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SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS

July 21, 1942

The Division of Reports plans to start, as soon as possible, a periodic summary of newspaper comment in the region served by the Denver office of the WRA. As yet we have not gained access to enough newspapers to prepare a comprehensive summary. This report, though incomplete, is intended to provide a preliminary survey of news and comment in the region from mid February to the present time.

Rocky Mountain News; 2/13/42; Page 1:

COLORADO SITES FOR JAPANESE CAMPS SOUGHT

"Fort Collins, Colo.--An official housing and survey to find quarters for Japanese who may be removed from the West Coast was started here by U. S. D. A. War Board. "This gives an official tone to rumors that many of these Japanese may be concentrated in Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states, Dewey Harman, chairman of the war board, announced. It has been indicated, he said that many of the Japanese would be highly skilled laborers from fruit and vegetable growing sections of the Pacific Coast."

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Rocky Mountain News; 2/20/42; Page 1:

PLANS TO EVACUATE JAPANESE ALIENS FROM COAST TO COLORADO DROPPED

"Proposal to evacuate Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans from strategic defense areas on the Pacific Coast to Colorado have been discarded, Thomas C. Cook, chief of the West Coast Anti-Trust office and Enemy Alien Control coordinator for Western States, announced. This information was disclosed following a long distance telephone call to "ease the fears" of Colorado residents."

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Rocky Mountain News; 2/14/42; Page 1:

"JAP" REMOVAL TO COLORADO BRINGS FIGHT

"A one-man campaign against removal of Japanese aliens from California to Colorado was started by Robert Warren, director of the state publicity and advertising committee. Warren had contacted the Chamber of Commerce, Parent-Teachers Association, Spanish-American groups and others to rally support. Warren's chief argument, he said, was that although the Japanese would relieve a labor shortage "it would be more in keeping with our good neighbor policy to bring in Mexicans."

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Greeley Booster; 3/27/42; Page 1; banner with three column drop:
JAPANESE LABOR IS POURING IN OFF COAST

Greeley City Council Members and Greeley Real Estate Board Pass
Resolutions Forbidding Their Settling Here; Due to Lack of Protection

"Colorado's fears Wednesday of an uncontrolled influx of Japanese aliens were dispelled when federal authorities in San Francisco announced that all Japanese and Japanese-Americans will be forbidden to leave western portions of California, Washington, Oregon and Arizona, effective March 29. A message from Governor Carr said: "There is no reason for hysteria in Colorado." Both the city council and Real Estate Board passed resolutions designed to prevent permanent establishment of Japanese colonies in Weld County, Farmers, however, were urged to get additional help from the Japanese but to be cautious." #4

Fort Morgan Times; 4/1/42; Page 1 with banner and two column drop:
"JAPS" WILL MOVE IN COUNTY

Over 400 on Way and Will Settle in next Ten Days; 75% are American-Born Citizens, Sheriff Johnson Reveals to Defense Meeting

"Between 400 and 500 Japanese evacuees from the Pacific Coast will settle in Morgan County within a week or 10 days, Sheriff Rufus A. Johnson announced and at the same time outlined a plan for organization of Civil Defense centers in every town in the county with contacts reaching into every section of the general area. Johnson said that he was appealing to every citizen to "keep his head" during the influx of the Japanese and to not stir up any trouble on their arrival. There are American soldiers and interned American citizens who are being held by Japan, he said. "We don't want any retaliatory measures taken by Japan against any Americans they have in their custody. "It's a problem that we face and we must handle it." #5

Fort Morgan Times; 4/2/42; Page 1:

"Denver--(AP)--The influx into Colorado of Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans from Pacific Coast areas now is probably at its peak, state patrol officers said. Up to yesterday about 450 American-born citizens and Japanese descendants and 285 Japanese aliens crossed the border. All will be checked through the state welfare department, Earl M. Kouns, director said. Most of the evacuees have been driving good automobiles." #6

Fort Morgan Times; 4/2/42; Page 1:

"George Kimura, 22, American-born, whose father has lived in U.S. for more than 50 years, said evacuees are ready to adjust themselves to farming. Declared he had been told by representatives of Great Western Sugar Company in Salt Lake City that arrangements had been made for the evacuees to work." #7

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Rocky Mountain News; 4/22/42:

"JAP" PLAN VAST COLONY ON PUEBLO FARM

"A portion of the 13,600-acre Broadacre farm near Pueblo may be sold to a colony of West Coast Japanese, it was disclosed in U.S. district court." #8

Rocky Mountain News; 5/1/42; editorial:

RIGHT, MR. GOVERNOR

Editorial praising Governor Carr declared: "We of Colorado are big enough to do our duty--We can take care of enemy aliens if that is the task allotted to us." #9

The Cody Enterprise; 7/1/42; Page 1:

"FOUNDATION LAID FOR NEARLY HALF HOUSES TO BE BUILT AT JAP CAMP"

"With material flowing in by rail and truck construction of buildings at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center here reached a new pitch this week and full scale work was launched on the water and sewer systems... Approximately 2,000 employees in all branches of the work are now engaged on the project," Major J. C. Robbers, in charge of construction at the center said. Detailed description of work and materials used given. #10

Rocky Mountain News; 6/6/42:

JAPANESE EVACUEES TO FARM WYOMING LAND

"The Heart Mountain area will provide living quarters and 46,000 acres of workable land for 10,000 evacuees." #11

Denver Post; 6/6/42; Cosmopolitan section, 8-col layout with pictures: Syndicate feature describing background necessity for transplanting "Little Tokyo" and federal agencies participating in early development of program and indicating future program of WRA. #12

Rocky Mountain News; 6/8/42:

JAPANESE EVACUATION OF WEST COAST FULLY COMPLETED

"San Francisco--(AP)--Evacuation of the West Coast seaboard's entire Japanese population, a mass movement without precedent in American history, completed." #13

Denver Post; 6/9/42:

7,000 "JAPS" WILL PEOPLE FAMOUS COLORADO RANCH

"Lamar--Before long 7,000 Jap evacuees from the West Coast will replace the cattle which once roamed the historic XY ranch, east of here. It was founded by Fred Harvey to supply meat to his restaurants along the Santa Fe railroad." #14

Denver Post; 6/10/42:

Complete federal supervision and military discipline will be exercised in relocation centers, Governor Carr advised the public following a communication from General Dewitt. #15

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Rocky Mountain News; 6/11/42

FOOD CROPS WILL BE CHIEF JOB OF "JAPS" AT GRANADA

"M. S. Eisenhower, director of WRA, notified federal authority that development of irrigation facilities and production of food would be the chief job of the Japanese at Granada." #16

Denver Monitor; 6/12/42; Page 1:

Outlining program of WRA, the establishment of assembly centers and final determination of relocation centers. #17

Rocky Mountain News; 6/20/42:

Announcing the appointment of Joseph H. Smart as regional director of WRA and his background. #18

Rocky Mountain News; 6/30/42; with Pitts' picture:

Announcing opening of WRA offices with quotes from Malcolm Pitts on eraly development work of the program. #19

Denver Post; 7/4/42:

Albuquerque--Contract awards totaling nearly 5 million dollars for construction of the relocation center near Lamar let to Lambie, Moss, Little & James of Amarillo. #20

Denver Post; 7/4/42:

Philadelphia--(INS)--The American Friends Service committee calls a conference to allow "Jap" youth to attend college. #21

Denver Post; 7/7/42:

Condemnation suits underway to give the government title to 10,590 acres of the XY ranch for the Granada Relocation center. #22

Denver Post; 7/8/42:

CHURCHES APPOINT WOMAN TO ASSIST "JAPS" IN COLORADO

"Miss Janet McKelvie, for five years a missionary in Japan, appointed by the Denver Council of Churches to supervise Japanese-American relations in Colorado during the war." #23

Denver Post; 7/8/42:

Announcing the appointment of J. A. Lindley as director of Granada center--and other appointments. #24

Denver Post; 7/9/42:

"Pasadena--(AP)--Miss Jean Kebuchi, Japanese, allowed by WCCA to wed Leonard Won, Chinese." #25

Rocky Mountain News; 7/13/42:

COMMUNITIES AND STATE NOW MAY BAR JAPS

"State Welfare Department and communities involved will pass on applications of Japs desiring to live in Colorado, Earl M. Kouns, director,

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announced following receipt of procedure set up by WCCA". Same story carried by Denver Post. #26

Lamar Daily News; 7/13/42; Page 1:
SITE OF "JAP" CENTER ALREADY SCENE OF ACTION
"Trailer buses and car load lots of materials moving into site as action get underway on relocation center." #27

Denver Post; 7/14/42:
"Sacramento--American-Japs" to be allowed to vote by absentee ballot, Attorney General of California rules." #28

Denver Post; 7/14/42:
Senator McKellar assails Denver regional office because it is not nearer project offices. #29

Lamar News; 7/16/42; Page 1:
Interview with Lindley and description of project with background of relocation objectives. #30

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/19/42:
PEACH BOARD SEEKING 600 "JAPS" TO AID IN HARVESTING CROPS: LABOR EXPECTED TO BE SCARCE
"Regional Director Smart urged to speak before group that required Japs to help harvest fruit, tomatoes, beets and seasonal crops." #31

Rocky Mountain News; 7/20/42; with picture
U.S. JAPANESE GOOD CITIZENS SAYS TEACHERS
Miss Janet McKelvie, former missionary, blames war on "ruling war lords who do not represent true nature of Japanese people." #32

Denver Post; 7/21/42:
GREELEY ASSEMBLY TOLD OF DANGEROUS JAP CLIQUE IN U.S.
Greeley--"American-born Japanese educated in Japan, known as the Keibei, are the most dangerous group and what happens to the Japanese in the evacuees camps being set up by the government is of greatest importance to the United States after the war, according to Dr. Thomas J. Mahan, director of education and recreation war-time civil control." He told much of the government's program in this phase of the war at the all-college assembly at Colorado State Teachers College of Education.

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SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS

July 24, 1942

Although incomplete because the Division of Reports is not yet receiving full newspaper coverage, this issue of press reports nevertheless will aid officials in keeping informed as to press comment concerning the program and related activities.

