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Approximately 1,600 Japanese Beet Laborers Available

Ida. Twin Falls--Harry A. Elcock, district manager for the Amalgamated Sugar company, said factories at Twin Falls, Burley and Rupert "probably will open Monday or Tuesday of next week... The district manager said today he was still a little in the dark on the question of labor to handle the beet harvest. Employment and WRA officials have indicated that approximately 1,600 Japanese, and possibly more, will be available, but Elcock said he had no figures on the amount of Caucasian labor that will make the regular fall swing into the Magic Valley for the beet harvest..."--Times-News, September 29, p. 1. #1691

"Japanese Grid Stars Play On Hunt Teams"

Ida. Hunt--"Football is beginning to edge baseball out of the sports picture and the Minidoka relocation center, like many another American community of 9,500 population, is launching a pigskin program..."Times-News (Twin Falls), September 29, p. 6. #1692

"Arizona Protests As Colorado Wage Lures Japanese"

Ariz. Phoenix (AP) --"An Arizona farm bureau official reported Tuesday that the response of Japanese volunteer labor in harvesting Arizona's long staple cotton crop has been 'discouraging' because the Japanese evidently preferred to work in Colorado sugar beet fields. Earl Maharg, farm bureau secretary, reported that only 257 out of an expected 2,000 or 3,000 evacuee Japanese were at work in the cotton fields Monday. Meanwhile, he said, 1,700 Japanese have left the resettlement center at Poston, in western Arizona, for Colorado sugar beet fields, with a guarantee of \$6.50 per day..."--Denver Post, September 29, p. 14. #1693

"Japanese Hiring Method Speeded"

Ida. Twin Falls--"Slashing of red tape to permit quicker hiring of Japanese labor needed in the sugar beet harvest and for other work was announced today at Hunt, the relocation center..." Outline of new rules which permit the farmer to go to a local U.S.E.S. office and have his contract go directly to the relocation center for approval given.--Times-News, September 28, p. 2. #1694

"Japanese Move To Govern Camp"

Ida. Hunt (AP) --"Colonists at the Japanese relocation center here today had taken the first steps toward instituting a democratic form of self government by electing two representatives from each of the camp's 36 blocks. The 72 representatives will meet soon, it was announced, to recommend to Project Director H. L. Stafford seven from their ranks to serve as an organization commission to draft a form of government. The plan will include a community council which will be largely responsible for legislating the camp's laws. Member will be chosen at a general election. Stafford said many of the center residents would cast absentee ballots in the Nov. 3 general election..."--Times-News (Twin Falls), September 30, p. 5. #1695

"Dearth Of Volunteer Jap Cotton Pickers Worries Officials"

Ariz. Phoenix--Feature story. "Although the number of volunteer Japanese cotton pickers increased considerably yesterday over any day last week, the whole proposition is so discouraging to farm bureau officials they may call it off if no better showing is made by Saturday, Earl Maharg, executive secretary, said yesterday... 'While volunteering has been so slow at Sacaton, I am informed by authorities of the U.S.E.S. that 1,700 Japanese from the Parker center have left for Colorado sugar beet fields, where they are guaranteed \$6.50 per day. I don't know whether they were given the choice of going to Colorado or picking cotton in Arizona, but it's a sure thing that if they were, the \$6.50 would have taken them away from us. It's coming to the point where we will have to ask Washington which is most important--to fill already bursting sugar warehouses with more sugar or get the long-staple cotton crop in'..."--Arizona Republic, September 29, p. 4. #1696

"Paint on the Petroglyphs"

Klamath Falls--Editorial. "The unfortunate desecration of a petroglyph panel on the Tululake peninsula can only be attributed by inference to a member of the Japanese settlement nearby. Perhaps some one else did it as a 'joke.' It is known that Japanese from the colony do have ample freedom to be in the location of the orange yellow paint which was slapped over the ancient carved writings. At the time the painting was discovered, there were hundreds of Japanese at play in that neighborhood. Probably there was opportunity to commit the offense, although it might be difficult to pin it on any one individual or even to prove that a Japanese colonist did it. Be

that as it may, the officials of the WRA should take whatever steps are necessary to prevent anything further of the kind from happening, insofar as it might be perpetrated by a Japanese colonist. These ancient carved Ore. writings are among the most interesting historical features of the Klamath country. They are of great scientific significance. They are sacred to those who are interested in the mysterious history of this country. They must be preserved. Regardless of who spread the paint, there are no doubt colonists at Tulelake who have plenty of time to remove it and this, it seems to us, would be an excellent settlement project. It could be done without acceptance of liability, and at the same time would vastly benefit the 'public relations' of the colony."--Herald and News, October 1, p. 6.

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"Thanks Sent For Supplies From Project"

Newell--"A total of 26 carloads and one truckload of vegetables have been shipped from Newell to other relocation projects... Two of the pro-Calif.jects have written to express their appreciation of the Tulean vegetables ..." Excerpts from letters from the Gila River and the Colorado River projects presented.--Herald and News, October 1, p. 13. #1698

"Wickard Applies For Jap Farm Help"

Hunt (AP) --"Secretary Wickard applied to this relocation center today for a Japanese couple to work on his Indiana farm. The letter was Ida. among hundreds of applications asking for volunteer workers. Many of the Japanese, brought from West Coast defense areas, are working in Idaho fields. Officials took no immediate action on the Wickard request."--San Francisco Chronicle, October 6, p. 1.

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