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"Kansas to Use Japanese Labor to Harvest Beet Crop"

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Topeka--"Governor Ratner approved the use of Japanese labor to help harvest sugar beets in six Western Kansas counties and transmitted his approval today to the war relocation authority... The Governor described 'a critical labor shortage, endangering the harvest' in the Arkansas River valley area and said great losses would result unless emergency labor could be obtained.... Several months ago, when Kansas was being considered as a possible site for a Japanese internment camp, Ratner said he wanted no enemy aliens in the State. He pointed out that today's action was to meet an emergency and was requested by local officials."-- San Francisco Chronicle, November 5, p. 17. #1988

Rumor Regarding Pay of Japanese Quelled

Ore. A rumor that the Japanese evacuees are getting \$50. a month was suppressed by an accurate statement of the sums allowed different classes of workers at the projects.--The Oregonian, November 1, p. 23.

#1989

"Dempsey Answers Japanese Colonization 'Insinuations'"

N.M.

Controversy over the Japanese relocation program entered political circles in the New Mexico election campaign when John J. Dempsey, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, answered his opponent regarding "insinuations" that he had promoted settlement of Japanese evacuees in New Mexico. "I refer to...insinuations that I was in some way connected with the plan to colonize Japanese in New Mexico," he said. "I want to state now that I have always opposed Japanese colonization in New Mexico." ... He declared that last spring, when asked his opinion on the matter,

he said that, if the War Department felt it necessary to move Japanese as far inland as New Mexico, they should be settled only on Federal land, under guard, and moved back to the coast when the war is over. He said his opinion referred only to internment camps, and not colonization..."--Albuquerque Journal, November 1, pp. 1, 5. #1990

Living Conditions at Projects

N.M. An illustrated feature article by Marjorie Young delves into the daily routine of the Japanese evacuees at the relocation projects--their health, food, hobbies and reactions to life at the project.--Albuquerque Journal, November 1, Magazine Section. #1991

"Evacuation of Coast Japanese Completed..."

Calif. "Marking the end of the Army's evacuation of Pacific Coast Japanese to inland points, Lieut. Gen. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, today paid tribute to the Federal civilian agencies cooperating with the Army in the evacuation operations..."--San Francisco News, November 5, p. 4. #1992

"Harvesting Progressing; Crop Saved"

Wash. D.C. Washington (AP)--"Despite labor shortages, the West's record crop of sugar beets will be harvested in its entirety 'if the weather holds out,' the Agricultural Department said today... The labor situation seemed to have been alleviated somewhat, the department said, through the importation of 3000 Mexican workers into California, the seasonal shifting of Spanish-American workers into Colorado and Montana from New Mexico, Texas and Arizona, and the availability of Japanese evacuees for work in the beet fields..."--San Francisco Chronicle, November 6, p. 17. #1993

"Hawaii to Evacuate Some Japs"

T.H. Honolulu, T.H. (AP)--Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, military commander of Hawaii, announced today that plans were being made to evacuate some of Hawaii's 161,000 Japanese to the American mainland.... 'It will NOT be a mass movement like that on the Pacific Coast, and... will be on a resettlement plan movement to areas where schools and employment will be available. And we don't plan to evacuate very many.' ..."--San Francisco Chronicle, November 6, p. 6. #1994

"...Three More Bay Area Suspects Ousted..."

Calif. Three more Germans have been ordered from the Bay Region: Dr. Hajo Peter Plagege, physician; Karl Kopp, painter, and Kurt Max Frederick Nitz, former Mare Island Navy Yard toolmaker.--San Francisco Chronicle, November 6, p. 3. #1995