Cody Enterprise; 7/8/42; Page 1:
"THE CHISELER IS HERE"

An editorial protesting the raising of rent in Cody due to the influx of Relocation Center employees. - 34

Cody Enterprise; 7/8/42:

WORK COMPLETED ON 160 HOUSES, HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

"Approximately 2,500 men are now employed on the project..." (other details not available to this office.) - 35

Cody Enterprise; 7/8/42 from Los Angeles Daily News:
WORKERS NEEDED

Quoted by "War Ramblings" column: "For want of about 150 workers the farmers of Sheridan county, Wyoming, are considering plowing up 1,000 acres of sugar beets from which 36,000 sacks of sugar could be made. The nearby Clearmont area needs 250 workers to avert a similar danger. Businessmen are rallying to save the situation. Montana is negotiating with Washington to bring interned Japanese-Americans from California to thin sugar beet fields there. Meanwhile, more than 1,000,000 persons are being supported by WPA, CCC and NYA rolls. Meanwhile more than ever agricultural workers are needed. - 36

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Longmont Times-Call; 7/23/42; Page 1:

BUSINESS MEN AID FARMERS WITH CROPS

"Victory harvesters headed by Mayor Ray Manyon and the Rev. Carl W. Segerhammar, descended upon the barley field of George Johnston, south of Longmont Wednesday evening, and shocked a 12-acre field of grain in slightly less than two hours." Story relates details of community group voluntarily organized to aid farmers who are unable to obtain farm labor. -37

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/23/42

FINAL ORDERS FOR JAP EVACUATION

"San Francisco, July 22--(AP)-- Orders for the exclusion of all remaining Japanese in California were posted by the army today, affecting about 6,150 persons in Fresno and Tulare county. - 38

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Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/23/42:

LIONS ENDORSE JAPANESE EVACUEES AID IN HARVEST

"The Grand Junction Lions club yesterday unanimously endorsed the movement to bring in Japanese evacuees from the west coast to aid in the harvest of the peach crop. The motion for endorsement was made by Silmon Smith following a talk by Fred Powell, manager of the Western Colorado Producers Co-op."-39

Florence Citizen; 7/23/42; Page 1

PENROSE CHERRY CROP THREATENED AS GROWERS FACE SERIOUS LABOR SITUATION

Cherries don't wait to ripen until pickers are handy, and they are ripening fast under the hot sun of the past week. As a result, orchardists in the Penrose district are facing loss of a valuable crop unless pickers can be found to gather the fruit soon. -40

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/23/42:

RECORD SUGAR BEET CROP SEEN

Salt Lake City, --(AP)--Farmers of the United States will harvest a record sugar beet crop this year, providing enough sugar to give every person in the nation an eight-ounce weekly ration for one year, western beet growers were told. -41

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/23/42:

NEGOTIATING ON MEXICAN LABOR

Washington, July 22--(AP)--Aides of Secretary Wickard said negotiations are still being carried on with Mexican officials on proposals to import several hundred thousand Mexican farm laborers to help harvest sugar beet, vegetable and other crops in Pacific coast and southwestern plains states. - 42

Florence Citizen; 7/23/42:

LYNN SMITH LIKES NEW WORK AT LAMAR COC OFFICE

Lynn Smith, secretary of the Florence Chamber of Commerce for 11 years, expressed pleasure of new position as secretary of the Lamar Chamber of Commerce. - 43

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PRESS DIGEST

July 28, 1942

Although incomplete because the Division of Reports is not yet receiving full newspaper coverage, this third issue of the Press Digest nevertheless will aid officials in keeping informed as to press comment concerning the program and related activities.

Denver Post; 7/13/42; page 1:

COLORADO MAY BAR JAP UNDESIRABLES

"A new procedure in passing upon applications of Japanese to reside in any community of Colorado has been adopted by the WCCA under the social security board in San Francisco."....Under the new set up, no Japanese, whether an alien or a citizen of this country, can be allowed in Colorado unless he is thoroughly acceptable to the community where he wants to reside. The WCCA in California will contact the welfare department on the applications of Japanese to reside in Colorado. The applicant must be found acceptable not only to the community but to local peace officers. He must be assured of a job at which he can support himself and family and there must be satisfactory housing conditions. #44

Denver Post; 7/14/42; page 2:

"THAT'S THAT", EDITORIAL COLUMN

"The new procedure announced by the WCCA for settling Japs who have been evacuated from the Pacific Coast area certainly is fairer and more sensible than the plan which has been followed in the past. Instead of asking the governor to approve applications of Japs who are to be moved into his state, the approval of the community in which the Jap wants to settle now is required. There is sense to this new regulation. Forcing Jap evacuees upon a community where the people not only do not want them, but are bitterly opposed to them, is bound to lead to trouble. Wherever these Japs are settled, it should be distinctly understood that their location is only temporary and that they are going to be moved out after the end of the war. Otherwise, the Jap problem which has been confined to the Pacific Coast will be spread throughout the country by the time the war is over...." #45

Cody Enterprise; 7/15/42; page 1:

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY OPENS CODY OFFICE

Four WRA officials established headquarters for a skeleton staff in the Cody auditorium preparatory to taking over administration of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center. The staff, headed by Project Director C. E. Rachford, consists of John A. Nelson, administrative services; George E. Kreizenbeck, transportation and supplies; and Philip B. Barber, community services. As soon as possible, they intend to move to office buildings on the project site. #46

Cody Enterprise; 7/15/42; page 1:

NAME OF "BECK" SUGGESTED FOR INTERNMENT COLONY POSTOFFICE

Governor Nels H. Smith of Wyoming suggested that the Heart Mountain Relocation Center postoffice be named "Beck", in honor of George W. T. Beck, pioneer Wyoming builder and legislator. #47

Wyoming State Tribune (Cheyenne); 7/16/42; page 10:

JAPS WILL ARRIVE AT COLONY EARLY IN AUGUST

C. E. Rachford, project director, reported that construction work on the Japanese relocation project is moving rapidly. "Between 250 and 500 Japanese will be included in the first consignment. . . The majority of the Japanese are citizens. . . It is expected that all of the 10,000 Japanese will be at the location center by mid-September." #48

Denver Post; 7/21/42;

GREELEY ASSEMBLY TOLD OF DANGEROUS JAP CLIQUE IN U. S.

Greeley, Colo., July 21--American-born Japanese educated in Japan, known as the Keibei, are the most dangerous group and what happens to the Japanese in the evacuee camps being set up by the government is of greatest importance to the United States after the war, according to Dr. Thomas J. Mahan, director of education and recreation, wartime civil control." #49

Denver Post; 7/21/42:

APPLICANTS AT LABOR AGENCIES ARE PICKING AND CHOOSING NOW

Although workers are not scarce, employers have trouble getting the men they want. "The men are no longer taking the first job that comes along. . . They are now able to choose from several offers of employment." #50

Gunnison News-Champion; 7/23/42; page 1:

RANCHMEN MAKE PLANS FOR BIG HAY HARVEST

Fifty Gunnison County Ranchers met with U. S. Employment Service Bureau officials July 21, to work out harvest-labor problems. 300 men are needed by August 1, 1942. #51

Steamboat Springs Pilot; 7/23/42; page 1:

RANCHERS WILL MEET TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF HARVEST HELP

Local labor shortage is developing. "It has been learned that there are men available for this harvest who live in Denver and other points on the eastern slope." #52

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/21/42; page 5:

KIAWANIS CLUB APPROVES JAP LABOR PROJECT

"The Grand Junction Kiwanis club voted. . . to approve the proposal to bring Japanese evacuees into the valley temporarily to help in the peach harvest." #53

Longmont Times-Call; 7/25/42; page 1:

VICTORY HARVESTERS WORK DESPITE STORM

Volunteers helping with grain-shocking work. At least 100 more are needed.

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Longmont Times-Call; 7/24/42; page 4:

JOBS OPENED FOR SPANISH AMERICANS AT CLIMAX MINE

Assurance that workers will be employed at Climax mine without regard to race was made by the company's president in New York. Formerly, Spanish-Americans had protested discrimination against them.

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Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/26/42; page 2:

CHANGE PLAN OF ASSISTING PEACH HARVEST

All merchants will release such employees as can aid in picking or packing peaches during a 10-day period, instead of proposed half-day holidays.

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Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/26/42; page 12:

JOHNSON AIDS EFFORT TO GET JAP LABOR HERE

Telegram from publisher of Sentinel to Senator Johnson quoted.

"Chamber of Commerce and service clubs strongly backing efforts to secure 600 Japanese laborers destined for concentration camp near Granada, to help meet critical shortage late in August in peach harvest. . ." Johnson's reply by wire suggested that a growers' committee contact the Denver regional WRA office and the Denver U. S. Employment Service.

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PRESS DIGEST

July 31, 1942

(This press digest covers all important items that have appeared in recent issues of the twenty, or more, Colorado and Wyoming newspapers now reaching the Denver office with fair regularity. The complete stories are available for reference in the Denver Office of Reports, WRA.)

Granada Journal; 7/23/42; page 1:

AS OUR NEIGHBORS VIEW US

Regarding the Granada relocation center, the Hutchinson, Kansas, News is quoted. "Kansas could have had the camp had she wanted it, but this state threw up its hands in horror at the thought of even one Nipponese within her borders. . . . When the war is over an area of Colorado will find itself without Japanese but with soil improvement and other conservation projects completed with their labor. These permanent improvements will greatly offset the temporary problems involved in housing a group of enemy aliens." #58

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/23/42; page 4:

PATRIOT JAP-AMERICAN

In a letter to a friend, Karl Yonada, an internee at the Manzanar relocation center, wrote: "The workings of democracy are clearly demonstrated before our eyes.. Those of us who are American citizens of Japanese ancestry are grateful to our government for the way this grave question of evacuation is being handled. What a difference from Fascist-controlled countries!" #59

Denver Post; 7/24/42

YMCA SUPPLIES TO BE SENT PRISONERS OF JAPS IN AUGUST

Books, musical instruments, athletic goods, games, theatrical outfits, school supplies, and religious matter will be distributed to American United Nations war prisoners in Japanese camps. A similar service has been carried on successfully in German camps. #60

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/25/42; page 2:

EDITORIAL

"The most logical proposal for obtaining labor for the harvesting of our crops is the plan to bring in Japanese evacuees. Here is a reservoir of labor that it seems preposterous and practically un-American not to utilize in our emergency. . . . Surely there is no reason why we could not, should not tolerate and treat with due consideration these Japanese workers, who obviously would be under proper supervision. If our intolerance and unfounded fears prevent our availing ourselves of this much-needed aid, we may lose, and deservedly, our crops that mean so much to our valley and even to our nation in this time of national need." #61

Denver Post; 7/26/42:

CIVIC LEADERS AND CHILDREN HELPING SAVE COLORADO CROPS

Story and three pictures tell of community enterprise and cooperation "saving the day for many Colorado farming areas where wartime shortages of field labor are causing grave emergencies in the harvesting of crops." Men, women and children are volunteering in many sections to assist the farmers---and thereby to help win the war.

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Denver Post; 7/26/42; page 6:

AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE PREVAILED IN JAPANESE CAMP

Feature article by Jennifer White, who was interned by Japanese at Manila, and later taken to Shanghai for repatriation with her husband, AP correspondent. "The Japanese imposed only the most general rules. Otherwise we were permitted to govern ourselves. That was the secret of our happiness in detention. We ran ourselves. The American way of life prevailed inside the camp. . . The disordered throng of 3,200 persons herded into the oldest university of the orient became an organized community. . . We had our own police, more than 200, working 24-hour patrols, and a sanitation and health department with more than 500 workers. . . The Japanese insisted that we were held in protective custody, but any infraction of the rules brought definite retribution. Minor offenses resulted in the cancellation of privileges. Three British seamen escaped and were recaptured. They were executed. . . The Japanese were careful about health conditions with 100 percent vaccinations and inoculations which resulted in virtual elimination of communicable diseases."

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Denver Post; 7/27/42:

JAPANESE DENY THEY TORTURE PRISONERS

"New York, July 27.--(AP)--The Tokyo radio broadcast an implied denial Monday of charges that Japan mistreats prisoners of war or other enemy nationals that fall into her hands."

