

Nine Japanese Held Near Vallejo Navy Yard

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SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Feb. 6. — (UP) — With "fifth-column" treachery at Pearl Harbor fresh in their minds, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in a series of lightning raids that still were continuing early today, seized nine Japanese aliens in the vicinity of the Mare Island Navy Yard at Vallejo, in addition to considerable contraband.

The contraband included a set of Navy signal flags, cameras, rifles, radios and "miscellaneous" articles.

Twenty persons, including one Italian, were apprehended in the simultaneous raids conducted by 50 F. B. I. men and Vallejo police, but all but the nine Japanese were released, after questioning determined they were American citizens.

It was recalled that investigation into "fifth-column" activity at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack showed Japanese vegetable peddlers, restaurant operators and laundries had provided specific information concerning ship movements to Japanese authorities.

Deadlines meanwhile drew near for re-registration of all Japanese, German and Italian aliens in the West, and for their evacuation from 128 forbidden zones in California, Oregon and Washington. About 186,000 aliens are affected in the states of the Western Defense Command, about half of them in California.

Restrictions so far placed in Washington and Oregon have been confined to power plants and dams. Further restrictions are expected to be made public soon.