

JAPS MUST MOVE DESPITE CROPS

Recurring reports that crop-harvesting seasons will be a consideration in determining dates for evacuating Japanese from the Pacific Coast were denied formally by the Army today.

Evacuation to assembly centers definitely will be completed next month, it was announced.

Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff, Civil Affairs Division, San Francisco, told the Associated Press that some unauthorized persons had informed the Japanese the Army did not plan to move them until certain crops had been harvested, or not for two or three months.

2,000 to Leave Next Week

"The Army does not contemplate spending three months evacuating the Japanese, nor does the Army intend to let the harvesting dates for certain crops determine the date of evacuation," Colonel Bendetsen said.

"Military necessity will not compromise. It is a stern master."

Evacuation of approximately 2,000 Japanese in Seattle's northwest district and South End will occur next week. They will be taken to the assembly center at Puyallup.

The Wartime Civilian Control Administration announced today that 200 Japanese to be evacuated from Alaska also will be taken to Puyallup. From the assembly centers the evacuees are transferred to permanent colonies inland.

Farmer Aid Urged

Meanwhile, farmers of the Pacific Northwest today were receiving bulletins from the Farm Security Administration, urging them to take over Japanese-farmed lands to prevent any gap in production of foodstuffs.

There will be a few exceptions to next week's evacuation order. These are the several Japanese held in the County Jail by the federal government on various enemy-alien charges. George Shucklin, United States attorney, said they would remain in jail until disposal of their cases.