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Denver Post; 7/27/42; page 6: Also Colorado Springs Gazette; 7/29/42; page 1:

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS IN JAPANESE CONCENTRATION CAMPS

AP accounts, under several separate headlines, of conditions in camps as reported by Americans interned at the outbreak of the war who arrived at Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, on the exchange ship.

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Lamar Daily News; 7/27/42; page 4:

RELOCATION STAFF SETS UP HEADQUARTERS AT LAMAR

"Lamar, Colo. (AP)---Temporary office headquarters have been established here by the War Relocation Authority staff which will direct the Japanese relocation center now under construction at Granada."

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Lamar Daily News; 7/27/42; page 6:

JAP CENTER IS SCENE OF GREAT ACTIVITY NOW

The Jap relocation center near Granada is a busy scene. . . An area almost a mile square must be converted into a city for 8,000 inhabitants by August 31. Details of construction plans described.

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Pueblo Star-Journal; 7/28/42; page 12:

PRISON TRUSTIES USED TO HELP IN PICKING CHERRIES

"Canon City, July 28.---The day-labor shortage in harvesting the cherry crop on Beaver park was relieved by the use of Colorado State prison trustees without interfering with free labor."

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Pueblo Star-Journal; 7/28/42; page 4:

JAPS PLAYING WITH FIRE IN MALTREATMENT OF AMERICANS AND BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR. (By David Lawrence)

"Many Americans who have for years felt that the Japanese people were inherently possessed of qualities of humanness and sympathetic understanding are inexpressibly shocked to learn of the tortures inflicted on citizens of the United States in the period immediately after the outbreak of war. . . . The question will always be asked. Are the Japanese capable of gentlemanly conduct? Are they entitled to equality in the family of nations? On their treatment of American prisoners the answer depends."

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Denver Post; 7/28/42; page 12:

EVACUATION OF JAPS HITS FLORAL INDUSTRY

"Sacramento, Calif., July 28.---(INS)---California's floral industry is expected to suffer a 12-million-dollar loss because of evacuation of Japanese from the state's various defense zones. Previously, it was pointed out, Japanese produced most of the 700 carloads of cut flowers shipped from California yearly."

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Rocky Mountain News (Denver); 7/29/42:

ALIEN CONTROL PLANS DETAILED BY MORRISSEY

"Federal control of enemy aliens will be maintained rigidly and counter-espionage and anti-sabotage activities will be intensified in Colorado as the war goes on, U. S. District Attorney Thomas J. Morrissey said yesterday... Colorado has had little trouble in controlling the influx of evacuated Japanese from western military areas."

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Denver Post; 7/29/42; page 2:

'PAID VACATION' OFFER EXTENDED BY PEACH GROWERS ASSOCIATION

"Residents of the hot-belt area of the country are being urged to take a 'vacation with pay' in cool Colorado in a campaign . . . to obtain sufficient workers to harvest the rich peach crop on the western slope."

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Colorado Springs Gazette; 7/29/42:

JAPANESE 'OBJECTOR' TO BE STATIONED HERE

"Geroge Kiyosha Yamada, a conscientious objector of Japanese descent, will be transferred from Camp Cascade Locks, Oregon, to the civilian public service camp at Templeton Gap within a few days. . . . Yamada was a journalism student at San Francisco State College before his assignment to Cascade Locks on December 5, 1941. . ."

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PRESS DIGEST

August 5, 1942

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 7/28/42; page 2:

BRIGHTER VIEW OF LABOR OUTLOOK: MAY NOT BE NECESSARY TO USE JAPS

"A much brighter view of the labor outlook for the coming harvest season was presented last night by L. A. West and Emmett Cloughesy of the U. S. - Colorado Employment Service, before a conference of growers in the Board of Control office in Palisade. These labor officials confidently believe the situation can be handled without recourse to Japanese labor. In order to prevent any possible slip-up in this program, however, a recanvass of the situation will be made early in August, in plenty of time to secure Japanese workers in the orchards if they are at the last minute found necessary to save the crop...."

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Pueblo Star-Journal and Chieftain; 7/29/42; page 6:

SHOULD IT BE AN EYE FOR AN EYE? (Editorial)

"When we read of the horrible experiences of Americans and British who have been captured and kept in filthy prison camps for weeks, and then look at the swank and clean camps in which Jap aliens are placed in this country, it makes every American feel that he would like to personally have a part in cruel punishment of those who are within our borders.....Everyone will naturally ask, Should we punish the Japs in this country in the same way as they have punished our citizens? The answer is, No....We are fighting this war in a spirit of freedom and not for cruelty or inhuman treatment of those whom we capture and who cannot defend themselves. We are fighting because we want to preserve for ourselves and to reassert for the peoples of the world the spirit which has made America great....."

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Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 7/30/42; page 1:

HARVEST LEAVE PLEA REJECTED

Secretary of War Stimson quoted in AP story "Every interference with the rapid and efficient preparation of the armed forces for combat must be halted at once.If it should develop that the American people are confronted with a food emergency which cannot be met by the existing surpluses, the use of military personnel may be considered, but only if all sources of harvest labor have been exhausted and the military personnel is employed as units and not as individuals". Senator Nye said that Stimson had "missed the point of immediate seriousness involved in the northwest harvest."

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Granada Journal; 7/30/42; page 1:

JAP CAMP NOW USES 600 MEN

Payroll for the week for construction work at the Japanese Relocation Center reported as "over 600 pay checks." Names of local county men working on the project in responsible positions are given. Description of construction work presented in considerable detail. Regarding the head paymaster's office, the article states, "As we go through his offices we cannot help but remark that almost his entire force are people we know personally (Prowers Countians)".

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Pueblo Star-Journal; 7/31/42; page 3:

BEAN GROWERS TO DISCUSS NEEDS FOR HARVESTING

Meeting of bean growers called. "This year's bean crop will be good....Ripening probably will occur earlier than usual (Oct. 1)."

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Wyoming State Tribune (Cheyenne) 8/1/42; page 2:

JAP ARRESTED FOR EXCEEDING LIMIT

A Japanese alien is being held in jail at Kemmerer on charges of traveling beyond the five-mile limit without a permit. The Japanese told officers he exceeded the limit unthinkingly on a fishing trip.

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Lamar Daily News; 8/1/42; page 1:

WRA WILL RECRUIT STAFF NURSES, TEACHERS, DOCTORS FOR JAP CAMP

"James Lindley, director of the Jap relocation center at Granada, was in Lamar Saturday from Denver helping establish his rapidly expanding force at offices here...." Progress of construction reported. General information regarding the center included statement by Lindley of need for nurses, teachers, and doctors.

#80

Sheridan (Wyo.) Press; 8/2/42; page 1:

PRESENCE OF JAP-RECRUITED BAND IN U. S. DISCLOSED AS FILIPINO HELD

"New York, Aug. 1. -- (AP)--The presence in the United States of a band recruited by Japan's black dragon society to aid a possible invasion has been disclosed by the FBI with the announcement of the arrest of an alleged organizer for the group which claims 100,000 members....."

#81

Pueblo Star-Journal; 8/1/42; page 3:

FBI JAILS JAPANESE WITH 2 DOZEN MAPS

Eighty-seven enemy aliens, one a Japanese possessing about two dozen maps showing air and sea distances in the Pacific ocean area, were seized in raids in the metropolitan New York area, the FBI announced. The Japanese was a leader of Kokoku-Dan which the FBI describes as a Japanese imperial service group.

#82

Casper (Wyo.) Tribune-Herald; 8/1/42; page 8:

AMERICAN-BORN JAPS PERMITTED TO ACCEPT JOBS

"San Francisco, July 31.--(AP)--Only American-born Japanese who never have lived in Japan or attended schools there may leave Japanese resettlement centers to accept jobs, the War Relocation Authority says....."

#83

Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph; 8/2/42; page 1:

TOWN FOR 10,000 JAPS TO BE COMPLETE IN 60 DAYS

"Cody, Wyo., Aug. 1 (Wide World)---In the sage country of northern Wyoming, army engineers are finishing a town for 10,000 Japanese in just 60 days...." Feature story regarding the construction of the relocation center and the plans for the Japanese to be located there.

#84

Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph; 8/2/42:

AVERAGE JAP RETAINS RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR AMERICA

Feature article by Joseph Dynan who was interned in Tokyo. "Despite a flood of bitterly anti-American propaganda, the average Japanese still retains respect, admiration, and some affection for the United States and Americans..."

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Fort Collins Express-Courier; 8/3/42:

FARM LABOR SHORTAGE AVERTED SO FAR IN STATE

"A large turnout of volunteer workers and a carefully-planned program of the U. S. Employment Service for shifting workers from one area to another has relieved the threat of a farm labor shortage in Colorado so far this season, says L. A. West, state director of the service. Still to be met, however, is the job of supplying enough workers to harvest the sugar beet crop. West indicated it may be necessary to recruit these workers from other parts of the country."

#86

Lamar Daily News; 8/3/42; page 1:

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICIALS HERE OVER WEEKEND

U. S. engineers were in Lamar "to view progress at the Jap relocation center at Granada . . . They announced that work was moving on schedule and is expected to be completed by the deadline, August 31."

#87

Denver Post; 8/5/42; page 16:

BOULDER DEFIES POLICY ON TAKING JAP-AMERICANS

"An eight-point policy governing approval or disapproval of requests from Japanese-Americans for permission to move to Boulder went into effect Wednesday. The city council adopted the procedure Tuesday night in compliance with federal regulations which provide that citizens or aliens of Japanese origin must obtain a community's consent before taking up residence in the community. . ."

#88

Denver Post; 8/5/42; page 28: Also Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/6/42; page 1:

WYOMING AND IDAHO JAP CENTERS OPENED

"San Francisco, Aug. 5.--(AP)-- Additional Japanese relocation centers near Eden, Idaho, and Cody, Wyo., have been opened and will receive their first detachments of evacuees from the Pacific coast within a week, the army said Wednesday." Plans announced by Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff in charge of civil affairs for the western defense command are for 5,300 Japanese at the Pomona fairgrounds to be taken to the Cody center. Transfer will start about Aug. 9.

#89

La Junta Daily Democrat; 8/5/42; page 1:

RURAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN LATE AS FARM LABOR DEMAND GROWS

"Otero County rural schools may start as much as three weeks late this year, according to C. E. Surber, deputy county school superintendent. The plan to delay the start of the school year was proposed by the county War Production Board . . . as a method of helping meet the demand for farm labor. . ."

