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"Plea of Japs is Turned Down"

Nevada

"The board of review of the Nevada unemployment security commission has upheld the opinion of the security department and turned down an application of a number of White Pine county Japanese for unemployment compensation, which was claimed because the Japanese were forced out of employment when interned as a war measure..... 'The fact that the handicaps and disabilities which impinge upon the appellant's employment opportunities result from a set of circumstances over which he has no control is of no pertinence,' says the opinion of the board of review. 'Work availability can be as effectively destroyed by circumstances for which the claimant is in no way responsible as by a set of conditions deliberately created'...."--Reno Evening Gazette, November 10, p. 12,

#2033

"Accept Japanese Vote and Reject Soldiers"

Calif.

"....Los Angeles deputy county counsels have rejected challenges by Democratic election count watchers for Lieutenant Governor Ellis E. Patterson aimed at approximately 100 absentee ballots cast by Japanese-Americans in relocation camps.... Some 4,000 ballots returned by men in the armed services are invalid because they were sworn before officers unqualified to administer the required oath."--Sacramento Bee, November 11, p. 4.

#2034

"Army Control of Citizens Disputed"

Calif.

The question of the right of military authorities to order American citizens into confinement while civil courts are still functioning is being argued before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The case in point is that of Hans Zimmerman, an American citizen, who was taken into

custody in Hawaii. "...Observers suggested that should the appeals court rule in favor of Zimmerman it might set a precedent under which many of the decrees of Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt affecting American citizens in the West Coast might be attacked."--San Francisco News, November 13, p. 9.
#2035

"Time' Writer Accused"

Canada Ottawa (AP)--"Edward G. Rohrbough, American-born Toronto newspaperman, faced charges today of violating Canadian defense regulations because he allegedly supplied Time magazine with information on which the American periodical based a story of disorders among German prisoners at Bowmanville, Ont., last month..."--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, November 13, p. 4.
#2036

"Seven Hundred Japanese Vote"

Calif. Newell--"Seven hundred colonists at the WRA project here sent in absentee voters ballots in the recent general election."--Klamath Falls Herald & News, November 10, p. 8.
#2037

"Jap Alien Upheld"

Wash., D.C. Washington (AP)--"...A case involving the right of a Japanese fisherman in California, Kumezo Kawato, to sue his employer for wages and for injury damages brought a unanimous decision that 'the doors of our courts have not been shut to peaceable law-abiding (enemy) aliens to enforce rights growing out of legal occupations'..."--Arizona Republic (Phoenix), November 10, p. 6.
#2038

"Rumors Against Tule Lake Center Investigated"

Calif. Newell--"Phillip Webster, assistant to R. B. Cozzens of the regional WRA office, returned to San Francisco November 6, after a five-day investigation of rumors and charges made against the Tule Lake project by some newspapers and people in this locality.... His report to headquarters will show that more than 90 per cent of the rumors and the charges made against the project were baseless."--Klamath Falls Herald & News, November 10, p. 8.
#2039

"Mexico Bans Axis Nationals"

Mexico Mexico City (INS)--"All axis nationals, including Japanese, were peremptorily ordered Tuesday to leave" certain coastal areas of Mexico. "The order is seen primarily as a precautionary measure directed against the possibility of fifth column activities in the event of a Japanese attack."--The Oregonian (Portland), November 11, p. 8.
#2040

"Sacramento Japanese, Now in Army, Draws Fire of Arkansas Father"

Ark. Dermott (AP)--"A Dermott father whose two sons now are in the army took a pot shot at an American Japanese soldier..... The city marshal said it was the first such disturbance since the Japanese colony, housing some 10,000 evacuees from the Pacific Coast, was established..."--
Sacramento Bee, November 11, p. 19. #2041

"3949 Enroll in Newell Schools"

Calif. Newell--"Although understaffed and with shortages in equipment and textbooks, the schools at the Tule Lake project have an enrollment" of 3949. "Eight grade school teachers and 22 high school teachers are required to complete the staff..."--Klamath Falls Herald & News, November 10, p. 8. #2042

"Bars Japanese in Cotton Fields"

Calif. San Francisco--"Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, Western defense commander, withdrew permission...for the use of Japanese evacuees in the harvesting of Arizona's long staple cotton crop. The Army explained that it had been found necessary to employ troops to guard the exterior boundaries of the cotton growing areas and that the number of Japanese volunteers for the cotton picking was not up to the expectations of the growers'....."--New York Times, November 8, p. 40. #2043

Japanese War Prisoners

Calif. Two pictures, one three-column INS photo, and one four-column AP wirephoto, show medical treatment being given Japanese prisoners of war. "...At first confused and bewildered at the considerate care given them, the Japs soon became quite cooperative and gave their captors little trouble."--San Francisco Examiner, November 16, p. 14. #2044