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"Interned Japs Must be Better Guarded, Disciplined, Congress Told"

Washington--"Two California Representatives told Congress today that stronger safeguards and greater discipline must be established at Japanese relocation centers of the West. Representative Leland Ford demanded a Congressional investigation of reports that 'political debts are being paid off in appointment of those now running a socialistic experiment at the Manzanar camp... He declared a serious blunder was made when the Army did not continue control of the Japanese evacuees... 'The unsuccessful and unsatisfactory operation of Manzanar occurred after the Army turned the camp over to civil authorities,' Ford said... I also suggest that the other 36,000 Japanese who are roaming at large throughout the United States should be looked after, closely watched, and probably handled in the same manner as they were handled on the Pacific coast.'..."--San Francisco Examiner, December 11, p. 6.

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"...Japanese Camp Groups Split, Some Jailed"

Manzanar (AP)--"The War Relocation Authority disclosed today that soldiers are still maintaining order in this Japanese camp...." A two-point program was announced after conferences between military authorities and officials of the center and E. R. Fryer, who came from Washington. "One: Immediate segregation of known Axis sympathizers and other unruly elements... Two: The relocation program for Japanese-American citizens known to be loyal to the United States was stepped up to allow these people to relocate in gainful work outside the strategic military zone of the Pacific Coast...."--San Francisco Chronicle, December 11, p. 6.

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"Brief Filed Against Jap Exclusion"

Calif. "As the first step toward sending the Army's 'Japanese exclusion act' to the United States Supreme Court in Washington, a brief was filed in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here yesterday in behalf of Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu, 23, who refused to obey Lieutenant General DeWitt's order to get out of the prohibited zone in San Leandro. ..." The brief describes the law under which the Japs were ordered out of this area, as "'a statutory monstrosity,' which 'entails involuntary servitude' for 73,000 Nipponese in 'violation of the thirteenth amendment' to the Federal constitution..."--San Francisco Chronicle, December 11, p. 9. #2222

"Mavericks by Frank M. King"

Calif. In this column, a protest is voiced against "coddling" the evacuees by giving them the "best of milk,... the best meat and the best of every thing else" while our soldiers taken as prisoners by the Japanese are starved. Mr. King also advocates postponement of the education of the evacuees.--Western Livestock Journal (Los Angeles), December 1, p. 5. #2223

"Director Named for Jap Project"

Calif. San Francisco (AP)--"Leroy H. Bennett of Berkeley, Calif., has been appointed director of the Gila River Relocation Project...the War Relocation Authority announced..."--Arizona Republic (Phoenix), December 5, sec. 2, p. 1. #2224

"Jerome Rotarians Tour Hunt Center"

Idaho Jerome--"Rotary club members and their guests had lunch and toured the Minidoka relocation center..."--Twin Falls Times-News, December 4, p. 10. #2225

"Hawaii Japanese Held Loyal to U. S."

T.H. Honolulu (UP)--Of the 155,000 Japanese living in Hawaii, few have been interned, an effort being made by the Army to create friendly sentiment toward the United States.--The New York Times, December 4, p. 9. #2226

"Japanese-Americans Blame 'Military Fascists' for War"

N.Y. New York (AP)--"A group of friendly Japanese today blamed 'Japanese military Fascists' for last year's...attack...and adopted a 'four point program for complete victory' by the United Nations..." This included "mobilizing the 'entire energy' of the Japanese-American community...; intensifying the fight against Axis propaganda; overcoming racial discrimination, and utilizing fully loyal Japanese man power

here..." Max Hill, AP correspondent recently returned from Japan, "told the gathering that all American-born Japanese who were in Japan at the time of the attack were forced to relinquish their American citizenship and many were inducted into military service..."--Los Angeles Times, December 7, p. 9. #2227

"Hawaii Proposes to Use Japanese to Push Crops"

T.H. Honolulu--A plan of domestic gardening to make the islands substantially self-supporting calls for the use of Japanese aliens, "who are the best-qualified farmers..."--The New York Times, December 4, p. 12. #2228

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming"

Wyo. Heart Mountain--A policy change was announced by Dillon Myer, national WRA director, when he spoke at a public meeting in Salt Lake City. A great effort will be made to relocate as many of the evacuees as possible, care being taken not to permit any person to leave centers if dangerous to the war effort. A thorough investigation will be carried out regarding each person before being allowed relocation liberties.--The Cody Enterprise, December 2, p. 2. #2229

Letters From the People

Calif. Santa Monica--Ella S. White asks: "Is it not possible to so amend our Constitution as to exclude all Japanese--both citizens and aliens--from the United States when we have won this war?..."--Los Angeles Times, December 3, pt. 2, p. 4. #2230

Calif. San Francisco--Mr. H. G. Moody writes: "It seems that America's newest unsung hero will remain unsung. He is the Portland Federal judge who had the temerity in the midst of confusion to take a stand for the Constitution in the cause of an American born Jap. I had not seen too many hats thrown in the air or enthusiasm aroused on his account, at a time when such enthusiasm might save the Nation..."--San Francisco Examiner, December 11, p. 10. #2231