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"Probe Urged on Manzanar"

Washington (AP)--Representative Leland Ford, in calling for a Wash., Congressional investigation of Japanese relocation projects, "charged D. C. information about conditions at Manzanar had been withheld from the public."--San Francisco Examiner, December 14, p. 13. #2232

"Japanese Camps are Getting Only Rationed Quotas"

San Francisco--The story was circulated that a truck driver, while driving a truck loaded with bacon and ham to the Tule Lake Project, was unable to get either bacon or ham to go with eggs at a roadside eating place. Harvey Coverley, Acting Regional Director, had this to say: "All ration rules, voluntary and involuntary, are being observed in the Japanese centers operated by the War Relocation Authority. Calif. The government has asked all citizens to restrict themselves to two and a half pounds of meat per week. This is being observed at Tule Lake and the other centers under jurisdiction of the WRA... Even if a truck load of bacon and ham was consigned to the Tule Lake center, it must be remembered there are 15,000 persons there and this would amount to just about one or two slices apiece..."--Sacramento Bee, December 8, p. 6. #2233

"Legion Cancels Charters of Two Japanese Posts"

San Francisco (UP)--Charters of the Townsend Harris Post of San Francisco and the Commodore Perry Post of Los Angeles, American Legion Posts with all Japanese memberships, were canceled by the department Calif. executive committee of the Legion. "A resolution also was passed calling for the use by American citizens of automobiles and farm equipment formerly owned by Japanese and now held by a government custodian..."--Sacramento Bee, December 8, p. 19. #2234

"Japs Demand 5 to 1 Prisoner Exchange"

China Chungking (INS)--"Japan will demand five Japanese nationals held by the United States for every single American interned in Japan in future exchange negotiations, the Chinese Central News Agency said..."--
San Francisco Examiner, December 12, p. A. #2235

"Japanese Enlist for Special Duty"

Ark. Little Rock (AP)--"The War Relocation Authority announced...that 16 college trained, American-born Japanese from the two WRA relocation centers in Arkansas had enlisted in the army for special assignments..."--
The Salt Lake Tribune (Salt Lake City), December 9, p. 9. #2236

"Stabbing Attempt Laid to Japanese"

Calif. "The complaint that her husband, Konosuke Nakaji, twice tried to stab her while both were at the former Santa Anita Reception Center for Japanese was made yesterday by Mrs. Tei Nakaji in filing a suit for divorce in Superior Court..."--Los Angeles Times, December 9, pt. 2, p. 14.
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"Relocation Area Has Meat Ration"

Idaho Hunt--"Meat rationing along the lines of the proposed voluntary program for civilians now is in effect at the Minidoka relocation center..."--Twin Falls Times-News, December 7, p. 7. #2238

"Japanese Put More Americans in China Camps"

China Chungking (AP)--"Large scale arrests of Americans in Japanese occupied North China following the seizure of hundreds of Allied nationals in the International Settlement in Shanghai confirms that the Japanese have adopted a severe policy toward Anglo Saxons in occupied territory.... Foreign quarters here said Japanese repatriated from the United States had impaired Japanese morale with their stories of America's war production, and that this is influencing the Japanese Government against exchanging and repatriating Allied nationals for their own people..."--
Sacramento Bee, December 9, p. 19. #2239

On the Manzanar Riot

Calif. The writer of this editorial, citing the incident of the riot at Manzanar, thinks it shows "that American kindness to the disloyal does not pay..."--Los Angeles Times, December 8, pt. 2, p. 4. #2240

Ore. The writer of this editorial points out that the riot at Manzanar has justified the exclusion policy entirely. A division of the loyal and disloyal is also suggested.--The Oregonian (Portland), December 8, p. 10. #2241

"Events at the Japanese centers at Manzanar and at Poston, Ariz., prove up to the hilt the necessity of Gen. DeWitt's order clearing all persons of Japanese ancestry out of the Pacific Coast military areas", is declared in an editorial. "Military authority has now taken a firm grip of the situation at both troubled Japanese centers, also thanks to Gen. DeWitt's wise and prompt action, and it is promised that it will not be relaxed until sources of trouble have been eliminated..."--Los Angeles Times, December 9, pt. 2, p. 4. #2242

Letters From the People

Glendale--"T. H. M." offers this plan: "Let us deny citizenship to all persons of Japanese descent who have not, immediately upon reaching years of discretion, expressly, positively, and by overt act repudiated such political ties with Japan as were created when their parents or other agents enrolled their names with Japanese consular or other officials..."--Los Angeles Times, December 9, pt. 2, p. 4. #2243

Mill Valley--Mrs. F. W. Weems writes with scorn regarding a previous statement that "American-born Japs do not want anything more to do with their Japanese-born ancestors." She expresses distrust of all Japanese, "American-born or otherwise."--San Francisco Examiner, December 12, p. 6. #2244