#90

Daily Herald (Provo, Utah); 8/5/42; page 1:

FILLER

"How come, we can build houses for the Japanese evacuees, but not for defense industry workers and their families?" #91

Cody Enterprise; 8/5/42; page 5:

CONGRESSMAN HERE INSPECTING CAMP HEART MOUNTAIN

"Congressman John J. McIntyre paid a surprise visit to Cody on Monday afternoon and evening. . . He was deeply impressed with the work being done at the Center and said he felt Cody was making a real contribution to the war effort." #92

Cody Enterprise; 8/5/42; page 1:

CAMP CONSTRUCTION NOW IN HOME STRETCH

"Construction work on the Heart Mountain Relocation Center was running ahead of schedule this week, with the expected completion time 'just around the corner'. The scheduled percentage of completion for the entire job for August 3 was 88.2 percent, but the actual percentage of completion on that date was 89.7, considerably in advance of previous expectations. . ." Fur-ther details of construction given. #93

Lamar Daily News; 8/5/42; page 2:

THE JAPS IN WYOMING (Editorial)

"A recent article in World Wide News Service tells of the Japanese relocation camp being constructed near Cody, Wyoming, simultaneously with the one in Prowers County. . . We believe the article will be of great interest to many of our readers." Feature article about Cody relocation center quoted in full. #94

Lamar Daily News; 8/5/42; page 1:

TEACHER-FARM HAND SHORTAGE TO AFFECT STATE'S RURAL SCHOOLS

"Rural schools in Prowers county will open at about the usual time this year, some Monday, August 31, and others Tuesday, September 8. Although teachers have not been hired for all rural schools, the shortage is not critical and all places are expected to have been filled by the end of September, which was the case last year." #95

Lamar Daily News; 8/5/42; page 1: (Similar story in Granada Journal)

ENGINEERS MOVE TO JAP CENTER

"U. S. Army engineers, who have had offices at Lamar in the state armory since beginning of construction at the Japanese relocation center at Granada, this week are moving their headquarters to the newly-completed administration building at the center. . . Work at the center rapidly forging ahead. . ." #96

Colorado Springs Gazette; 8/6/42; page 1:

CACHES FOR JAP SABOTAGE FOUND

"Santa Ana, Calif., Aug. 5 (AP)---Sheriff Jesse L. Elliott today reported discovery of two Japanese caches of poisons, other chemicals, dynamite and photographs of oil fields and military establishments which he expressed belief were intended for sabotage. The caches were found by tenants who had taken over farms of Japanese removed to assembly camps." #97

Denver Post; 8/6/42:

CRISIS NEARING IN COLORADO'S LABOR SUPPLY

Labor survey shows there are "Seasonal pinches for labor, but as yet the critical period has not been reached. All signs point to the fact that a crisis is fast approaching." Men over 60 years of age may be of assistance. Program being developed for a reserve labor battalion. #98

Rocky Mountain News; 8/6/42; page 13:

NEWS SOLVES GIGANTIC CABBAGE PROBLEM FOR JAP-AMERICAN FARMER

"Jim Yanari, Colorado-born farmer of Japanese descent in Hudson, Colo.," came to Denver with a truck load of five tons of cabbage, but was able to sell only one ton. He asked the News what to do with the surplus. The manager of health and charities was called and agreed to accept the gift of three and a half tons of cabbage, and the Salvation Army took a half ton. #99

Denver Post; 8/7/42; page 14:

U. S. OPENS BORDER TO LIMITED FLOW OF MEXICAN LABOR

"Washington, Aug. 7.--(AP)--Urgent need for more agricultural workers brought opening of the nation's southern borders Friday to temporary and restricted immigration of Mexican farm labor. . . Safeguards for both Mexican and American farm workers were provided in the arrangement made through the state department. Domestic labor was guaranteed against reduction in prevailing pay rates and against displacement by foreign farm help. Immigrant labor was assured similar payment, supervised living conditions and repatriation. . . ." #100

Casper Tribune Herald; 8/7/42; page 1:

JAPS MOST TREACHEROUS PEOPLE ON EARTH, SAYS CAPT. GIPSY PAT SMITH

Smith quoted as saying, "The Japanese people are the most treacherous people on earth and they spent many years in planning this war and their planning was well done." He states the war will last 5 to 7 years. #101

Denver Post; 8/7/42; page 4:

TEACHER'S PAY AT CODY JAP CENTER CALLED TOO HIGH

"Representative John J. McIntyre (Dem.) of Wyoming, in a telegram to Joseph Smart, director of the relocation authority whose offices are in Denver, urges Smart to 'reconsider a readjustment' of salaries to be paid to teachers in the schools of the Japanese relocation camp near Cody, Wyo." #102

Rocky Mountain News; 8/8/42; page 14:

BACKS SCHOOL PAY AT CODY CAMP

"Salaries to be paid teachers in the Japanese relocation camp schools near Cody, Wyo., are in line with those paid other Wyoming teachers, Joseph H. Smart, regional War Relocation Authority director, said yesterday in Denver. His statement, he said was in answer to charges by Rep. John J. McIntyre (D.) of Wyoming that a too-high salary scale was planned for camp teachers." McIntyre's telegram had not yet been received, Smart reported. #103

Denver Post; 8/8/42; page 2:

THAT'S THAT (Editorial)

Mrs. Inez Johnson Lewis, state superintendent of public instruction, reported as announcing that about 400 Colorado school districts have been unable to find teachers for the fall term. "Maybe this situation is due, in part, to the fact that the federal government is hiring teachers to run schools for Jap children at salaries higher than a lot of school districts can afford to pay." Rep. McIntyre's statement regarding the school salaries is mentioned. "Furnishing teachers for the education of Jap children in concentration camps in this country is a wanton waste of American effort and American dollars. . . . Why bother to give the children of enemies of this country any education at all? Why establish schools for them at all? . . ."

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Cody Enterprise; 8/5/42:

JAPANESE COLONY WILL BE CROSS SECTION OF AMERICA

"The Japanese colony near Cody will represent a cross section of the United States, from millionaires to stoop workers, skilled craftsmen, artisans, housewives and students. An analysis of 50,000 people of Japanese ancestry revealed that 45% were in wholesale, retail and produce business; 17% in personal service; 10% in industry and commerce; 4% in manufacturing. Approximately 63% are American born, average age 22 years, and 37% are of the Issei group, average age 58 to 60 years."

#105

The Powell Tribune; 8/6/42; page 1:

RELOCATION CENTER OPENED TO HOUSE COAST JAPANESE

A release received from the WCCA of San Francisco indicated the movement of an advance contingent of approximately 300 Japanese on or about August 9th, and the balance of 5,000 beginning to leave on or about August 15th to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center. The Center plans to accommodate 10,000.

#106

The Powell Tribune; 8/6/42; page 4:

COMMENCING TO GRASP RELOCATION CENTER

"The 10,000 Japanese to be brought to the Heart Mountain locality are not 10,000 laborers immediately available for farm work. There are women, babies, school children, specialized and professional groups, and those wanting to farm for themselves. 'Too little, too late' might be the final summary of those thinking of the Center as a solution of the labor needs."

#107

Pueblo Star-Journal; 8/7/42; page 12:

MEXICO AGREES TO SEND U. S. MUCH-NEEDED FIELD LABOR

"Washington, Aug. 7.--(AP)--The government announced Thursday night an agreement with Mexico whereby this country's southern borders can be opened for temporary immigration of Mexican farm workers, under stipulated conditions, as means of making certain that an agricultural labor shortage does not blight the "food for victory" program."

#108

The Greeley Tribune; 8/7/42:

GROWING CALL FOR JAP LABOR IS NOTED HERE

"Renewed considerations are being given to the proposal that Weld County and Greeley ask the government to establish a Japanese relocation camp in this area. . . . The proposal is that the Japanese be worked under supervision to help harvest the crops this fall and that the farmers pay the government for the work performed."

#109

Lamar Daily News; 8/7/42; page 1:

MUCH MATERIAL ARRIVING HERE FOR JAP CENTER

"Forecasting the arrival of 8,000 west coast Japanese at Granada, 18 carloads of equipment arrived this week. Included are tables, desks, mattresses, blankets and other items to furnish the center."

#110

Pueblo Star-Journal; 8/7/42; page 2:

POLICE QUELL FIGHT AT JAPANESE CENTER

"Los Angeles, Aug. 8.--(AP)--Two hundred military police were called inside the Japanese assembly center at Santa Anita to quell a disturbance. . . One of the evacuees, suspected of being an informer, was set upon and badly beaten by a huge crowd of Japanese. He was rescued by soldiers and taken to a hospital." #111

Lamar Daily News; 8/8/42; page 1:

OFFICIALS HERE ARRANGE JAP TRANSPORT

"Major C. A. Rogers, U. S. Army quartermaster corps, San Francisco, and Ross E. Chappell, division passenger agent, Santa Fe railway, were in Lamar late Friday conferring with WRA Center Director James Lindley in connection with the transportation and arrival of some 8,000 west coast Japanese coming here from Merced, California to occupy the relocation center at Granada. Major Rogers said the Japanese will arrive early in September in groups of about 400, including men, women, and children. The first contingent will be all single males to work on clean-up and landscaping operations." #112

Pueblo Star-Journal; 8/8/42; page 2:

JAPANESE WILL PAY FOR MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS THRU HARSH PEACE PACT

"Governments which violate the rules of fair play and who resort to attack rather than the processes of reason to settle disputes pay in the end. The mistreatment of prisoners can only result in a peace treaty far more harsh for the Japanese people than they might otherwise have obtained at the end of a war fought under the accepted rules of international conventions." #113

Wyoming State Tribune; 8/8/42; page 1:

CAPTION

"Interned Japs are buying war bonds. Can you do otherwise?" #114

Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/9/42; page 1:

SCHOOL EXECUTIVE AT TORRINGTON GOES TO JAP CENTER

"Torrington, Wyo., Aug. 8.--(AP)--C. D. Carter, superintendent of Torrington public schools the last eight years, has resigned to become supervisor of educational facilities at the Japanese relocation center at Cody." #115

Gazette and Telegraph; 8/9/42; page 9:

COLORADANS HARVEST BUMPER WHEAT CROP DESPITE DEARTH OF STORAGE AND FARM LABOR

"Despite shortage and lack of storage space, Colorado wheat farmers are harvesting and finding room for a bumper wartime crop. Through systematic movement of hastily recruited harvest gangs, the Colorado division of the U. S. employment service managed to spot workers in areas where they were needed most urgently." #116

The Denver Post; 8/9/42; page 2:

PRISONERS' RELIEF SHIP IS CHARTERED

"The American Red Cross announced Saturday that the 7,000-ton Swedish motorship Kanangoora has been chartered to carry relief supplies to American prisoners. The motorship will carry supplies to United Nations men as well as Americans being held in the Far East. Sailing will be delayed until the Red Cross has received a guarantee of safe conduct from the Japanese government." #117

The Denver Post; 8/9/42; page 8:
JAPS BEGIN MOVING TO WYOMING CAMP

The initial train load of Japanese from the Pacific coast is scheduled to arrive in Cody on Tuesday, Aug. 11, Joseph H. Smart, regional war relocation authority director, announced in Denver Saturday. The evacuees will be moved immediately into the new barracks-type homes built by the United States army corps of engineers and WRA. #118

Greeley Daily Tribune; 8/10/42; page 1:
JAP-AMERICAN STUDENTS MAY STUDY AT CSCE

"Colorado State College of Education has been approved by five separate government agencies as an educational institution at which Japanese-American college students now in assembly or relocation centers, will be permitted to complete their studies. The college has indicated that not more than 50 students could be accommodated here." #119

