

ALIEN REMOVAL ZONES EXTENDED

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 31. — (UP) — Complete evacuation of Axis nationals, particularly Japanese, from California appeared possible tonight as the Justice Department completed plans to designate 17 more Western Defense Command areas from which enemy aliens will be excluded.

Sixty-nine areas, principally covering the vicinity of strategic airports, defense factories, dams, power stations and aqueducts, were designated as prohibited territory by Attorney-General Biddle during the day, while two others in San Francisco and Los Angeles were designated two days ago.

The 17 additional areas will be announced Monday and it was learned they would comprise rural areas in which Japanese have been truck-farming for decades. Revocation of business licenses for aliens in the agricultural food industry already has forced some Japanese out of business and state authorities threaten to revoke all business and professional licenses of aliens. The state also is investigating the growing number of Japanese-American citizens in state service.

Once the California problem is settled, the Justice Department, acting on recommendations of the War and Navy Departments, will begin ousting the enemy aliens from strategic defense points in the seven other states comprising the Western Defense Command.

Representative Martin Dies, Democrat, Texas, recommended that some plan be devised for dealing with naturalized German and Italian citizens on the East Coast.

In all there are approximately 186,000 Axis aliens in the Western Defense Command — California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Arizona — but the number that eventually will be affected will not be known until the reregistration scheduled for German, Japanese and Italian nationals is completed. The registration, ordered by Biddle for purposes of identifying the enemy aliens, begins Monday in the eight states.

Biddle will address the nation on a Columbia Broadcasting System network tomorrow on the reregistration program and the measures his department has taken to prevent a second Pearl Harbor. (The broadcast is scheduled for 4:15 p. m., Seattle time, but is not scheduled on KIRO).