement, the turnout tomorrow morning may mean a complete failure."--San Francisco Examiner, September 22, p. 4, col. 4. #1588