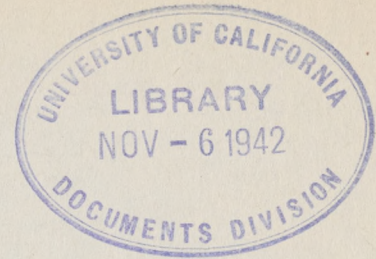
Wyoming State Tribune; 8/11/42; page 1:
DR. KEITH AIDING MEDICAL SETUP AT JAPS' CENTER

"Dr. M. C. Keith, state health officer, was at Cody Monday helping set up a medical organization for the Japanese relocation center near there." #120

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The Daily Sentinel (Grand Junction); 8/9/42; page 2:
INVENTORY OF HARVEST HELP WILL BE MADE

"The Grand Junction civilian defense council is sponsoring distribution of blanks in Grand Junction Monday for an inventory of men, women, and students who would like to work in the peach harvest." #121

Lamar Daily News; 8/10/42; page 1: also The Denver Post; 8/12/42; page 3:
JAP CENTER MAY GET FACTORY TO USE WORKERS

"James G. Lindley, director of the Japanese relocation center at Granada, said Monday that a factory may be located at the center to employ internees. . . Lt. Col. Hughes and John Camp of the War Relocation Authority industrial section, Washington, D. C. were in Lamar over the weekend to look at the site with Mr. Shuman, manufacturer representative. . . Mr. Lindley stressed that work would be for the production of articles used only in the relocation camps." #122

Pueblo Star-Journal; 8/10/42; page 3:

U. S. MAY CONSTRUCT ENEMY PRISON CAMP CLOSE TO TRINIDAD

"Trinidad, Colo. Aug. 10.--(AP)--The federal government is considering a site southeast of Trinidad as a possible location for an enemy prison camp." #123

The Denver Post; 8/11/42; page 22:

ARMY EVACUATES JAP-OWNED MULES

"Pasadena, Calif., Aug. 11. When the army completed the evacuation of 97,000 Japanese from the coastal areas it thought it had done a perfect job. Later it developed that thousands of the Japanese . . . had left their mules behind, most of them refusing to do anything at all when spoken to in English, except to bray. Under the circumstances the army seized the dilemma by both horns--and sometimes the mules by both ears--and they also are now being evacuated to the reception centers." #124

Rocky Mountain News; 8/12/42; page 10: also Lamar Daily News; 8/10/42; page 4:
also Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/13/42; page 2:

EVACUATED JAPS REACH WYOMING CAMP

"Cody, Wyoming Aug. 11.--(UP)--The first contingent of west coast evacuees who will transform the Heart Mountain Relocation project into Wyoming's fifth largest town began arriving in Cody today." Joseph H. Smart, regional war relocation authority director, said the first contingent included 280 adults, five infants and seven youths. #125

Fort Collins Express-Courier; 8/12/42; page 2:

STATE USDA WAR BOARD ASKED TO HELP GET BEET HARVEST LABOR

"Aid of Colorado's State USDA War board in easing a prospective labor shortage in this fall's sugar beet harvest in Larimer county was sought Wednesday. . . The situation, as set forth in the county board's appeal for help, includes the fact that there are 12,316 acres of sugar beets to be harvested in the Fort Collins factory district--a 35% increase over last year's crop." #126

The Denver Post; 8/12/42; page 20:

LABOR SCARCITY CUTS OUTPUT IN HALF AT CRIPPLE CREEK

"Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 12.--Only fourteen single men remain at Cripple Creek. The rest have gone to war or taken higher-paid defense jobs, said D. P. Strickler, president of the Stratton Cripple Creek Mining and Development company, Wednesday, in reporting how the wartime labor shortage has reduced the Cripple Creek gold mining district's ore output 50% this year." #127

The Denver Post; 8/12/42; page 15:

JAPS ARE EXECUTING FILIPINOS WHO OPPOSE NIPPONESE RULE

"Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 12.--Filipinos who refuse to submit to Japanese domination in the Philippines are being executed on sabotage charges, and Americans outspokenly anti-Japanese . . . are being held in the damp dungeons of ancient Fort Santiago." #128

Colorado Springs Gazette; 8/12/42; page 6:

WORKERS NEEDED FOR SMALL-GRAIN HARVEST

"A shortage of labor for the small-grain harvest was reported Tuesday by Rush Appleman, chairman of the county USDA war board. The shortage, he said, probably will be greater in September and October, when beans and corn are harvested." #129

Fort Collins Express-Courier; 8/12/42; page 8:

STUDENTS ASKED TO HELP ON HARVEST OF PEACHES

"An appeal to summer session students to spend their vacations picking peaches in Mesa County was issued Wednesday by the Colorado division of the United States Employment service." #130

Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/13/42; page 8:

SCHOOL PLANS AT CODY CENTER ARE FEDERAL FUNCTION

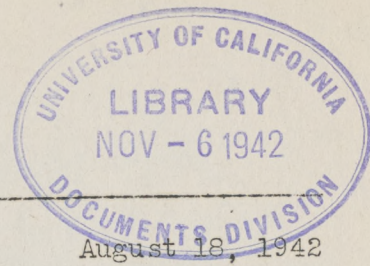
"A news story appearing under a United States date line on Aug. 8, with relation to teacher salaries at the Japanese relocation center at Cody has been somewhat misinterpreted by the public according to Miss Esther L. Anderson, state superintendent of public instruction. Miss Anderson stated that the hiring of teachers and setting of salaries were entirely a federal government function under federal jurisdiction. She also stated that the Japanese school at the Heart Mountain project would not participate in any way in state school funds or federal funds allocated to the state for school purposes." #131



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The Daily Sentinel (Grand Junction); 8/11/42; page 3:

SUFFICIENT PEACH LABOR WITHOUT USE OF JAPS, SURVEYS INDICATE

"Labor surveys thruout Colorado reveal a total of 2,970 out-of-county regular agricultural workers immediately available for the Grand Valley peach harvest, according to Emmett Cloughesy, farm placement supervisor for the Colorado division of the United States Employment Service...As a result of these surveys and labor supply efforts it was the opinion.. that with this revealed supply of workers no action should be taken toward securing release of Jap evacuees for the harvest this year."

#132

Sheridan Press; 8/11/42; page 3:

LABOR SHORTAGE RELIEF SOUGHT

"Washington, Aug 11.--(AP)--Senator Murray (D-Mont.) asked the agriculture department and war manpower commissions today to provide immediate relief for Montana's farm labor shortage."

#133

The Cody Enterprise; 8/12/42; page 1:

FARMERS DISCUSS EVACUEE LABOR AS FARM AID

"The possibility of securing Japanese labor from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center for work on farms and ranches in the Big Horn Basin was discussed at a meeting sponsored by the Park County USDA War Board... C.E. Rachford, project director of the relocation center, attended the meeting and gave an outline of present provisions for securing evacuees as farm laborers."

#134

Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/13/42; page 5:

"Washington--(AP)--The Farm Security administration expects many requests for Mexican labor to harvest grain, sugar beets and cotton in the west and southwest, a FSA spokesman said Thursday."

#135

Lamar Daily News; 8/12/42; page 1:

JAP MILITARY POLICE WILL ARRIVE SOON

"A detachment of some 150 men and three officers--captain and two lieutenants--are expected to arrive here the first of next week to act as military police at the Jap relocation center at Granada, James Lindley, director, said Wednesday."

#136

The Powell Tribune; 8/13/42; page 4:

POWELL NEVER TO BE THE SAME AGAIN

"The population of Powell will never again reach the low ebb of pre-war days. . . Powell and Cody have profited greatly by the Heart Mountain Relocation Center payroll, and these two nearest towns will continue to reap business benefits from this unanticipated source." . . The three elements that will comprise the Heart Mountain population are the Japanese residents, the soldier guards, and the WRA staff, teachers, and many other non-Japanese wage and salary earners."

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The Powell Tribune; 8/13/42; page 6:

CONDEMNATION OF HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT LANDS

"Condemnation proceedings were filed in the United States district court at Cheyenne by the federal government against 2,080 acres of land in Park county. The land, valued at \$13,540, is sought for use in connection with the Heart Mountain relocation center."

#138

The Greybull Standard and Tribune; 8/13/42; page 7:

LABOR PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

"B. R. Pauley of the U. S. Employment Service Thursday night told 40 farmers and business men gathered to discuss the labor situation that Jap labor from the Heart Mountain Relocation camp could be expected to help in this year's harvest in only a limited way." He stated the evacuees would arrive in comparatively small numbers, and they would be needed to prepare the camp for those to follow and so would probably not be available for the bean harvest.

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Wyoming State Tribune; 8/14/42; page 10:

JAPS PLEASED WITH CENTER IN CODY AREA

Officials of WRA and C. E. Rachford, in charge of the relocation colony, said the Japanese were cooperating fully and all were impressed with their courtesies.

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The Denver Post; 8/14/42; page 10:

FIGHT TO PREVENT JAP IMMIGRATION IS GAINING ON COAST

"San Francisco, Aug. 14.--(I. N. S.)--Promising they will carry the action to the United States supreme court if necessary, members of the Native Sons of the Golden West Friday renewed their fight for legislation to prevent Japanese immigration and to deny citizenship to persons of Japanese ancestry."

#141

Greeley Daily Tribune; 8/14/42; page 1:

FARMERS ASK FOR MORE LABORERS

"The employment office in Greeley is being asked by Weld county farmers to make arrangements to furnish more fall harvest labor." It is believed the beet harvest will be particularly short of labor.

#142

Wyoming State Tribune; 8/15/42; page 1:

KURTZ ACCEPTS JOB AT JAPANESE CAMP

"Marlin T. Kurtz, who has been state supervisor of distributive education for the last three years, announced Friday that he will leave Saturday to become guidance director in the schools of the Japanese relocation center near Cody. Kurtz is a former principal of the Cody high school."

#143

The Rocky Mountain News; 8/15/42; page 21:

WYOMING SCHOOLS OPEN LATE

"Casper, Wyo., Aug. 14.--(AP)--Gov. Nels H. Smith today advocated the opening of Wyoming schools be deferred for two weeks to permit youths working on farms and ranches to help complete the harvesting of grain, hay and food crops."

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Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/15/42; page 12:

RURAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN EARLY

"...the suggestion of Gov. Nels Smith that the opening of schools be delayed two weeks was not deemed practicable. . . In a survey on the matter most of the ranchers would rather have the schools start early in order that the students could be released earlier in the spring when the ranch work was the heaviest."

#145

La Junta Daily Democrat; 8/15/42; page 2:

OPPOSE JAP EVACUEES ENTERING STATE SCHOOLS

"Ralph B. Jones, Arkansas education commissioner, said the proposal made by the National Japanese-American Relocation Council of Philadelphia, is 'an unjustifiable demand of Arkansas and students of the various schools' The commissioner said trustees of two state colleges have adopted resolutions opposing the admission of Japanese-American students to their institutions."

#146

The Rocky Mountain News; 8/16/42; page 13:

GRANADA JAP CAMP READY AUGUST 31

Rapid progress is being made in the construction of buildings to house 10,000 Japanese-Americans at the relocation camp near Granada, Colorado. "The work now under way is under supervision of the army corps of engineers. One-third of the barracks-type homes for the evacuees are now completed and the foundations for at least half have been laid." Joseph H. Smart, regional WRA director, announced the camp will be ready for occupancy by Aug. 31.

