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"Minority Blamed in Manzanar Riot"

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Washington (AP)--"The fatal riot at the Manzanar (Calif.) Relocation Center for Japanese last Sunday was blamed by the War Department and War Relocation Authority tonight on 'a relatively small number of evacuees.'" In a joint statement on the disturbance....the two agencies expressed the opinion that 'the great majority of residents at Manzanar and other relocation centers are loyal to the United States and completely in favor of orderly processes of government.'" To summarize the joint statement: Following the beating of Fred Tayama, three residents were taken into custody, one being taken to the jail at Independence. A committee representing the mob demanded the return to the center of this evacuee which demand was granted with the provision, which was agreed to, that there be no more meetings. In spite of this the groups gathered again, demanding that Fred Tayama be turned over to them. Military police were called in to restore order. Tear gas was first used in an effort to disperse the mob; this failing, gunfire was resorted to, resulting in the killing of one and wounding of nine others.--San Francisco Examiner, December 9, p. 2. #2198

Western Vegetable Industry

Calif.

"It may be truly said that the Western vegetable industry has never in its history passed through such a critical year as has been known since Pearl Harbor... While Japanese were not the most important factors in the Western vegetable industry, producing, for the most part, only the local, market garden crops, the moving of these people to assembly centers and later to Relocation Projects throughout the West and West Central states did affect--and seriously, too, the food pro-

duction picture in California... It may be said, however, that the impact of the sudden removal of the Japanese (there were only 6000 farmers among them) has already been absorbed and our food production program adjusted to meet the new conditions... While the Japanese family did contribute a great deal of labor, the average Japanese farmer was dependent on Mexican labor, and if he were farming now, he would face the same labor problem as any other grower of vegetables..." --Western Grower & Shipper (Los Angeles), December, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 7, 8, 17. #2199

Newell News Items

More than 250 colonists, alumni of the University of California and Stanford, held a rally November 27, "with interest as keen as ever over the Big Game."

Calif.

"To foster wider cooperation among students, parents, and the teachers, Wednesday, November 25, (was)designated as 'Open House Day' at the project high school..."--Tulelake Reporter, December 3, pp. 2, 5. #2200

"Report of the Managing Secretary"

Calif. "...A very great dislocation of our industry occurred when the Japanese were evacuated from Military Zones one and two in the Pacific Coast areas, and although as shipping groups these dislocations were not so severe the feeding of the cities in close proximity to large Japanese truck farm holdings was considerable and shortages in many commodities developed and prices skyrocketed to almost unheard of values..."--Western Grower & Shipper (Los Angeles), December, vol. 13, no. 1, pp. 45, 47, 50, 52, 54. #2201

"Lumber Firm Seeks to Employ 250 Japs"

Colo. Fort Collins (AP)--"Application has been made by the Otto Lumber company and the Fox Park Timber company, which operate in the forested mountain areas near the Colorado-Wyoming line,.... for the employment of 250 relocated Japanese..."--The Denver Post, December 3, p. 4. #2202

"Japanese Lost on Idaho Desert"

Idaho Twin Falls (AP)--Takashi Abe, resident of the Minidoka Relocation Project, had been missing from home for more than 36 hours, after he went into the desert in search of greasewood. Searching parties so far have been unsuccessful.--The Idaho Daily Statesman (Boise), December 3, p. 12. #2203

"Pro-axis Japanese Attack Those of American Birth"

Utah Comments made in an editorial: "...From Parker, Ariz., the other day came a story about disorders caused by a group of proaxis Japs interned there after being removed from critical areas on the Pacific coast. This flare-up also serves to show that there are many Japs who are American born and loyal to this country..."--The Salt Lake Tribune (Salt Lake City), December 2, p. 14. #2204

Items from Topaz

Residents at Topaz were enthusiastic over entertainment furnished by the Delta High School Band.

Utah "Qualified Nisei (American citizens of Japanese parentage)" have shown themselves eager to enlist in the armed services of the United States.

Ten Caucasian students, all children of the administrative personnel or faculty members, are registered in the Topaz schools.

"Dr. Alfred Fisk, instructor of philosophy at the San Francisco State College, will arrive in Topaz on December 12 for a four-day visit"

Upon completion of winterization, a full-day school program will be resumed. Volunteer workers on the buildings included caucasian and resident teaching personnel, school boys and even a detail of Military Police.--Millard County Chronicle (Delta), December 3, pp. 1, 8. #2205

"Non-Japs Removed, Manzanar is Quiet"

Calif. Manzanar (INS)--"Non-Japanese personnel were removed from the Manzanar relocation center today as military authorities enforced order in the war-born community.... The evacuation order also affected 30 women and children, members of the families of project employes. Meanwhile, military police, who first took command of the camp Sunday, have been augmented by regular Army units, and a strict censorship has been imposed on communications with the outside..."--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, December 8, p. 3. #2206

"West Jordan Farmers Oppose Infiltration of Japanese"

Utah "West Jordan farmers have gone on record as being opposed to selling land to Japanese, favoring a controlled policy in the renting of land to Japanese, and willing to hire Japanese labor only as a last resort... The state organization is opposed to any program that will settle the Japanese permanently in Utah..."--The Salt Lake Tribune (Salt Lake City), December 2, p. 17. #2207