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"Japanese Labor is 'Insufficient'"

Mont. Helena (AP) --"Montana farmers have made a favorable start on their sugar beet harvest, begun early because of anxiety over the labor problem, but movements of Japanese evacuees and workers from southern states into beet areas still are insufficient, operators have reported..."--Billings Gazette, September 24, p. 8. #1661

"Decision Against White Wife of Jap Is Upheld"

Mont. Helena (AP) --"...Holding that the marriage was illegal, the court designated James Jorgenson, Jr., of Kalispell, Flathead county public administrator, to administer the estate of the late Shun T. Takahashi of Whitefish, in preference to Takahashi's widow, Vivian Takahashi of Harve." The supreme court cited the Montana statute which forbids Japanese marrying white women in the state or recognizing such marriages solemnized outside the state and involving Montana residents. All heirs to the estate reside in Japan.--Billings Gazette, September 24, p. 8.#1662

"Report 5,000 Workers Needed"

Wyo. Cheyenne (AP) --"Between 5,000 and 6,000 Japanese evacuees could be used in sugar beet harvesting in Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Nebraska, John J. McElroy of Cheyenne, secretary of the National Beet Growers association, said Saturday. Offers to employ that many Japanese have been made to the WRA by beet growers in the four states, McElroy disclosed." Approximately 3,300 evacuees are needed from the Heart Mountain Center to aid with the harvest in the Yellowstone valley of Montana and the Big Horn basin, Sheridan and North Platte valley areas of Wyoming. The number of Japanese at the Granada Center is insufficient to meet the needs of Colorado beet growers. "...The serious shortage of beet harvest workers has



resulted in a plan for the recruiting of Japanese who are to be transferred from assembly points in California to relocation centers in Arkansas, McElroy revealed. Under the plan, he explained, the workers would stop in the four states to help with the beet harvest and then continue to their destinations."--Billings Gazette, September 27, p. 6. #1663

"First Issue Of 'Topaz Times' Out This Week!"

Utah Delta--First issue of the four-page mimeographed paper is dated September 11. The staff is Kim Obata, Fumio Obayashi, Fred Hoshiyama, Ted Hirota, Rev. Goto, Lily Tamaki, and Henry Takahashi.--Millard County Chronicle, September 24, p. 1. #1664

"Japanese Arriving at Center Rapidly"

Utah Delta--"Up to Thursday morning 4,200 Japanese had been received and checked in at the Topaz relocation center, with another contingent expected in during the day, to be added to those already housed. This places Topaz as probably the fifth city in population in Utah..."--Millard County Chronicle, September 24, p. 1. #1665

"Japanese Taken From Camp on Felony Charge"

Utah Delta--An alien born Japanese, a missionary of the forbidden creed of Shintoism, was found hiding under a bed when an agent of the FBI and Sheriff Forster searched the Central Utah Relocation Center to find him to answer a felony charge in California. The sheriff took the Japanese to the county jail in Finmore to await the arrival of the U.S. Marshals.--Millard County Chronicle, September 24, p. 1. #1666

"First Japanese Birth at Topaz"

Utah Delta--The baby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Takaki.--Millard County Chronicle, September 24, p. 1. #1667

"Japs in Tulalake To Aid Beet Crop"

Ore. Klamath Falls--"A total of 486 colonists at the Japanese relocation center at Tulalake have already gone to work in the beet fields of Utah, Montana, Oregon and Idaho, WRA officials revealed..."--The Oregonian (Portland), September 27, p. 19. #1668

"Get Jap Relocation Center Ready"

Ark. McGehee--Two column (AP Wirephoto) picture showing "two-year-old Kazuyoshi Ishigaki and his father, watching Joe Sakasekawa as he works building a bench for his quarters." This group was part of an advance contingent of Japanese evacuees who arrived at the Rohwer Relocation Center to ready the camp for other evacuees.--Spokesman Review (Spokane), September 24, p. 9. #1669



"The New Harvest Help"

Billings--Editorial on the Japanese evacuee beet labor. "...It is hoped that their presence in the territory will, as it surely should, be without incident. A little reflection should temper the thoughts of any who, forgetting that most of these laborers are Americans, may be tempted mildly or violently to demonstrate a long nourished anger. In this connection there is an interesting item in the information bulletin issued at the Cody relocation center which relates that in the last week 15 boys Mont. on furlough from our armed forces were visiting their parents and friends at the camp. Conceivably, before this war is over, Japanese-Americans will contribute very substantially to the united nations' victory. As farm workers they perform a very vital role. The trial period this fall will in a great measure determine the long-range possibilities of Japanese labor utilization, which include not only seasonal operations such as planting and harvesting, but also a year-around agricultural work in which many of them are experienced."--Billings Gazette, September 26, p. 4.

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