#147

The Rocky Mountain News; 8/16/42; page 13:

LABOR SHORTAGES CAUSE LITTLE LOSS OF COLORADO CROPS

"Systematic movement of workers to areas most urgently in need of harvest help at specific times has greatly alleviated the harvest problem, and Colorado's 1942 crops are being harvested without any appreciable loss."

#148

The Rocky Mountain News; 8/16/42; page 10:

TEACHES JAPS (PICTURE)

Dr. Enoch Dumas, principal of the Horace Mann School in Greeley for two years, has been appointed director of elementary education at the Japanese evacuee camp at Granada, Colorado.

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Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/16/42; page 16:

KEMMERER JAP IS RELEASED TO EMPLOYER

"An ardent follower of Izaak Walton", Jenichi Saksi, was arrested by federal authorities when fishing on a stream, for venturing out of the five mile limit allowed enemy aliens. He was released this week to John A. Reed, president of the First National Bank of Kemmerer and his employer.

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Wyoming State Tribune; 8/16/42; page 10:

M'INTYRE'S STAND ON JAP CENTER TEACHERS' PAY HIT

"In a letter to Rep. J.J. McIntyre, Max E. Mortimore of Thermopolis, district governor of the Lions, assails the congressman for stating that WRA teachers' salaries for the Heart Mountain Relocation Center at Cody are out of line with salaries of other schools in the state." Mr. Mortimore believes McIntyre's letter to Mr. Smart "calls for a review of the facts and an apology to the Wyoming schools for insinuating we have a low standard that does not exist."

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The Sheridan Press; 8/18/42; page 2:

LABOR PROBLEMS ARE TALKED AT MEETING

"Continuance of their study of the problem of getting labor for fall harvests was one of the main items of business before the county war board which met yesterday at the court house."
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Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/18/42; page 1:

CALL TO WOMEN FOR HELP SEEN

"Forecasting a more acute labor shortage for 1943, Dr. John T. E. Dinwoodie, federal War board co-ordinator for the 13 western states, said Tuesday that women will be expected to fill the place of men in agriculture. . . Colorado has been on the "easy end" of the labor problem so far, while California has suffered most from the shortage of agricultural workers."
#153

The Denver Post; 8/19/42; page 27:

HARVEST NEAR FOR COLORADO'S BIG PEACH CROP

During the peak of the peach harvest between August 25 and September 8, 5,000 workers will be needed to pick, sort, pack and ship the fruit. "Indications are that enough workers can be obtained in Colorado to meet this demand, said L. A. West, director of the U. S. employment service for Colorado. . . A survey shows that enough workers can be released temporarily from other regions to assure adequate help in peach orchards."
#154

The Sheridan Press; page 9: Lamar Daily News; page 1: Longmont Times-Call; page 2: Casper Tribune-Herald; page 7: Wyoming State Tribune; page 2: The Denver Post; page 5: 8/19/42:

RELOCATION CENTERS ARE MILITARY AREAS

"Washington, Aug. 19.--(AP)--War relocation centers near Cody, Wyo., Granada, Colo. and in Arkansas--where Japanese evacuees from the west coast will be kept during the war--have been designated as military areas. Such designation, announced late yesterday by Secretary Stimson, means that military police will guard each camp, no Japanese in the camps will be permitted to leave without written permission from proper authorities, and no one but Japanese residents, soldiers, and employees will be permitted to enter without written authority."
#155

Greeley Daily Tribune; 8/19/42; page 1:

U. S. IS ASKED TO SEND JAP LABOR TO WELD

Harry Clark, president of the beet growers association, stated that he has invited the government to make Japanese labor available to Northern Colorado for the fall beet harvest.
#156

Longmont Times-Call; 8/19/42; page 2:

LABOR FOR THE FARMS (Editorial)

"This summer a labor shortage was felt in the Longmont district as a result of the war. Rising to a sense of public duty, the chamber of commerce sponsored a move for business men to work in the fields in the evening. . . . The state USDA War board is persistently pulling wires in an effort to crack the labor reservoirs of Japanese and conscientious objectors. And with regard to the coming sugar beet harvest, it should be remembered that reports south of the border are encouraging. Food must be harvested if armies are to eat." #157

Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/19/42; page 1:

12-YEAR-OLDS USE THUMBS

"Two 12-year-old Fort Collins boys, curious to see what the Japanese relocation project of the government at Cody, Wyo., looked like, plus a longing by one of them to see his mother who is employed there, were intercepted by Wyoming police. Both boys knew they would get an unfavorable reaction to a request to make the expedition to Cody, so left notes to their parents and grandparents saying that Cody was their destination, via the hitch-hike route." #158

Gasper Tribune-Herald; 8/19/42; page 1:

RELOCATION CENTER IN COLORADO READY FOR FIRST JAPANESE

"Granada, Colo., Aug. 18.--(AP)--The first contingent of Pacific coast Japanese, approximately 300, will arrive at the southeast Colorado relocation center near Granada next Tuesday from Merced, Calif., Director James Lindley said. The first arrivals will clear away construction debris, prepare dwellings and begin the work of establishing stores and utility services for other Japanese coming later." #159

The Denver Post; 8/19/42; page 4:

RECKONING WAITS JAP POLICE WHO ABUSED AMERICANS

"Washington, Aug. 19.--Japanese policemen and gendarmes who mistreated Americans in the Far East are being identified and their names will be kept on file until they can be dealt with properly." #160

Rocky Mountain News; 8/20/42; page 13:

529 MORE JAPS REACH HEART MOUNTAIN CENTER

"Cody, Wyo., Aug. 19.--(AP)--The second contingent of Japanese evacuees has reached the Heart Mountain relocation center near Cody. Joseph H. Smart, regional director of the War Relocation Authority, said that 529 Japanese arrived here from California yesterday." #161

Billings Gazette; 8/20/42; page 10:

LABOR SHORTAGE PROBLEM IS MET

Businessmen, emigrants and school children in Montana are uniting to lick the labor shortage problem presented by the departure of men, the increased production asked by the government, and extra yields. Among those battling to save the crop are Japanese evacuees and Mexicans from both sides of the border. #162

Lamar Daily News; 8/20/42; page 1:

MILITARY POLICE HERE TO GUARD JAP CENTER

"A contingent of 90 U. S. Army military police with three officers Thursday moved into the Japanese relocation center at Granada. The commanding officer is First Lieut. C. O. Johnson." These men came in preparation for the arrival of the first Japanese. #163

Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/20/42; page 7:

TRAINLOAD OF JAPS HALTS CITY TRAFFIC

"A trainload of Japanese, presumably en route from southern California to the new Japanese relocation camp at Cody, Wyo. blocked the streets for about 10 minutes Wednesday. It was reported the doors of the 20 coaches were locked as well as guarded, and that the coaches were crowded with men, women, and children on their way to their wartime Wyoming homes. #164

Lamar Daily News; 8/20/42; page 6:

NO CROP LOSS YET DUE LABOR SHORTAGE

"Denver (UP)--L. A. West, director of the U. S. employment service for Colorado, says there have been no appreciable crop losses in the state due to labor shortages so far this year. West attributes the good record to systematic movement of farm workers to areas where they are most needed for harvesting. #165

Wyoming State Tribune; 8/10/42; page 18:

CODY TO GET 1,100 JAPS

"Approximately 1,100 Japanese evacuated to the Portland assembly center from Benton, Chelan, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, and Yakima counties, Washington, will be transferred to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center. The transfer will begin on or about Aug. 29." #166

Colorado Springs Gazette; 8/21/42; page 21:

NOMURA, KURUSU ARRIVE IN JAPAN

"Tokyo (From Japanese Broadcasts), Aug. 20 (AP)--Adm. Kikkisaburo Nomura and Saburo Kurusu, former ambassador and special envoy to Washington, returned home today and were immediately rewarded with a dozen bottles of wine and other delicacies from the emperor "in recognition of the conduct of Japanese American relations."" #167

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The Cody Enterprise; 8/19/42; page 8:

POWELL JAPANESE RELEASED AFTER BILLINGS ARREST

Tom Kawano, 22, an American citizen of Japanese ancestry was arrested in Powell Sunday on a charge of possessing a camera. He was released because the public proclamation prohibiting aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry from possessing contraband articles does not apply in Wyoming. #168

The Cody Enterprise; 8/19/42; page 6:

METCALFE DESCRIBES SEWAGE, WATER FACILITIES AT CAMP

Theodore Metcalfe, one of the two construction managers with the contractors for the Japanese Relocation Center at Heart Mountain, commenting on the construction of the camp said, "The camp will be equipped with a water supply system unrivaled in the state of Wyoming, and a sewage disposal plant as modern and as fine as any plant of this type in the United States." #169

The Powell Tribune; 8/20/42; page 1:

BRINGING IN HUNDREDS OF WEST COAST JAPANESE

"Heart Mountain City . . has come into reality. Trains of Japanese-Americans--brought daily from the Pacific coast--are passing through Powell, conveying a continually growing colony of these people to the Japanese Relocation Center." #170

The Sheridan Press; 8/21/42; page 1:

JAPANESE LABOR IS SOUGHT HERE DUE TO SHORTAGE

"A request has been made by the Sheridan county USDA war board, farmers and businessmen, asking that 300 Japanese-American evacuees from the Cody relocation center be brought into the district next month to alleviate the acute sugar beet labor shortage. Final step in the request procedure will be taken when Gov. Nels H. Smith gives his expected guarantee of maintenance of law and order for the protection of the evacuees and the public interest." #171

Lamar Daily News; 8/21/42; page 1:

WRA OFFICIAL HERE FEW DAYS

"O. Rossman, head of community enterprise section of the WRA, is here from Washington looking over the Jap relocation project at Granada." #172

Wyoming State Tribune; 8/22/42; page 4:

SACKETT CONTROLS JAP ALIEN TRAVEL

"Travel permits for Japanese aliens may be issued by United States district attorneys only," Carl L. Sackett, holder of the Wyoming office, revealed last week. #173

The Denver Post; 8/22/42; page 4:

INTERNEED JAPS TO HELP WITH WYOMING HARVEST

"Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 22.--(AP)--Gov. Nels H. Smith, who originally opposed the transfer of west coast Japanese to Wyoming, said Saturday that he has granted permission to use them to help avert a farm labor shortage, but only up to Dec. 1. . . The governor said he opposed permanent employment of the Japanese on Wyoming farms, believing that it would be more difficult to send them back to the Pacific coast when the war is over."

#174

The Denver Post; 8/23/42; page 6:

CONDEMNES TRAINING OF ALIEN JAPANESE

In a letter to the Open Forum, Dr. Harold A. Packard states: "Great drives are being carried on every day to raise funds to equip our fighting men who are protecting us against the ravaging Japanese. . . Asinine as it may appear, a portion of these funds are appropriated to Mr. Smart, director of the Japanese relocation, to educate the concentrated alien Nipponese. . . A greater slam to our intelligence and a greater disgrace to our soldier boys could hardly be perpetrated."

