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(This issue of the DAILY PRESS REVIEW includes a digest of the most important news items, articles and editorials appearing in newspapers and periodicals reaching the San Francisco Regional Office in the last 24 hours. If you wish to refer to any clippings, please telephone Miss Elinor Bauman, Head of the Documents Section, Branch 300, Room 362.)

"Jap Center Under Martial Law..."

Manzanar (AP)--"The Japanese relocation center here was under martial law today after a pro-Axis anniversary celebration of the Pearl Harbor attack precipitated a riot in which one Japanese was killed and nine wounded... Ralph P. Merritt...said martial law was invoked after a riotous anniversary celebration of the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor by subversive elements..." Loyal Japanese-Americans tried in vain to disperse the meeting. Tear gas bombs used by the soldiers failed to quiet the mob and they resorted to gunfire. Fred Toyama, president of the Japanese-American Citizens League, was so severely beaten in the fracas that he was hospitalized. A second outbreak was quieted by military police late in the night.--San Francisco Examiner, December 8, pp. 1, 4. #2188

"Manzanar Riots"

The writer of an editorial surmises that "The disorder at Manzanar is the most serious but not the first and will not be the last. It is inevitable when antagonistic elements are kept in close proximity..." --San Francisco Chronicle, December 8, p. 16. #2189

"WRA and Land Use"

In an editorial it is stated that the reclamation bureau will develop land in the Klamath Falls area once the WRA is out of the way. "...Apparently, the early plan of the WRA to use some 20,000 or 25,000 acres of Klamath basin land is not to go through--a condition that will be generally pleasing to the population of this basin. From the start, the public here has taken the attitude that the Japanese evacuees should

be moved out of here as soon as the war is over, and that the WRA program should not be permitted to interfere to any extent with the orderly development of the reclamation project."--Klamath Falls Herald & News, December 1, p. 4. #2190

"Plan to Kill Elk in Park for Camp Japanese is Protested"

Mont. Helena (AP)--"Montana newspapers and sportsmen's organizations are protesting a national park service plan under which...6,000 Yellowstone National Park elk would be slaughtered to provide food for Japanese relocation centers..."--Sacramento Bee, December 5, p. 12.

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"Jap Camp Gets New Officers"

Ariz. Poston (AP)--"All positions, both civil and commercial, held by Japanese evacuees in unit No. 1 of the Poston relocation center were declared vacant...as an aftermath to the uprising by a pro-axis element..." An election will be held to fill these offices with loyal Japanese.--Spokesman-Review (Spokane), December 1, p. 1.

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Letters From the People

Wash. Cheney--Mr. S. W. Webb expresses disapproval of the Japanese working on railroads and suggests that it would be well to put them to work in coal mines.--Spokesman-Review (Spokane), December 1, p. 4.

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Calif. Sacramento--F. G. Kerns does not agree with the idea of educating Japanese youth and further suggests that all Japanese, American born and aliens, be sent back to Japan at the close of the war.--Sacramento Bee, December 3, p. 34.

#2194

Calif. Sacramento--The writer suggests that the money spent for education purposes for the Japanese could be put to better use.--Sacramento Bee, December 5, p. 30.

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Calif. Sacramento--Mr. Ed. J. Mullan champions the cause of the Japanese people, writing that it might be good for Caucasians if a more widespread infiltration of the Japanese already in the U. S. were to occur.--Sacramento Bee, December 5, p. 30.

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"Evacuees Leave for U. S. Army School Monday"

Calif. Newell--A farewell program took place November 29 for thirty-five young Japanese-Americans who volunteered for active service in the United States Army. The young men left the center for a military intelligence school at Savage, Minn.--Klamath Falls Herald & News, December 3, p. 8.

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