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"Japanese Camp Rumors Exploded"

This is the first of a series of articles based on the visit of four Redding business men to the Tule Lake War Relocation Project. "Four Redding business men alarmed at rumors of 'scandalous conditions' at the Japanese internment camp at Tule Lake, ... were back today with a report that the camp is well conducted and that most of the rumors are totally false and the remainder grossly exaggerated.... Their investigation was prompted by reports that Japanese were allowed to go to and from the camp at will and without guards, that the Japanese were allowed huge quantities of building materials, scarce foods and other supplies which ordinarily are difficult for civilians to obtain, that there was wanton destruction of equipment and farm produce, and similar stories. After interviewing leading citizens in Klamath Falls and Tule Lake, closest communities to the war relocation authority's Newell camp at Tule Lake, the party visited the camp, made a thorough inspection and interviewed" Elmer L. Shirrell, project director. Much existing confusion was cleared as a result of this visit.--Redding Record-Searchlight, October 24, p. 1.

#1932

Six Japanese Aliens Given Orders in Mexico

Mexico City--Six Japanese have been ordered to leave an unspecified coastal area, as they had taken to hiding instead of coming to Mexico City, where all enemy aliens are concentrated. "The arrests are held by both Mexican and American circles as proof of the intense activity of the secret police." A German woman, who "formed part of an espionage organization that communicated with Nazi agents in the United States," was also apprehended by the secret police.--New York Times, October 23, p. 7.

#1933

"Beet Harvesting Nearly Half-Way"

"A sugar beet harvest 45 per cent completed was reported... by Harry A. Elcock, Idaho district manager for the Amalgamated Sugar company..... Approximately 1,200 Japanese laborers are helping in the sugar beet harvest in the Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Gooding and Filer areas, Elcock reported.--Twin Falls Times-News, October 25, p. 5.

#1934

"Items from Topaz"

Topaz had its first fire as a result of a cigarette tossed into an open window, with damage estimated at \$25. The fire, which was discovered by K. Uriu and T. Miyoshi, endangered the high school building.

The first Art and Crafts Show, under the supervision of Professor Chiura Obata, opened with over 500 exhibits.

"Building arrangements for all faiths represented were made at the weekly meeting of the Inter-Faith Ministerial Association...on Oct. 7."

The Topaz Post Office, between Oct. 1, and Oct. 13, has sold \$4353 worth of money orders and \$505 worth of postages.

Three more students have left Topaz for educational institutions.

The sixth baby girl was born at Topaz on October 17.

"William C. Farrell, farm superintendent at Topaz, in meeting with those residents interested in hog raising...revealed that \$50,000 was the budget allowance..."

The first plowing has begun at Topaz on a 40-acre plot.

Utah "Approximately 2000 children at the Central Utah Relocation Project near Delta attended their first Utah school on October 19, according to Dr. John C. Carlisle, superintendent of Topaz schools..."

"Topaz Relocation Center will soon be engaged in producing vital agricultural products sorely needed in the defense effort, according to Roscoe Bell, Chief of the Agricultural Division. Twenty-five acres probably will be devoted to the cultivation of pyrethrum on an experimental basis... Vegetables will also be grown..."

The population of the Central Utah Relocation Project has reached 8,229, after the arrival of 309 evacuees from Tanforan.

No hunting will be allowed on the Central Utah Project area. "The entire area is posted, and the area is being patrolled by the Military Police."

The hospital at Topaz was dedicated Sunday afternoon. The building was not completed, but one wing was filled with patients.

Many of the evacuees have been placed in private employment. Three two-column pictures show various Japanese in their respective jobs--one caring for children, two working in a cleaning establishment and one working at a printing press.--Millard County Chronicle, October 22, pp. 1, 8. #1935

"...Army Will Finish History's Most Humane Evacuation Nov. 1"

Calif. "In three days the army will finish a job unparralleled in the history of mankind--the ticklish, dangerous assignment of moving more than 110,000 Japanese from the West Coast.... The entire job will be completed.....with the removal of the last Japanese from assembly centers at Santa Anita and Fresno...." Milton Silverman paints a dramatic picture of the evacuation of the Japanese, giving credit to Colonel Karl R. Bendetson of the WCCA for its successful completion.--San Francisco Chronicle, October 29, p. 7.

#1936

"FBI Arrests Jap; Posed as Korean"

Calif. "For four months Kumahichi Yoshida, a Japanese seaman, roamed the streets of San Francisco posing as a Korean until his real nationality was established by FBI agents..."--San Francisco Examiner, October 29, p. 34.

#1937

Letter to Editor

N. Y. New York--Ernest K. Fabisch protests leaving Germans of this country in the "enemy alien" classification. He says that the great proportion consists of those "who left Germany after Hitler came to power."--New York Times, October 20, p. 20.

#1938

Calif. Maricopa--Mr. J. B. Wells asks why the Japanese should be accorded special privileges, such as receiving supplies of bacon when U.S. citizens have to go without. He cites specific instances when he was told by a truck driver and by a salesman for a packing plant, of large amounts of bacon that were being sent to Santa Anita for consumption of evacuees.--San Francisco Chronicle, October 29, p. 14.

#1939