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"Japanese Draws Year's Term as Curfew Violator"

Ore.

Portland (INS)--"Minoru Yasui, 26, American born Japanese attorney from Hood River, found guilty of violating the war department's curfew order...was sentenced to serve one year in a federal road camp and pay a fine of \$5,000." The federal judge ruled, however, that the orders of the Western Defense Command were void with regard to American citizens. "Ruling of the court caused speculation in legal circles over the possibility of American born Japanese now in relocation centers regaining entrance to their Oregon homes by filing writs of habeas corpus."--Sacramento Bee, November 19, p.15. #2085

"Korean Says Japs Train 12,000 for West Coast Invasion"

Wash.
D.C.

Washington--On the basis of unconfirmed information it was announced that 12,000 Japanese are undergoing special training for invasion of the West Coast. Of this number, "10,000 were born in Hawaii and on the American mainland, and 2,000 were born in Japan but reared in Hawaii and the continental United States. All were said to have been educated in American schools."--The Denver Post, November 15, p. 3. #2086

"Two Japanese Enter Guilty Pleas at Bay"

Calif.

San Francisco (AP)--Toshio Sonoda, American born Japanese, was granted a year's probation by federal judge. Sonoda admitted giving his work permit to Kazue Yabusaki, evacuee who had previously applied for repatriation, and had been denied a permit to leave camp.--Sacramento Bee, November 19, p. 15. #2087

"Speedy Hearing on States Dismissal of Japanese is Sought"

Calif. "An appeal to the State personnel board for a speedy hearing of the dismissal charges filed against several hundred Japanese-American former state employes evacuated from coastal areas will be made... A legislative resolution urging congress to revoke the United States' citizenship of Japanese born in this country" is contemplated.--Sacramento Bee, November 19, p. 4. #2088

"Plans scrapped for Industries at Jap Centers"

Utah Salt Lake City (AP)--"Federal plans for large scale industrial setups in the 10 inland Western Japanese-American relocation centers have been scrapped, Dillon S. Myer, National war relocation authority, stated today. Instead...the Government hopes for early permanent re-settlement of more than 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry 'throughout the length and breadth of the United States.'.... He warned them they 'dare not repeat the mistake of concentrating great numbers in any one part of the country again,' and urged them to scatter to every part of the country where they can gain acceptance. Anyone in the relocation centers may apply to settle outside, he said, but they first must have a place to go where they can earn a living and be accepted by the community. They must have satisfactory conduct records in the camps, and after leaving must keep the WRA informed on their activities and progress."--San Francisco Chronicle, November 23, p. 7. #2089

"Spy System of Japanese Topic"

Calif. Arthur W. Ponsford, San Diego newspaperman and veteran waterfront reporter, addressed a meeting of the American Association of University Women on "Japanese Espionage in This Country."-- Sacramento Bee, November 20, p. 17. #2090

"Funds Received for Enemy Aliens"

Nev. "Funds for the provision of aid to enemy aliens and their dependants have been received this week by the Nevada State Welfare department from the Federal security agency, it was announced today by Grace Semenza, administrative assistant... As results of evacuation under plans of the federal government civilians evacuated from Alaska and Hawaii; civilians evacuated from danger points in continental United States are also given aid...."--Reno Evening Gazette, November 18, p. 16. #2091

Letters from the People

Colo. Brush, Colo.--Hideo Sasaki asserts that any failure of assimilation of the Japanese people is lack of education and not the impossibility of assimilation. "Being born, reared and schooled in this country, he (a nisei) becomes American both psychologically and culturally. The only characteristic which does not change is that of his physical features--yellow skin and black hair..."--Sacramento Bee, November 19, p. 28. #2092