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"U. S. Eases Up on Italians--But Not Here"

San Francisco--U.S. Attorney Biddle announced in New York that effective October 19, Italian aliens will no longer be classed as enemy aliens. "From that time on, the exoneration which they have so well earned will be granted them." He went on to say that this does not mean that dangerous persons are not still subject to apprehension or internment. After investigation, it has been shown that fewer than Calif. one-twentieth of one per cent have had to be interned. Biddle also recommends the enactment of a bill in Congress to grant an alien, otherwise eligible, citizenship without taking literacy test "provided he is 50 years old or older and provided he has come to the United States before July 1, 1924, and has lived in the country continuously since." This ruling does not apply to Italians on the Pacific Coast unless Lt. General J. L. DeWitt countermands his proclamations governing the movements of Italians in the Western defense zone. Story gives the numbers of Italian living in the three coastal states at the time of the 1940 census, and the numbers of enemy aliens of various nationalities.-- San Francisco Chronicle, October 13, p. 1. #1747

"Army Acts on German Societies"

San Francisco--The Western Defense Command has formally served notice on Lorenz C. Carlsen, president of the United German Societies, to appear before a board of Army officers to show why he should not be Calif. ordered out of the Pacific Coast area. Carlsen, a naturalized citizen, said that he considered himself a good American citizen and had nothing to hide or be ashamed of. Other San Franciscans connected with German societies have been summoned before the Army Board. Remo Bosin, former sports editor of an Italian paper was under arrest for attempting to evade an exclusion order.--San Francisco Examiner, October 13, p. 1. #1748

"Army Extends Bay Area Expulsion Order to 18"

San Francisco--Army announced that 18 bay area residents have been ordered out of the Pacific Coast region and exclusion proceedings against 39 others are now pending. Heading the list was Sylvester J. Calif. Andriano, former San Francisco supervisor. Most of the "exiles" are American citizens of Italian and German extraction. General DeWitt accused the sponsor of an eastern broadcast for "breaking faith with the Army by announcing the...."expulsions prematurely last week." -- San Francisco Call-Bulletin, October 12, p. 1, 2nd. sec.

#1749

"Jap Language Study Due for Army Officers"

San Francisco--Public schools will offer adult education courses Calif. in Spanish and Japanese for Army officers in addition to a wide variety on war classes.--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, October 12, p. 7.

#1750

"Much Contraband of Aliens Seized"

Washington (INS)--Homes of 20,000 suspected enemy aliens have Nat'l. been searched by FBI, seizing 3,857 persons and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of contraband equipment. Of the aliens held for hearings, 2682 were Japanese. In all cases the equipment was held illegally by the aliens. Seized material included ammunition, maps, guns, cameras and rolls of film of strategic structures.--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, October 12, p. 1, 2nd. sec.

#1751

"Hunt Schools Delayed"

Hunt--Because of lack of housing facilities, opening of schools Ida. at the Minidoka center has been postponed two weeks.--Twin Falls Times-News, October 6, p. 3.

#1752

"Jerome Harvest Vacation Oct. 12"

Jerome--For two weeks, beginning October 12, schools will be Ida. given a vacation to allow the children to assist in harvest work.--Twin Falls Times-News, October 6, p. 7.

#1753

Letters to Editors

Denver--John Grattan, farmer, says that the administration is not allowing for the cost of labor in figuring parity for farm products. Efficient labor is difficult to secure, but "many farmers will now have the opportunity to employ Japanese. They will be efficient and reliable and there will be no danger of sabotage from them."--Denver Post, Sept. 27, p. 6, Part 3.

#1754

Colo. Denver--John L. Demarest complains of the fact that Americans are willing to hire Japanese to do their work while American soldiers must fight in the jungles of the East Indies. Criticizes pre-war policy on lack of war preparation.--Denver Post, Sept. 27, p. 6. Part 3.

#1755

Colo. Denver--H. W. McKee protests the shortage of meat in Denver while 40,000 lbs. of beef was sent from a Denver packing plant to a Japanese camp in the Rocky Mountain area. He feels that if anyone should do without meat, it should be "those brown-skinned individuals of whom it is said 'you cannot tell the good ones from the bad ones.'" An editorial comment reports that "While many teachers of American children receive less than \$1400 a year, the teachers of Japanese interned children are to be paid \$1600 if bachelors of art, and \$2000 if they hold a master's degree." -- Denver Post, October 4, p. 6. Part 3.

#1756

Calif. Sacramento--Mrs. W. E. Drumm thinks it an outrage that teachers are to be employed to teach art at Japanese relocation centers, and that the American people should not have to pay for it. "I think it about time an investigation into this affair should be made." The editorial note reports the statement of Mrs. Lucy Adams, WRA education director, that curriculum in relocation schools is to follow as closely as possible that of the state in which the school is located "so credits earned at the relocation centers will be acceptable at institutions of higher education and the Japanese will experience a minimum of interruption in their education by reason of the evacuation." States that teachers have to meet Civil Service requirements.--Sacramento Bee, September 19, p. 24.

#1757

Calif. Sacramento--Both "C.H.K." and Mrs. Hucca Bells protest the teaching of art at relocation centers at the expense of the taxpayer. The former writes: "One might aptly ask if the most under privileged of our own children in America are all having the same opportunity, provided with clothes, food, and shelter given to them in addition. When one reads of the utter brutality of the Japanese....it is apparent that anyone who advocates or does anything to help them come back is rendering a disservice to this civilization of ours." Mrs. Bells compliments a sales clerk who refused to sell a thermos jug when she heard the customer say it was going to a Japanese in a camp.--Sacramento Bee, September 25, P. 22.

#1758

Calif. Sacramento--I. L. London believes that teaching art in Japanese camps is "the crowning insult to the American people and to the American Army."--Sacramento Bee, September 28, p. 20.

#1759

Calif. Sacramento--A writer who signs himself as "A Friend of One" points out that "some Japanese are good people and they cannot help it if their people across the waters choose to be different." He criticizes the Americans who believe we are "coddling" them and thinks that we should

not treat the Japanese badly even though Americans in Japanese camps are not well treated.--Sacramento Bee, September 29, p. 22.

#1760

Sacramento--J. V. Brown wants to know why we are catering to the Japanese while they are sending our people home "half-starved, and with-outhospital treatment.....If we allow Japanese citizens to remain so and permit them to return to the Pacific states, in fifty years their descendants will own all the best farm lands on the coast."--Sacramento Bee, October 6, p. 20.

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