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"Manzanar Japanese Return From Work in Sugar Beet Fields"

Calif. On November 10 sixty-five men and one woman returned to Manzanar from work in the beet fields. Although the majority of them expressed favor with the treatment received, "a few said that some anti-Japanese feeling was encountered. Working conditions, on the most part were satisfactory, although not of the best, they declared."--Inyo Independent (Independence), November 13, p. 6. #2045

"U.S. Judge Challenges DeWitt 'Rule'"

Calif. "Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt's authority to regulate the life of citizens in the Western Defense Command was challenged yesterday by Federal Judge James A. Fee in Portland." Reference was made to American-born Japanese evacuated from the West Coast and the curfew law "as it applies to thousands of American-born Japanese at liberty in other Western States." He also questioned the constitutionality of excluding certain citizens from the Western Defense Command.--San Francisco Chronicle, November 17, pp. 1, 10. #2046

"Show Japanese No Mercy..., Says Runyon"

Colo. Damon Runyon compares the treatment given U. S. prisoners in Japan and that of alien Japanese in the United States. "...If there had been isolated cases of mistreatment they might be overlooked as inevitable to the confusion and disorder of war and to a temporarily uncontrolled soldiery, but the stories of the victims, reputable Americans and many of them trained newspapermen who can distinguish between accident and design in matters of this nature, indicate that the brutality has been general, systematic and official..."--The Denver Post, November 10, p. 30. #2047

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"U.S. Seizes Stock of Local Japanese Bank"

Calif. "Leo T. Crowley, alien property custodian in Washington, announced the capital stock of the Sumitomo Bank of Sacramento has been seized on the grounds it is 'enemy owned'..."--Sacramento Bee, November 14, p. 6.

#2048

Another Army Exclusion

Calif. San Francisco (AP)--Matthias Nikolaus Schmitt of San Jose has received exclusion orders from the Army.--Sacramento Bee, November 14, p. 3.

#2049

"Agricultural Labor Discussion"

Calif. C. C. Teague, president of the agricultural council of California, called a meeting of farmers and farm leaders, during which they agreed on a simple program "to be undertaken at once to provide for next year's farm labor requirements.... The only proposal submitted which was turned down with almost unanimous disapproval was that use be made of Japanese agricultural labor in nondefense zones. The California farmer's traditional dislike for Japanese farmers and laborers was evident..."--California Cultivator, November 14, vol. 89, no. 23, pp. 570, 571.

#2050

Letters to Editor

Calif. Sacramento--H. J. McClatchy, Secretary, California Joint Immigration Commission, points out that the Japanese crude birth rate in California reached 69.93 per 1,000, while the white birth rate was 18.60. "It was easy to predict that it would be only a few generations before the majority of the inhabitants of California would be Japanese..."--Sacramento Bee, November 12, p. 30.

#2051

San Francisco--Mrs. K. G. protests against supplying milk to the Japanese projects, when service men and civilians are going without their full quota.--San Francisco Examiner, November 16, p. 10.

#2052

"Japs Prevent Food Shipment to Prisoners"

Calif. "Because of continued Japanese refusal to allow any ships other than their own in belligerent waters, the packing of food packages in San Francisco for American and Allied prisoners of war in the Far East has been postponed...."--San Francisco Chronicle, November 17, p. 19.

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