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More Workers Needed in Cotton Fields

Phoenix--Students sought for work in cotton fields. "...Federal agencies have advised the Victory Labor Volunteers that even with whatever labor might be provided by volunteer Japanese evacuees, possible importations of limited numbers of Mexican workers and other sources, there still will be a serious shortage which must be bridged. At Sacaton, there was an increase in the number of Japanese recruits yesterday due to increasing production of those who 'stuck it out' and learned how to pick long-staple cotton. Number of pickers yesterday was 166. Federal agencies reported the number needed for the harvest is in the thousands ..."--Arizona Republic, September 26, p. 1. #1651

"Japanese Center Project To Make Arid Land Bloom"

Hunt--"A program for eventual reclamation of 17,000 acres of arid land now covered by sagebrush was started early this week when the first water for irrigation reached the Minidoka Relocation center area..." Details of irrigation canals and proposed planting presented.--North Side News (Jerome), September 24, p. 8, part 2. #1652

"300 More Leave For Harvest Work"

Jerome--The majority of Japanese evacuees to leave the Minidoka Relocation Center to work in Idaho's harvest fields will be housed by their employers. A few went to the Farm Security Administration camp at Twin Falls.--North Side News, September 24, p. 8, part 2. #1653

"May Have Japanese Labor Camp At Fairgrounds"

Jerome--"Work has started this week to try and get a labor camp established at the fairgrounds for Japanese harvest workers, which would greatly relieve the present farm labor shortage... There has been
Ida. a relaxing of requirements for hiring Japanese farm labor and the streamlined rules provide that instead of all applications for evacuee labor being cleared through WRA offices in San Francisco, they may now be handled at the local camp under certain conditions..." Conditions for securing evacuee labor outlined--North Side News, September 24, p. 1, part 2. #1654

"New Rules Apply To Japanese Labor"

Jerome--"Farmers may make applications for Japanese labor for a period of 30 days or less at the office of the U.S.E.S., it was announced
Ida. by Andrew Meeks, who stated that WRA authorities have authorized the local service office to make out applications... If farmers want laborers for more than a 30 day period, approvals have to come from the San Francisco WRA offices.--North Side News, September 24, p. 5, part 2. #1655

"State Readies Harvest of Big Beet Crop"

Provo--"...A meeting of all persons interested in harvesting of sugar beets has been set for Monday at 8:30 p.m. to outline plans for a labor program. The meeting is being called by the county agricultural war board. Representatives of the national employment service and the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company also have slated a trip to Delta on Monday for the purpose of recruiting Japanese labor to assist in the work. Author-
Utah ization to bring Japanese labor into the county to alleviate the farm labor problem here has been granted by Gov. Herbert Maw and the Utah county commission... Plans for the utilization on farms of Japanese evacuees who can be released for agricultural work from the Topaz relocation center at Abraham had been completed Saturday by the U.S.E.S. and interviewing of farmers needing the labor will begin Monday, according to Theodore R. Maughan, acting director of the U.S.E.S.--Salt Lake Tribune, September 27, p. 15A. #1656

"Japanese Evacuees To Attend Colleges"

Lamar (UP)--"Officials at the Japanese relocation center near Granada announced that 11 young Japanese-American evacuees from the west coast have been released from the center to continue their education."
--Salt Lake Tribune, September 27, p. 1. #1657

Newsnotes from Manzanar

Feature story. "1,000 laborers leave Manzanar to save sugar beets ..." distribution of workers given.

Harvey Coverly, assistant regional director of the WRA offices in San Francisco, arrived at the center to assume the duties of project Calif. director. "It was understood that Mr. Coverly's duties here would be of a temporary nature..."

Captain Martin L. Hall is now in command of the military police at the center.

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Kittredge, Mr. Kittredge is superintendent of Yosemite National Park; Judge and Mrs. William Denman of San Francisco. --Inyo Independent (Independence), September 25, pp. 1,5. #1658

"Second Day's Cotton Work Attracts 175"

Phoenix--Feature story with 5 pictures (Republic Staff Photos) showing the Japanese evacuees at work picking cotton. "In spite of a none too promising first day at picking long-staple cotton, 125 of 197 Japanese evacuees in the Sacaton relocation camp started out for a second day's work on the Smith-Thornburg ranch in Pinal county yesterday, while 50 others tried their hand at the job on the A. M. Ward ranch, considerably Ariz. closer to the center. Those in touch with the problem...were not discouraged by the showing so far... 'Of the group that went out to pick long-staple cotton Monday, most were young men just out of high school who did not realize that it is a skilled job requiring patient practice to be learned,' Edwin Bates, chief of information, WRA, said yesterday

Mr. Bates said several more farmers were at the center yesterday... afternoon seeking volunteers for their ranches. Best results in obtaining help have been obtained by having the farmer talk personally to the evacuees, he said."--Arizona Republic, September 23, p. 4. #1659

"Japs Given Leave to Attend College"

Denver (INS)--"Twenty-seven Japanese, including nine girls now held in the WRA Centers in Colorado and Wyoming, have been granted leaves to attend Western and Midwest colleges this fall, it was announced today. Seventeen different colleges have been picked by the Japanese students, with Union College at Lincoln, Nebraska, drawing the highest number, seven."--San Francisco Examiner, October 1, p. 2, col.6. #1660