

# Mexican Was 'Jap' To Be With Friends

MANZANAR, Calif., Aug. 5.—

The strange case of a Los Angeles youth of Mexican parentage who passed himself off as a Japanese-American for two years was revealed today with the announcement he would be released from the Manzanar Japanese relocation center for induction into the Army. The youth is Ralph Lazo, 19 years old, the son of a Navy veteran of the First World War. He gave as his reason for registering as of Japanese parentage:

"My Japanese-American friends at high school were ordered to evacuate the West Coast, so I decided to go along with them. Who can say I haven't got Japanese blood in me?"