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"Jap-American Is Sentenced"

Seattle--"...Kenji Iki, Seattle Japanese official of the United Ocean Transport Company, Ltd., pleaded guilty to charges of perjury, conspiracy and failure to list properties and funds aggregating \$530,000. Judge John C. Bowen sentenced Iki to nine years imprisonment and to pay \$5,001 fines and costs. Judge Bowen commented that 'it would be much easier for me to discharge the court's duty if the defendant were not an American citizen...' He said that had the box of \$515,000 in Japanese bonds and \$15,000 in U. S. currency reached its intended destination it would have made it possible for Japanese to send warplanes to drop bombs on the citizens and industries of Iki's home city, Seattle..."--Arizona Republic (Phoenix), September 26, p. 2. #1642

"Jap Labor Being Recruited"

Washington--"Sen. James E. Murray announced Friday that a vigorous campaign to recruit Japanese beet field workers for Montana farmers has been launched by the WRA in California, Oregon and Wyoming. The campaign was launched in response to an appeal made to Senator Murray on his recent visit to Montana, when beet farmers and processors from all sections of the state met with him to discuss their problems..."--Montana Standard (Butte), September 26, p. 6. #1643

"Farmers Protest Grog Sales to Jap Evacuees"

Helena (AP)--J. S. Benjamin, enforcement officer for the state liquor control board, said that a number of state farmers have objected to liquor sales being made to Japanese evacuee laborers in sugar beet fields. "Benjamin said the board has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the evacuees must be granted the same rights as other citizens..."--Billings Gazette, September 25, p. 8. #1644

"Trainload of Japs Passes Through to State's Beet Fields"

Mont. Butte--"...The train arrived over the Union Pacific and was transferred to the Great Northern. It is one of several special trains of this nature that have passed through during the past summer, rail officials said."--Montana Standard, September 25, p. 16. #1645

"New York Optical Company Building Factory At Center"

Wyo. Cody--Feature story. "Work commenced this Monday on the construction of a \$100,000 war industry plant at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center for the manufacturing of lenses and precision instruments for the armed forces. The plant, to be operated by the Polarizing Instrument company of New York City, with Albert Shuman in charge, was brought in thru the cooperation of the WRA and will employ about 150 highly trained Japanese-Americans under supervision of specialists brought in for the job..." Description of buildings to be constructed given.--Cody Enterprise, September 23, p. 1. #1646

"Activities of Heart Mountain, Wyoming" by Bill Hosokawa

Hundreds of colonists "saw their first snow last week..."

"A stove-installing crew had been covering two blocks daily inspecting chimneys, putting up stove pipes and generally making sure that stoves are ready for use... 300 men have been busy installing celotex inner walls and ceilings for the barracks..."

Last week the main water line to the reservoir on the hill back of the center broke and the entire project was without water for two hours.

"Increasing numbers of club meetings are being scheduled as more leisure time in the evenings becomes available..."

Wyo. Merchant seamen, firemen, cooks, stewards and longshoremen "realizing the need for trained personnel on the Great Lakes and Atlantic coast are making a survey to discover just how many there are. This will give them a basis on which to negotiate for release so that they might return to a vital war industry."

Visitors: Officers of the Japanese-American Citizens League, headquarters Salt Lake City. Mr. Larry Tajiri, who edits the Pacific Citizen, "declared the facilities at Heart Mountain superior in many respects to those he had seen recently at Minidoka, Idaho."

370 workers have left to help with the sugar beet harvest in Montana.

Statistics: Two births; three deaths; one marriage.--Cody Enterprise, September 23, p. 2. #1647

"Scott Taggart To Heart Mountain Job"

Wyo. Cody--Mr. Taggart will be associate director of business enterprises at the relocation center.--Cody Enterprise, September 23, p. 5.
#1648

"Speaker Tells Of Jap Camp Near Jerome"

Ida. Caldwell--Dave Dorsey, who has worked at Minidoka Relocation Project for the last three months, told Kiwanis club members on Thursday that "the buildings are temporary shelters of crude construction, of the cheapest lumber and sided with building paper..." No "tile-bathrooms... occupants required to provide their own furniture." Furniture made out of scrap lumber. "The older Japanese deplore the situation, he said, but the younger group are accepting their plight with good grace as something that can't be avoided."--Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), September 25, p. 11.
#1649

"8,000 More Japs to Move"

Calif. San Francisco--"...The Japanese will be moved from the Fresno and Santa Anita assembly centers. In the Santa Anita group will be included 640 Japanese originally evacuated from San Francisco. They will join other San Francisco Japanese at the Delta, Utah, relocation camp. The Army also announced that final transfers from the Tanforan assembly center, near San Francisco, will be completed within a week."--San Francisco Examiner, September 30, p. 5, col. 3.
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