#175

Lamar Daily News; 8/24/42; page 1:

WRA OFFICIALS PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL, JAPS

"War Relocation Authority officials here this weekend were rushing to completion plans for the arrival of the first contingent of west-coast Japanese who will arrive at Granada Tuesday. . ."

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Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/24/42; page 3:

MOVEMENT OF JAPANESE TO GRANADA STARTING

"San Francisco (AP)--The first movement of Japanese in the Granada relocation center in Colorado will get under way on Tuesday. The Wartime Civil Control Administration announced on Monday that an advance party of about 200 Japanese will leave Merced, Calif., assembly center Tuesday. . . The capacity of the center is 8,000."

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Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/23/42; page 3:

SUGAR BEET LABOR SURVEY UNDER WAY

"Denver (AP)--A complete inventory of labor which will be available for this year's sugar beet harvest in Colorado has been begun by the U. S. Employment service." The survey is to determine whether it is necessary to bring in out-of-state employment.

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The Denver Post; 8/25/42; page 1:

1,451 AMERICANS REACH U. S. AFTER TRIP FROM JAPAN

"Jersey City, N. J. Aug. 25.--(AP)--With a fervid expression of happiness to be once again upon the soil of his 'beloved country', veteran Ambassador to Tokyo Joseph C. Grew stepped ashore from the diplomatic exchange liner Grips-holm Tuesday at the head of a procession of 1,451 Americans repatriated from Japan and the orient."

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The Denver Post; 8/25/42; page 14:

JAPANESE CONVICTED OF MURDERING WIFE IS DENIED NEW TRIAL

"A motion for a new trial for George Honda, Japanese-American convicted last May 3 of first degree murder in the butcherknife slaying of his wife, was denied Monday afternoon in the west side court by District Judge Stanley H. Johnson."

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The Billings Gazette; 8/25/42; page 11:

ARRIVALS AT CODY CAMP NUMBER 2,922

"Denver, Aug. 24.--(AP)--Arrivals of Japanese-Americans at the Heart Mountain relocation project near Cody, Wyo., have totaled 2,922 since August 12, Joseph H. Smart, regional director of the war relocation authority, announced Monday. . . The present population, he said, includes 208 infants, 278 children between 5 and 12, and 2,436 adults." Approximately 10,000 Japanese will be housed at the center before winter.

#181

Greeley Daily Tribune; 8/25/42; page 8:

BEET LABOR IS SOUGHT BY CUMMINGS

"Washington, Aug. 24.--A former Colorado representative in congress came back to Washington tonight to seek labor for harvesting 40,000 acres of sugar beets in his state. . . He will propose that Mexican labor be brought into the state under a recent agreement between Mexico and the United States government or that Japanese evacuees be employed. . . He predicted that failure to relieve the situation would cause farmers in the area \$5,000,000 loss." Approximately 5,000 workers are needed.

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Lamar Daily News; 8/25/42; page 1:

CONTRACTORS ENTERTAIN

"Lambie, Moss, Little, and James, main contractors for the construction of the Jap relocation center, entertained their employees and families at the State Armory in Lamar Monday evening."

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Lamar Daily News; 8/25/42; page 1:

NEW PERSONNEL OF WRA HERE

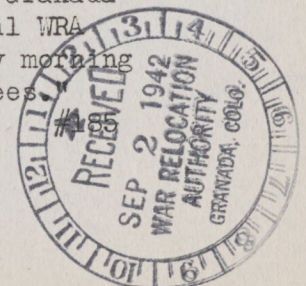
New personnel of WRA to arrive in Granada this week are Norman H. Gross, cost accountant; W. J. Knodel, placement officer, employment and housing division; Delbert E. Love, fiscal accountant; June R. Laverick, nurse; Verner Campbell, fire chief; Paul Terry, school superintendent; Virginia M. Ramsland, social case worker; Paul H. Freier, housing superintendent Wanda Oliver, chief nurse; and Dagmar Quarmstrom, supervisor nurse.

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Lamar Daily News; 8/26/42; page 1:

REGIONAL WRA CHIEF HERE FOR JAPS' ARRIVAL

"James Lindley, director of the Japanese relocation center at Granada announced Wednesday that he expected Joseph H. Smart, regional WRA chief, to arrive here Wednesday evening to be on hand Thursday morning for the arrival of the first contingent of 212 Japanese evacuees."



Colorado Springs Gazette; page 1: Rocky Mountain News; page 4:
Billings Gazette; page 1: Wyoming State Tribune; page 7: 8/26/42:

AMERICAN REPATRIATES ARRIVE

The Gripsholm, a Swedish vessel under charter to the United States and granted "safe conduct", has arrived in New York with American repatriates from the orient. Included were missionaries, newspaper men, businessmen and diplomats for whom the months since Pearl Harbor have been difficult and in many cases painful. They have come from prisons, from camps, from internment in all parts of the empire. 150 passengers among the more than 1,400 repatriates have been taken to Ellis Island for questioning concerning their loyalty to the United States. #186

Rocky Mountain News; 8/27/42; page 18:

VOTERS (Picture)

"Inalienable right--According to American justice, Japanese citizens still retain their right to vote although they are interned." The picture showed San Bruno, Calif., City Clerk Ralph E. Woodman accepting gubernatorial absentee ballots from a group of Japanese. #187

Wyoming State Tribune; 8/27/42; page 2:

JAPANESE MAN ASKS DIVORCE

"A Cheyenne Japanese resident Wednesday filed a petition in district court for a divorce from his wife who is now interned in a Japanese relocation center in San Bruno, California." #188

The Denver Post; 8/27/42; page 4:

KEITH TURNS DOWN JAP CAMP POSITION

"Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 27.--(AP)--Dr. M. C. Keith, state health officer, said Thursday that he has decided not to accept the position of medical director at the Heart Mountain relocation center for Japanese near Cody." The medical directorship was offered Dr. Keith by C. E. Rachford, director of the relocation project. #189

Pueblo Star-Journal; 8/27/42; page 1:

FIRST JAPS ARRIVE AT GRANADA CENTER

"Granada, Aug. 27.--(AP)--The first 212 Japanese arrived Thursday by train at the Granada Japanese relocation center. . . They were registered, given medical examinations and then given work assignments at finishing barracks, apartment buildings and mess halls." #190

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September 3, 1942

Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/31/42; page 3:

GRANADA TO GET 4,300 JAPANESE BY SEPT. 10

"San Francisco (AP)-- Army men in charge of evacuating Japanese from the Pacific coast expect to move 4,300 from the Merced assembly center to Granada, Colorado, before September 10. Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, chief of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, said transfer of Japanese remaining at Merced would begin Tuesday. Approximately 600 will be moved daily."

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Greeley Daily Tribune; 8/31/42; page 8:

U. S. MAKES NEW PROPOSALS TO HELP PRISONERS OF JAPS

Because Japan refused to allow a neutral ship to carry food and clothing direct to imprisoned Americans under international Red Cross supervision, "the United States has proposed that these supplies be relayed in American and Japanese Red Cross ships meeting at Portuguese East Africa". The proposal was made by acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles who reminded the Japanese of their obligation under the Geneva convention to facilitate delivery of supplies to prisoners and internees.

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Greeley Daily Tribune; 8/31/42; page 6:

U. S. MAKES NEW PROPOSALS TO HELP PRISONERS OF JAPS (Editorial)

"Judging from the stories of evacuees, there should be an authority some where who could convince the Japanese of the dangers of retaliation against nationals if the brutal treatment of internees and prisoners in Japan continues. Japanese diplomats and internees awaiting exchange in America had complete safety from war hazards. . . That isn't the story told by those for whom the Japanese were exchanged in Portuguese East Africa."

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Lamar Daily News; 8/31/42; page 1:

MORE WRA PEOPLE HERE

More WRA personnel who have arrived at the Granada project to take up duties include Delbert A. Bench, foreman mechanic; Morris H. Soglow, health and physical education advisor; William Wells, assistant steward; Clyde H. Schrader, teacher; Francis Miller, personnel clerk; H. R. Clark, senior stewart.

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Rocky Mountain News; page 31: Colorado Springs Gazette; page 3:
Denver Post; page 26: Greeley Daily Tribune; page 8: Billings
Gazette; page 1: 9/1/42:

JAP EVACUEES AVAILABLE TO HARVEST BEETS

"Japanese-Americans from War Relocation Authority camps at Granada, Colorado and Cody Wyoming, will be available to harvest sugar beets, Joseph H. Smart, Denver regional WRA director, has announced. Mr. Smart said some 1,500 evacuees from Pacific Coast military areas are at work in beet fields of Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Montana. Under the new plan, every farmer needing additional harvest help will make an offer of employment by filling out a form--indicating the type of work involved, its probable duration, the wages to be paid, and the housing facilities offered. When accepted by the evacuees, the offer becomes a binding agreement subject to termination by either party on five days' notice. 'Because the new plan makes a specific offer of work and wages', said Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, 'the net effect should be to speed up recruitment for vital harvest work.'" #213

Casper Tribune-Herald; 9/1/42; page 7:
STATE SANITARY ENGINEER TO AID RELOCATION WORK

"Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 31.--(AP)--The state health department announced today that L. O. Williams, state sanitary engineer, will aid the War Relocation Authority in setting up water purification and sewage disposal plants at the Japanese relocation center near Cody." #214

Casper Tribune-Herald; 9/1/42; page 2:
LUMMIS TAKES POST AT CAMP

"City Engineer Ben Lummis has obtained a leave of absence from his duties and has accepted a position as project engineer at the Japanese relocation camp near Cody." #215

Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 9/1/42; page 1:
ERRONEOUS REPORT ON LABOR HURT BEET MEN--CUMMINGS

"Former Congressman Fred Cummings, just returned from Washington, D. C. charged Tuesday that an 'erroneous' report on farm labor conditions which had been made by the U. S. Employment Service's Colorado director was the 'biggest obstacle' in attracting government attention to the critical labor shortage facing the sugar beet industry and farm crops generally in Colorado." L. A. West reported that "there was a shortage of farm labor, although crops would be harvested with the available supply". #216

Billings Gazette; 9/1/42; page 2:
15 COUNTIES SEEK JAPANESE BEET LABOR

"Helena, Aug. 31.--(AP)--Fifteen Montana counties are asking the War Relocation Authority to send approximately 4,000 Japanese evacuees to Montana to help with the approaching sugar beet harvest. . . The Japanese will be needed about Sept. 20, when the dumps open to receive the beets." #217

The Denver Post; 9/2/42; page 30:

INTERMENT OF JAPS IS UPHOLD BY COURT

"Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 2.--(AP)--A federal court order, returned in what had been brought as a test case, has upheld the army's authority to intern Japanese, both alien and native-born. The order, entered by District Judge Martin I. Welsh of Sacramento, overruled a demurrer by the American Civil Liberties union to the internment of Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu, an Oakland Japanese held at the Tanforan race track assembly center. The union argued that President Roosevelt had no right to direct the Japanese roundup and Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt no right to execute the president's orders. Government attorneys contended that congress had delegated full authority to the president and De Witt was doing no more than obeying his commander-in-chief." #219



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The Cody Enterprise; 8/26/42; page 1:

