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"Mexican Workers Arrive on Coast"

Calif. San Francisco (AP)--In addition to 2000 Mexican harvest workers already in California, 600 more were due today.--Reno Evening Gazette, October 12, p. 1. #1800

"969 Jap Evacuees Labor on Colorado and Nebraska Crops"

Colo. Granada (AP)--"A total of 969 Japanese evacuees from the Granada. Japanese relocation center now are working at harvest jobs throughout Colorado and in Nebraska."--The Denver Post, October 11, sec. 1, p. 4. #1801

"FBI Searches 20,000 Homes"

Wash. D.C. Washington (INS)--Of the 20,000 suspected enemy aliens, 3857 have been held for hearings before alien enemy hearing boards; "759 were Germans, 416 Italians and 2682 were Japanese....Contraband equipment seized included all manner of arms and ammunition, cameras and films of war bases, camps and plants, short wave radios and equipment, codes, maps and signaling devices."--The Oregonian, October 13, p. 6. #1802

"Marriage Was Invalid"

Mont. Helena (UP)--"The state supreme court has denied the right of a white woman who married a Japanese in the State of Washington to administer the estate of her dead husband, pointing out such marriages are illegal in Montana, and those contracted outside the state by Montana residents are likewise invalid."--Sacramento Bee, October 14, p. 18. #1803



Japanese Sentenced for Leaving Assembly Center

Calif. "Federal Judge Martin I. Welsh denied probation and sentenced Richard Tetsuo Doi, a Stockton, San Joaquin County, Japanese, to five months in the county jail for leaving a Japanese assembly center without permission...He returned to the camp voluntarily several hours later."--  
Sacramento Bee, October 14, p. 4. #1804

"Jap Captives Ask to Join U. S. Airforce"

Calif. Sacramento (AP)--"Some Japanese fliers, shot down and captured by American forces in the south Pacific, have pleaded for a chance to become Americans and join the allied air force, Brig. Gen. Edwin Perrin, new commanding officer of the fourth air service area command, said here."--  
Redding Record-Searchlight, October 13, p. 6. #1805

"Pro Nazis Deserve To Lose U. S. Citizenship"

Calif. "Instructions have been issued by Attorney General Francis J. Biddle to all United States attorneys to press denaturalization proceedings against former members of the German American Bund.....Of the spies landed from German submarines, six of whom were executed, several were naturalized American citizens....who solemnly had sworn to give up all foreign loyalties and give their allegiance only to the United States Government."--Sacramento Bee, October 13, p. 24. #1806

"Mayor Stewart Raps Sale of Milk to Japs"

Ariz. "Newell Stewart, mayor, yesterday attacked the policy of permitting 850 gallons per day of Grade A milk to be taken from the Central Arizona milk shed and allocated to the Japanese internees at Sacaton while Phoenix children and convalescents are unable to obtain enough for their needs.... In registering his 'very vehement protest' against supplying the relocation centers with Phoenix-needed milk now being diverted to the 'pampering of our concentration camp inmates,' the mayor pointed out that the milk amounts to 13,600 eight-ounce bottles of Grade A fluid beverage per day or more than 20 per cent of the shortage which the city and its tributary area now face... 'I realize that chivalry toward a prisoner of war, and indeed toward the many loyal Japanese of American birth now held in the relocation camp, is a duty and is the American thing to do. But my first loyalty and my first obligation is to the babies and the elderly people and those whose health demands that they have milk for their daily diet,' Mayor Stewart declared in a letter to Governor Osborn, answering the latter's request to take steps to alleviate the milk shortage here and institute a system of preferential purchasing of fresh milk...."--Arizona Republic, Phoenix, October 11, p. 4. #1807



"Farm Labor Shortage Magnified by Demand For Harvest Workers"

Ore. "The nation's farmers are appealing for students, office workers, prisoners, men in the armed services--anyone willing to work in the fields --for help in harvesting record-breaking crops...Schools and colleges have suspended classes...Mexican workers have been imported into California; Japanese in evacuee camps, Indians on reservations..."Montana has imported Japanese evacuees from the west coast and has more than 1000 at work..."--  
The Oregonian, October 8, p. 6. #1808

"Store Closing to Aid Picking"

Ariz. Mesa--"All efforts to provide sufficient professional cotton pickers or to meet the emergency through the use of Japanese or imported Mexican labor have failed due to matters beyond the control of farmers in this area. The Japanese people are doing necessary defense work within their camps."--  
Arizona Independent Republic, Phoenix, October 13, sec. 2, p. 5.  
#1809

"Contests Won by Japanese"

Wash. D.C. Washington (INS)--"Concern was expressed in some congressional quarters in Washington Wednesday over the fact that five American-born Japanese have been nominated for public office in Hawaii....Seven of them were running for office, and all but two won nominations in Japanese populated districts. One of them was nominated for the Hawaiian house of representatives...Senator Millard E. Tydings,....said there is no legal authority to deny Hawaiian-born Japanese the right to run for office. However, he intimated that the military authorities in Hawaii probably could take action if they wished to do so. Tydings recalled that Japanese-American residents of the west coast were made subject to military law and moved away from defense areas."--The Oregonian, October 8, p. 4. #1810

"Status of Italian Aliens Here May be Settled Monday"

Calif. "Fifty thousand Italian aliens in California will have their war-time status settled definitely on Monday, high War Department sources indicated yesterday....The proclamation is expected to clarify exemption of Italian aliens from travel and curfew restrictions now in force on all enemy aliens...."--San Francisco Chronicle, October 16, p. 11.  
#1811

Letters to Editors

Mother protests allowing some Japanese young people to attend college, asking why our boys are not given the same chance.--Sacramento Bee, October 14. #1812

"Attorney General Biddle proposes that any alien who is 50 years of age, and has been here since July, 1924, may be made a citizen..."



Writer points out that those now 50 were 32 at that time and should have been mentally capable of passing the usual tests.--San Francisco Chronicle, October 16, p. 14 #1813

Calif. Writer expresses opinion in regard to difficulty in obtaining naturalization papers: "...if your personal house is in order and you can answer a few simple questions, Uncle Sam will welcome you as I saw him do to many good prospective citizens of our country."--San Francisco Chronicle, October 16, p. 14. #1814

"Relocation Ranch"

A postcard received from the former employer of a Japanese houseboy, from Utah Relocation Center: "Please supply at your earliest convenience one cowboy shirt, one seven-gallon Stetson hat, one pair of shaps, one pair of cowboy boots. I will pay for in service to you when through with war."--San Francisco News, October 15, p. 5. #1815

"Navy Wants 'Phi Betes' to Study Japanese"

Calif. "Men in their twenties 'with Phi Beta Kappa standing' are wanted to take the intensive course in Japanese at the University of Colorado."--San Francisco Chronicle, October 16, p. 9. #1816

"Italy's Bondage"

Calif. "Berlin, commenting on pamphlets dropped on Italy, telling of America's removal of enemy alien restrictions on Italian nationals in the United States, says: 'Only somebody utterly ignorant of European conditions could believe it possible to drive a wedge between the people and the government in Italy, or in Germany.'"--San Francisco Chronicle, October 16, p. 14. #1817

