

Cash value of Manzaner to Inyo related by Merritt

>Project Director Owens Valley Japanese Center (also Benson Oaks, project city) present  
topic: Manzaner, War asset for Inyo county

\$900,000 new money a year comes into the Inyo-Mono area as direct result of Manzaner (Direct purchases locally, percentage of payrolls spent locally, money spent by visitors and officials coming here)

Manzaner facts in sheet form distributed:

305 acres (375 by Jan 1, 44) utilized for farming, including 22 miles of lined irrigation ditches

Investment of \$3,167,000 entire plant

Sewage disposal plant one of most modern in nation cost 147,000

Steam plant, hospital, laundry unit of best U.S. Army standard

Cost per day per person in Sept. 43 is 1.07. (Includes all food, shelter, heat, lights, salaries, hospitalization, education) This cost is decreasing monthly.

This year center's farms produced 1800 tons of vegetables at ave cost of \$25 per ton. (Wholesale market would be 5¢- 35¢ per ton. Wholesale value of this year's production \$110,000 31 kinds of vegetables

The industrial unit the past year has produced clothing, furniture, prepared foods, in addition to vegetable storage and operation of dehydration plant. Production includes 25 tons of vegetables dehydrated, 54 tons of vegetables pickled, and 396 tons of vegetables stored for winter use. During the past 12 months this unit produced goods costing \$75,501. Those goods if purchased on the wholesale market would have cost \$166,276

Out of 4343 employable persons now at Manzaner, 4007 are employed. They are paid \$28, \$12.00 per month for unskilled work \$44-, 16.00 for skilled work and 19.00 for professional and administrative work.

An average of 26,000 meals are served each day, using 34 kitchens. Cost of feeding varies from a low of 26 cents per day to a high of 34 cents per day per person through the various months of the year. Foodstuffs are rationed on the same basis as the independent housewife's food is rationed.

There are 1196 students enrolled in the elementary school

970 " " " high "

1005 " " adult education-classes

Education standards meet the highest requirements of the California State Department of Education and the University of California. English and Americanization classes are the most popular in the adult program.

Present population 6649 15 births in Sept. and no deaths

Administrative staff 150 (25 are residents of Inyo or Mono

Managers.

Independent June 1-43 p 1 (Chronology from July 4-2

Mar 6, 42 Lt. gen. Detainee orders Japanese concentration camp for managers

13 1st 25 blocks set up at Japanese Internment Center

20 1st barracks expect at 11 Monday (Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>) Belvoir Co and Cleve 10  
27 Minneapol City as Japanese areas / term "Town conditions be ugly"

Apr 8 More families arrive in Manzanar Relocation centers

10 Army State guest invited out by Gov Olson / Supervisor see Detainee  
called State Managers - request sent to Detainee

17 600 buildings completed

Independent June 8-43 (contd)

Apr 24 Quarantine plants set out / 3000 L.P. workers are present / Detainee ready

May 15 Center plants under W.R.A / New camp manager selected

22 Roy L. Neal manch director of M. Camp / W.R.A policies announced

June 5 Managers School problems end / County Center dissolved / 15  
arrested in poker game at 11

12 W.R.A director pledges cooperation with County

19 Curtis Manzanar School opens with 75 Teachers, 2,500 students.  
Work began on 38 new buildings

26 New m.p. battalion sent to guard Manzanar

July 10 Boundary extended

24 Manzanar builds its own Schools

31 Industrial plants announced for Manzanar Center  
? how can we make agency area

Sept 18 (?) Sheriff's office organizes posse for county protection / State guard  
unit to patrol Manzanar defense area) (?) angular project  
director to leave Oct 1 for New J<sup>b</sup>

25 1000 m. laborers to leave to work Detention area Aug 1 leaving

Harvey County assessors directors position at M. camp

Dec

- Dec 9 State Guard air unit gets approval to set up base at Mayaguez in part  
Hall with boats into valley and Mayaguez camp
- Nov 27 Marine mount project director abo Mayaguez Center
- Dec 4 Gen Dewitt announces liquor restriction for this area
- Dec 11 Quarantine at H following weekend riots; Camp under  
martial law; Segregation understandable beginning? houses in County given  
warning? County publications banned by boat.
- 18 Water and Power Commission asks removal of alien  
Japanese at Mayaguez
- 25 Supervisors ask Dewitt for more protection for Aug 6  
Bishop council asks Army control abo Mayaguez