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THOUSANDS OF INTERNED JAPANESE FOUND DISLOYAL

MILITARY AGE

U.S. BORN JAPS

TO BE GUARDED

U.S. Senator Chandler, After  
Visit to Internment Camps,  
Reveals Dangerous Situation

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WASHINGTON, April 3 (Special)--Thousands of Japanese held in internment camps in the Southwest have been found to be disloyal to the United States, it was revealed here today. Many of these disloyal Nipponese have been discovered among those who had obtained American citizenship.

These discoveries were made known here by Senator Albert B. Chandler (Democrat), Kentucky, chairman of a special subcommittee of the Senate military affairs committee, upon his return from investigations of the relocation centers.

Senator Chandler said the trip had caused him "keen disappointment" in destroying his belief that all but a few of the American-born Japanese in the camps were loyal to this country. From 40 to 50 per cent of American-born Japanese men of draft age in the country's 10 relocation centers have certified themselves as not loyal to the United States, he said.

Disloyalty Told

The Senator added that the percentage of those who have listed themselves as adherents to the Japanese imperial cause, despite American citizenship and upbringing, has been shown in

questionnaires circulated in the camps by the War Department.

To a query in the War Department questionnaire asking if they were loyal to the United States, he went on, 50 per cent of military-age Japanese answered "No" at the Manzanar camp in Southern California.

Senator Chandler said he would propose officially that every eligible Japanese male in the camps be subjected to military draft.

#### Will Be Guarded

The Army, he explained, would then weed out the disloyal Japanese-Americans at induction centers and send them to heavily guarded internment camps.

The Senator said he will propose that older Japanese who may be deemed harmless be "farmed out" as agricultural workers to interior districts applying for them.

Military-aged Japanese who signed themselves as loyal to the Emperor number thousands, it was stated.

Regarding subversives, the Senator declared:

"Very nearly half of all the Japanese at the centers, if we are to judge from the War Department questionnaire, are still on the loose in the camps, with little work to do and with plenty to eat.

#### Disloyalists Rule

"We learned that the first Japanese to enter the camps were those who volunteered to go, and that all but a few in this number either were gamblers and bums in such places as little Tokyo in Los Angeles or were members of the Japanese Central Association, and so actively pro-Japanese that they expected arrest by the FBI if they didn't find refuge in the centers.

"This element got the first jobs at the

camps, and took control of the kitchens, thus assuring plenty of food only for Japan sympathizers.

"The more ingenious among the subversives quickly fashioned homemade radio receivers from materials smuggled into the camp. They listened to Tokyo nightly, and to Japanese broadcasts from Kiska.

"This crowd soon saw that members of the societies were in every official post of Japanese self-administration in the camps, and if a loyal Japanese-American raised his voice it was at the risk of a beating."

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