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"Inquiry Finds Japs Started Fight in Depot"

Colo. "Four Japanese beet field workers, jailed here Tuesday afternoon as the result of an altercation with soldiers at the Denver union station, were expected to be released Thursday and sent to a relocation center at Poston, Ariz., to which they were going when the trouble started. A complete investigation was held...after (which)...Colonel Marshall said: 'The Japanese apparently had been drinking, and one in particular was noisy and belligerent, and made insulting remarks to a group of soldiers in the station. His companions were attempting to restrain him, but he broke away and struck a soldier. In the melee that followed, this Japanese was injured slightly... All four Japanese were taken to the city jail and held for questioning... As far as I know, nothing further will be done.'..."--The Denver Post, December 10, p. 22. #2254

"No Permanent WRA Project Wanted Here"

Calif. "A load would be lifted from the minds of Tulalake residents, both rural and town, if they were assured the WRA had no designs for farming large tracts of Tulalake land by Japanese colonists..."--Tulalake Reporter, December 10, p. 4. #2255

"Evacuation Plans Reported in East"

N.Y. New York (INS)--"Plans to send inland from the Atlantic coastal area aliens and civilians alike whose activities or views are detrimental to the war effort were disclosed...by Lieutenant-General Hugh A. Drum, commanding officer of the eastern defense command... There is no immediate possibility of wholesale removal such as effected on the west coast..."--The Oregonian (Portland), December 10, p. 8. #2256



"The Rumor Market"

Wyo. The writer of this editorial tells of rumors relative to knives and other weapons being in possession of the Japanese at Heart Mountain being exploded and of criticism of the public official who uncovered the true facts. "A person's attitude toward the Japanese Americans at Heart Mountain is entirely his own personal business, but the spreading of rumors about them--or any subject relative to the war or war effort--becomes a public affair..."--The Cody Enterprise, December 9, p. 2.

#2257

"Granada Camp Head Says Japs Get Less Than Ration Average"

Colo. Granada (AP)--"The total food cost for Granada Japanese relocation center residents is held well below the maximum allowance of 50 cents a day a person, James G. Lindley, project director, declared... 'Residents have never received over one-fifth of a pound of bacon in a week, and many weeks they get none'..."--The Denver Post, December 10, p. 12.

#2258

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming"

Wyo. Heart Mountain--The writer of this column, Bill Hosokawa, comments on the recent disturbances at Poston and Manzanar. "There is no doubt... that a problem does exist, and it is to the credit of both the authorities and the evacuees themselves that things have gone as smoothly as they have... The WRA centers are far from ideal places for family and community living and many difficulties have been developed thru confinement, crowded barrack life and lack of suitable outlets for natural energies... There is ample indication of the success of the program in the high community morale, the laughter and smiles...that one sees at Heart Mountain."--The Cody Enterprise, December 9, p. 2.

#2259

"Alien Japanese vs. Citizens"

Calif. "...It is our opinion that the trouble at Manzanar and also at Poston a few weeks ago is largely attributable to the fact that the army threw all Japanese into relocation camps making no differentiation between alien Japanese, Kibei,...and Japanese citizens of American birth and loyalty... Project Director Ralph P. Merritt was indeed wise in calling for martial law... It is our further opinion, and has been all along, that aliens should be in camps administered by the army and not by a civilian agency..."--Inyo Independent (Independence), December 11, p. 2.

#2260

"Letters From the People"

Los Angeles--Peggy Keith asks what would happen "if Americans in a concentration camp in Japan were to riot for their American love of



country... Before this shall ever occur again, place them under military  
Calif. jurisdiction so strong and drastic that the exponents of infamy, treach-  
ery and cruelty shall never be able to raise their voices within our  
beloved land again."--Los Angeles Times, December 11, pt. 2, p. 4.

#2261

Lame Deer--"An American Indian" writes: "...I contend the increase  
Mont. of the Japanese in this country should be checked as much as possible so  
there will be few to ship back to Japan when the war is over."--The  
Denver Post, December 6, sec. 3, p. 6.

#2262

Denver--R. M. Hagerman writes in protest of educating Japanese  
Colo. youth. He cites a contract for a school building for the Japanese  
amounting to \$308,489 as an example of the softness of the American  
people.--The Denver Post, December 6, sec. 3, p. 6.

#2263

Sacramento--W. E. Van Allen says: "...My idea is to let the boys  
Calif. who are meeting the Japanese face to face in deadly struggle decide if  
the Japanese is a desirable potential fellow citizen."--The Sacramento  
Bee, December 10, p. 36.

#2264

Alameda--Grace Coron writes that a friend was unable to get  
Calif. bacon while in Glendale, but she knew of a man driving a truck who had  
been delivering "quantities of bacon to the Japs in the south."--San  
Francisco Examiner, December 16, p. 10.

#2265

"City to Give Old Books to Evacuees"

"Japanese relocation centers are scheduled to receive 27,600 books,  
Calif. no longer in use in San Francisco schools, as result of action yesterday  
by the Board of Education..."--San Francisco Chronicle, December 16, p.15.

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