

JAPS TO MAKE EDEN IN IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho, April 25.—(UP)—Gardens of Eden, cultivated by 10,000 Japanese, are in prospect for Idaho.

The 10,000 Japanese will come from the Pacific Coast under direction of the War Relocation Authority. They will be put to work to convert into farmland 68,000 acres of what is now a sagebrush-covered waste adjoining the town of Eden in South-Central Idaho.

Migration of Japanese here formerly was regarded as undesirable by state officials, but now they view it as a boon in many respects. Besides making a productive farming area out of the Eden Desert, the camp was seen as a new source of farm labor, as an aid to the food-for-victory program, and a means of pioneering a thinly-populated section.

Clark Loses Fight

Decision to take the Japanese to the government-owned Eden tract ended a long controversy in which Gov. Chase A. Clark opposed some policies of the War Relocation Board and various officials of the United States Army. But Clark's one-man battle to prevent a government-sponsored Japanese invasion of Idaho was a losing fight.

The governor has accepted the decision of the federal authorities and has pledged cooperation of the state in setting up the relocation center, although he did not give in until assured the evacuees would move out after the war.
