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"Boy Scouts Protect Flag at Manzanar"

Manzanar (AP)--Ralph Merritt, Project Director, disclosed how 12 young Japanese-American Boy Scouts protected the American Flag during the riot last Sunday. The Boy Scouts surrounded the base of the flagpole, armed with stones, and defied the agitators to touch the Flag. --San Francisco Chronicle, December 10, p. 8. #2208

"Larger Guard for Japs at Manzanar"

Manzanar (AP)--"Loyal Japanese-Americans at the Manzanar relocation center were being given increased Army protection today as the military maintained its strict rule over the base where a fatal riot was started by Axis sympathizers Sunday night. The public relations office at the center announced that all Manzanar's schools had been temporarily closed as another precautionary measure. However, no move has as yet been made to segregate the pro-Axis faction and the loyal group into different centers, said Bob Brown, public relations head...." --San Francisco Call-Bulletin, December 9, p. 4. #2209

"Water Supply for Jap Farms"

Washington--"Despite War Production Board stop orders and Japanese rioting, work is proceeding uninterruptedly on from fifteen to twenty square miles of irrigation ditches and laterals in the Colorado River Indian reservation....the office of Indian Affairs announced:..." The Japanese, by next summer, may be producing enough vegetables to supply all Japanese and enemy alien relocation camps in the country. --San Francisco Examiner, December 10, p. 15. #2210

"Church Seeks Homes for Jap Evacuees"

Ohio Cleveland (AP)---"Two Methodist church groups pledged support to a movement to resettle selected Japanese families..."--The Salt Lake Tribune (Salt Lake City), December 5, p. 6. #2211

"4 Japs Jailed at Denver in Fight With Army Police"

Colo. Denver (INS)---"Four Japanese beet field workers, recently evacuated from California, were lodged in the city jail here today as a result of a free-for-all fight with Denver military police..."--San Francisco Call-Bulletin, December 9, p. 1. #2212

"Internee Admits Attempted Bribery"

Calif. Los Angeles (INS)---"Atsushi Endo, 38, today awaited sentence following his plea of guilty in Federal court to charges that he attempted to bribe civilian guards at the Santa Anita Reception Center for the privilege of operating gambling games..."--San Francisco Examiner, December 10, p. 7. #2213

"Evacuee Labor Requests Grow"

Ark. Little Rock (AP)---"Director Dillon S. Myer...reported...that the growing manpower shortage was bringing increasing requests for Japanese-American workers from the nation's 10 relocation centers... He said.... that about 1000 already had been granted indefinite leaves to take outside jobs; another 8000 or 9000 had been granted group leaves for work in western states... The number who would go out of relocation centers would depend upon community acceptance of the colonists and their willingness to take outside employment..."--Klamath Falls Herald & News, December 5, pp. 1, 4. #2214

"Grand Jury Votes to Exclude Japs from Citizenship"

Calif. Los Angeles (AP)---"By a majority vote, the county Grand Jury today approved a resolution recently adopted by the Imperial county Grand Jury calling for new laws to exclude all Japanese from citizenship and bar them from use of agricultural land..."--San Francisco Chronicle, December 10, p. 4. #2215

"Interned Jap Aliens Now Number 1974"

Wash. D. C. Washington---"Japanese enemy aliens interned for the duration of the war now total 1974, the Justice Department announced...in a survey of activities during the year since the 'sneak raid' on Pearl Harbor..."--Los Angeles Times, December 6, p. 1. #2216

"Jap Threatens California Woman"

Calif. Los Angeles (AP)--A woman reported to the sheriff's office that a Jap had appeared at her home and forced her to give him food and clothing.--San Francisco Examiner, December 10, p. 5. #2217

Japanese Consulate Used by War Workers

Wash. The building which was the Japanese consulate for the quarter of a century preceding the war has been turned into a rooming house for war workers.--Seattle Post-Intelligencer, December 6, p. 16. #2218

"Letters From Japanese Evacuated from the West Coast"

Calif. A few excerpts from letters written by evacuees from the West Coast follow: From Kay Mano, Assembly Center at Fresno--"My main impressions were of heat and dust... The climax of my week comes when my visitor comes to see me... One of the most frequently discussed topics is food..." Kazuo Masuda, Assembly Center at Merced writes: "The graduates of the University of California are very busy at the Merced Assembly Center. Before evacuation our Caucasian friends were the leaders in our communities, but here, except for the administration staff, we Americans of Japanese ancestry have that responsibility..." From the letter of Ruth Honda Yamauchi, Assembly Center at Tanforan: "The average attitude around here is optimistic, making the best of the situation, so life goes merrily on. Especially if you have something to do, time just flies..." May Mukai, from Hilo, Hawaii, Tanforan Assembly Center, writes: "...During the first couple of weeks after evacuation I hated myself for being a Japanese, but now, after associating with them and learning their language I have no such silly ideas any more..." Eugenia Fugita, Tanforan Assembly Center says: "Being a physician here at camp is a full day and night job. Medical practice here is definitely not private practice in the city... I guess like a lot of other young Japanese Americans, I still haven't gotten used to seeing so many Japanese faces at once..." From Ikuko Kuratomi, Assembly Center at Santa Anita: "...We are being treated pretty well on the whole, especially when one thinks about those people in the concentration camps of Europe. I feel, though, that the comparison should not be made, because this is America, and we should set the example, not imitate the actions of the Fascists..."--The International Quarterly (International House, Berkeley), 1942, pp. 20, 23, 45, 46. #2219