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(This issue of the DAILY PRESS REVIEW includes a digest of the most important news items, articles and editorials appearing in newspapers and periodicals reaching the San Francisco Regional Office in the last 24 hours. If you wish to refer to any clippings, please telephone Miss Elinor Bauman, Head of the Documents Section, Branch 300, Room 362.)

"Five Who Urged Revolt in Harlem and Aid to Japanese Are Indicted"

N.Y. New York--U.S. Atty. Mathias F. Correa announced indictment of five advocates of collaboration between American Negroes and the Japanese to further the so-called "dark races." Four, colored, were arraigned and charged with violating the wartime sedition statute, while the fifth, unidentified, was being sought by the FBI.--New York Times, September 15, p. 1. #1589

"Evacuated Japanese Leave Director Lot of Headaches"

Calif. Los Angeles (AP)--Feature story concerning the problems confronting L. F. Sloan, WRA director for southern California, in helping evacuees dispose of their property, e.g. "...a Japanese newspaper equipped with presses, type and no subscribers..."--Billings Gazette, September 17, p. 2. #1590

"150 Pickers Are Needed in Prune Harvest"

Idaho Caldwell--Telpher E. Wright, USES manager, declared that there was a need for 150 additional prune pickers in the Central Cove and Sunny Slope districts. "...Meanwhile, Wright disclosed that 12 Japanese from Tule Lake, Calif., reception center are at the farm labor camp here and more are expected to arrive today (Saturday). It is said that at least 150 Japanese laborers are to be available for farm labor in this vicinity within a week. The Japanese are segregated from the white laborers at the camp, Wright said."--Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), September 19, p.8. #1591

Farm Labor Camp Prepared For Japanese

Idaho Vale (AP)--"The water system of the abandoned civilian conservation camp seven miles north of Vale was being repaired Friday and other improvements were under way in preparation for converting the camp into a farm labor camp to house approximately 200 Japanese laborers. The center will be conducted as a branch of the Nyssa farm labor camp of the Farm Security administration."--Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), September 19, p. 8. #1592

New Mexico Cotton Crop Threatened

N.M. Las Cruces--"...The problem of harvesting the huge cotton crop in the Mesilla Valley grows more serious daily as the fields whiten and the hope of an adequate labor supply lessens..."--Albuquerque Journal, September 18, p. 7. #1593

"Civil Liberties Union Asks Roosevelt's Policy on Nisei"

N.Y. New York (AP)--Declaring that a public declaration of policy recognizing the loyalty of Nisei evacuees would refute Axis charges of racial discrimination, the ACLU urged the President to make such a declaration. "...The union also recommended the government as a matter of policy acknowledge the sacrifices of the evacuees, offer them work and residence outside the military zone, warn against restrictions on Japanese-Americans outside of military zones and against attempts to deprive them of citizenship and promise to lift all restrictions after the war."--Los Angeles Times, September 18, p. 9. #1594

Wyoming Farm Labor Shortage To Be Probed

Wyo. Cheyenne--Ralph H. McFarland, acting state commissioner of agriculture, left Cheyenne to investigate farm labor shortages. "...Negotiations are being completed Friday by Gov. Nels H. Smith for using Japanese from the Heart Mountain relocation center for harvest work in the northern Wyoming agricultural region..."--Wyoming State Tribune, September 19, p. 1. #1595

Smith Hits Terms For Use Of Japs in Beet Fields

Wyo. Cheyenne--P. B. Smith, manager of the Great Western Sugar Company, declared that Gov. Smith was unwilling to approve present WRA terms governing use of Japanese labor in the sugar beet harvests. The governor's office issued the following statement: "An agreement is being negotiated between the relocation authority at Washington and Gov. Smith whereby Japanese labor will be available from the evacuee camp at Cody for farm harvests, with the understanding that such Japanese laborers will be returned to the evacuee camp and will not be permitted to remain outside the camp without restrictions and thus become permanent

residents of the state. Gov. Smith has insisted upon this last provision. .." Smith has appealed to Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney to remove some of the restrictions for moving evacuees out of the center. "...The WRA is opposed to Gov. Smith's provision in his statement of approval in which he stipulated: 'that no working agreement entered into for the year 1942 shall extend beyond Dec. 1, 1942.' The WRA would eliminate the time element..."--Wyoming State Tribune, September 19, p. 12. #1596

"Agencies Will Recruit Labor For Harvests"

Wyo. Cheyenne--The FSA and USES will recruit and transport farm labor beyond a 200-mile radius from where it is needed, provided laborers are not available within that area. "...This agricultural labor will undoubtedly be secured from Old Mexico and other workers will be recruited at the Heart Mountain Jap relocation center near Cody."--Wyoming State Tribune, September 19, p. 12. #1597

Topaz News-Briefs

Utah WRA offices have been moved from Delta to the Central Utah Relocation Center at Topaz. "...The offices have been made ready for them, but the housing facilities at the camp for the families have not been completed."

Utah Miss Mioke Miura underwent an appendectomy at Delta and is recovering rapidly. Operation was performed by Dr. Bird assisted by Dr. Kondo, one of the project's evacuee doctors.--Millard County Chronicle, September 17, p. 1. #1598

"Jap Houseboy Beats Death"

Utah Salt Lake City (UP)--Masato Marumai, 67-year-old Japanese, returned to his duties as houseboy for Warden J. Harris of the Utah State prison, after his death sentence for the murder of another Japanese 17 years ago was commuted to life imprisonment.--San Francisco News, September 22, p. 22, col. 8. #1599

Japanese-American Soldier Held in East Bay

Calif. San Francisco--Roy Suyemoto, pfc. in the Fort Warren medical detachment, was held in custody by East Bay police for entering a military area barred to persons of Japanese ancestry. On furlough, Suyemoto said he was trying to see his family at the Tanforan assembly center. He will be returned to Fort Warren, according to police.--San Francisco Chronicle, September 23, p. 7, col. 3. #1600

Tule Lake Japanese Attempt Escape

Calif. San Francisco--"...FBI offices here yesterday also announced nipping of a scheme whereby one Jap in the Tule Lake camp substituted for another, in hope that he might make a break and escape to Japan. Both aliens--Zazue Yabasaki and Toscio Sonoda--were charged with conspiracy to escape. The former took the latter's place on a work project train bound for Montana, with the idea of making a break. G-men discovered the substitution and took Yabasaki off the train before he could make his planned getaway."--San Francisco Examiner, September 23, p. 6, col. 4. #1601