

POLICY ON JAPS MAY BE CHANGED

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.--(AP) --The Pacific Coast speculated today on whether the appointment of Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons as commanding general of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army will bring a change in the policies excluding Japanese and Japanese-Americans from this area.

General Emmons as military governor of Hawaii from December 17, 1941, until last June 1 allowed persons of Japanese ancestry to remain free except those known or suspected of being disloyal.

The War Department announced yesterday that General Emmons will succeed Lieut. Gen. De Witt, under whose orders all Japanese were excluded from Pacific Coast areas, on September 15.

The shift was rumored last June when Lieut. Gen. Robert C. Richardson relieved General Emmons in Hawaii, and at that time the War Department denied that De Witt's handling of the West Coast Japanese situation would affect military assignments.

Offices of the Western Defense Command today said no plans had been yet formulated for the official ceremony transferring the command next Wednesday.

General De Witt will go to the Army and Navy Staff College in Washington, as commandant.