CODY CLUB AIRS VIEWS ON JAP LABOR ON FARMS, PRIVATE HOMES

Taking as a point of discussion Governor Nels H. Smith's proposal to allow Heart Mountain evacuees to work in the harvest fields only to December 1, the Cody club meeting aired the question of the Cody community's attitude toward the opportunities of private employment for the west coast evacuees at the camp. . . "Looking ahead to next year when the available labor in the county will have been even more seriously depleted by war production and military demands, E. J. Goppert said the community should start now to lay the foundation for a sound and workable relationship between Heart Mountain and the neighboring communities, providing the means by which the evacuees can be of service to the nation and to the community." #191

The Cody Enterprise; 8/26/42; page 8:

MORE COLONISTS ARRIVE (Picture)

"The work of locating the latest arrival of Japanese colonists at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center has been greatly facilitated by the assistance of those already here." Shown in the picture was a truck load of colonists arriving at registration headquarters after being brought up from the train. #192

Greybull Standard and Tribune; 8/27/42; page 8:

JAP EVACUEE LABOR AVAILABLE FOR HARVEST

"Through the action of the U. S. Employment Service, the State War Board, the Beet Sugar companies, the Beet Growers' associations, and the WRA, details have been completed under which Jap labor may be made available to farmers at once." #193

Lamar Daily News; 8/27/42; page 1:

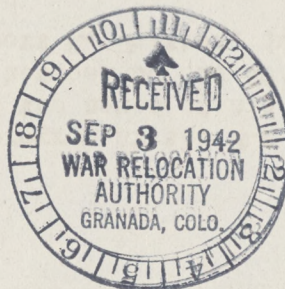
SMART PRAISES LAMAR PROGRESS

Jos. H. Smart was in Lamar last week for the arrival of the first contingent of Japanese evacuees. Mr. Smart praised the friendly atmosphere displayed by Lamar citizens toward the personnel of his organization and the progressive spirit found in Lamar. #194

Lamar Daily News; 8/27/42; page 1:

PROJECT SCHOOL HEADS ANNOUNCED

Paul J. Terry, in charge of the educational program at the War Relocation Authority project near Granada, has announced the names of his three principals who will be in charge of a teaching staff of between 50 and 60 teachers. The principals are S. Clay Coy, high school; Herbert K. Walther, junior high; and Enoch Dumas, elementary school. #195



The Granada Journal; 8/27/42; page 1:

SOLDIERS' CLUBROOM AT R. N. A. HALL

"A detachment of soldiers from the 335th M.P.E.G., on duty at the Granada Japanese Relocation Center, spent much of Wednesday and Thursday cleaning up and rearranging the local R. N. A. hall . . which will be a clubroom for these boys. . . At present there are 104 enlisted men and 4 officers on duty (total 108). . . These men are commanded by Second Lieutenant C. O. Johnson." The men are from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. #196

Greeley Daily Tribune; 8/27/42; page 12:

212 JAPS DUE AT GRANADA

"The scramble for beet labor in northern Colorado makes it appear certain people were a bit premature in high-toning the proposal for an evacuee camp in this region." #197

The Denver Post; 8/28/42; page 17:

WYOMING TO GET 990 EVACUEES

"Portland, Ore. Aug. 28.--(AP)--Groups of 990 evacuees from the west coast will entrain this weekend for the Heart Mountain relocation project in Wyoming. Five hundred of the Japanese and Japanese-Americans from the north Portland assembly center will leave Saturday night and 490 Sunday night." #198

The Denver Post; 8/28/42; page 16:

CALIFORNIA WILL 'LEND' CONVICTS FOR FARM LABOR

"San Francisco, Aug. 28.--The California board of prison terms and paroles will approve "lend-leasing" of San Quentin convicts to farmers to relieve the acute agricultural labor shortage. . ." #199

Billings Gazette; 8/28/42; page 7:

JAPANESE LABORERS SOUGHT AT RED LODGE, WAR BOARD HEAD SAYS

"Red Lodge, Aug. 27.--O. P. Roberts, secretary of the war board in Carbon county, has notified the United States employment office here that the board requests bringing Japanese evacuees into carbon county to aid in the sugar beet harvest." #200

Billings Gazette; 8/28/42; page 7:

ASKS TRANSPORTATION FOR BEET WORKERS

"Helena, Aug. 27.--(AP)--Governor Sam C. Ford Thursday asked the secretary of agriculture to ease the burden of transporting sugar beet workers to Montana which now falls entirely on the grower . . Ford said he understood the department of agriculture proposed to pay transportation of Mexican agricultural workers. "We request the same plan be adopted for evacuating Japanese to this state where 5,000 are needed to harvest the sugar beet crop. Prompt action is necessary because the movement from relocation and reception centers must begin immediately." #201

Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 8/28/42; page 1:

CO'S TO HELP HARVEST BEETS

"Congressman William S. Hill . . said Friday . . that restrictions had been lifted and conscientious objectors now will be available to aid in the harvest of sugar beets this season."

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Lamar Daily News; 8/29/42; page 1:

EVACUEES HERE GO TO WORK AT CAMP AT ONCE

"Members of the advance group of 212 Japanese evacuees who arrived at the Granada relocation center Thursday . . by Saturday were hard at work in their respective fields. These people were chosen from their particular vocations to do similar work at Granada." Some of the activities are loading and trucking, maintenance and public welfare, garbage and trash disposal, carpentering, mess hall and clerical work.

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Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/30/42; page 3:

NEW MOVEMENT OF JAPS TO CAMP STARTS TODAY

"New Movement--State Page, San Francisco, Aug. 29.--(AP)--Japanese evacuees will be moved to the Heart Mountain relocation camp in Wyoming, starting tomorrow, at the rate of 600 a day on alternate days until 3,450 have reached their new home."

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Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/30/42; page 3:

VARIED SPELLING OF MOUNTAIN NOTED

"Worland, Wyo., Aug. 29.--(AP)--The opening of a Japanese relocation project near Cody has revived a long-standing difference of opinion over the proper spelling of the name of the mountain near which the center is located. The usage 'Heart' mountain predominates, but old-timers in the Big Horn Basin region insist it should be 'Hart'." In the early 80's a man by the name of Hart located a homestead on the north side of the mountain and built a cabin there.

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Wyoming State Tribune; 8/30/42; page 2:

CODY EVACUEE CENTER HAS FIRST DEATH

T. Okamoto, 60, died of a cerebral hemorrhage Friday at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center. Okamoto's death was the first among the evacuees transferred from the Pacific coast area.

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The Denver Post; 8/30/42; page 10:

TOKYO REFUSES TO GUARANTEE MERCY VESSEL SAFE CONDUCT

"Washington, Aug. 29.--(I. N. S.)--The American Red Cross Saturday night announced that Japan has refused to guarantee safe conduct for a mercy ship of relief supplies to American prisoners of war."

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Casper Tribune-Herald; 8/30/42; page 2:

LABOR SHORTAGE CUTS PRODUCTION IN COPPER MINES

"Butte, Mont., Aug. 29.--(AP)--A labor scarcity has caused Montana copper mines to fall short of their 1942 production quota. . ."

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LABOR SITUATION

Western Montana May Use 900 Japs in Beet Harvest

"Missoula, Aug. 30.--(AP)--Beet growers in the Missoula factory area will begin harvest September 20 of 10,000 acres with an expected yield of 120,000 tons of sugar beets. . . An estimated 900 Japanese laborers will be needed for the western Montana harvest. . . Arrangements with federal officials are being completed to bring evacuees from relocation centers." --Billings Gazette; 8/31/42; page 7.

#219

Rachford Outlines Labor Program for Japanese Colonists

"O. E. Rachford, project director for the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, said he hoped the colonists would be available for labor needs in the communities within the next two weeks. . . Future labor at the camp depends upon five major points:

1. Filling camp with evacuees;
2. Labor needed within camp;
3. Total demand by farmers;
4. Number of colonists available for outside work on voluntary basis;
5. Public opinion in regard to the safety of the colonists." --Cody Enterprise; 9/2/42; page 1.

#220

Sheridan Group Seeks to Obtain Nippon Labor

Several men from Sheridan have been in Cody conferring with officials of the Heart Mountain relocation center investigating the possibilities of obtaining 300 Japanese evacuees to work in the county for about two months during the sugar beet harvest. --Sheridan Press; 9/4/42; page 2.

#221

Delta County Beet Growers Agree to Employ Japanese

"Delta, Colo., Sept. 5.--(AP)--Beet growers of Delta county have voted to import as many Japanese as needed for the harvest season. . . Under the arrangement, Japanese would come on a volunteer basis, transportation to Delta being furnished by the sugar companies. Farmers would provide living quarters during the harvest, with the Japanese returning to their relocation centers when the job is done." --Denver Post; 9/3/42; page 18.

#222

Japs to Harvest Beets

"Montrose, Colo., Sept. 5--(UP)--Sugar beet growers of the Montrose district, faced with a critical labor shortage, have voted to bring in at least 50 Japanese-Americans from the relocation camp near Lamar to help in the harvest." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/6/42; page 11.

#223

Labor Short, Harman Says

"While a survey of available sugar beet harvest labor in the state will not be completed for a week or more, Dewey J. Harman of Fort Collins, head of the Colorado War board, said Monday that all reports indicate that the shortage of labor will be 'most critical in northern Colorado'. Mr. Harman said he doubted that there would be enough Japs available to aid in the harvest outside of southern Colorado." --Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 9/7/42; page 1.

#224

Mexican Labor in Southwest is Predicted

"Washington, Sept. 3.--The FSA has expressed 'a good possibility' that Mexican labor would be imported in time for harvests. Particular consideration was being given, officials said, to California sugar beet areas, where harvesting had started, and long-staple cotton-growing districts in the southwest." --Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/3/42; page 1.

#225

SPOT NEWS FROM PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

Life Photographer Hero (Picture)

"On a special assignment from Life Magazine to cover the Japanese-American center at Heart Mountain, Henry Hough and Myron Davis spent three days here this week. Hough, of Denver, is staff writer for Life while Davis is their staff photographer from Washington, D. C." --Cody Enterprise; 9/2/42; page 1.

#226

Blaze Destroys Boiler Room at Heart Mountain

"The first fire on any consequence at the Heart Mountain center since the project began destroyed the boiler room of a laundry building late Sunday night. . . Volunteer Pomona firemen aided in quickly controlling the blaze. Defective wiring or an overheated boiler were considered as possible causes." --Cody Enterprise; 9/2/42; page 1.

#227

Powell and Cody Ministers to Cooperate with Japanese in Holding Religious Services

"Eight ministers from Powell and Cody met with six Japanese ministers of various Christian denominations at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center to discuss the religious work among the Japanese at the Center." Arrangements are being made for religious literature, Sunday school materials and music, Bible classes and singing classes. --The Powell Tribune; 9/3/42; page 1.

#228

Granada

WRA Offices Move, Granada

The administrative division of the War Relocation Authority moved their offices to Granada Wednesday. The move included office services, procurement, fiscal and personnel. For the present, employees will commute from Lamar to Granada until permanent quarters are finished at the center. --Lamar Daily News; 9/2/42; page 1. #229

More Japanese Arrive Here Today

"A trainload of 500 Japanese evacuees arrived in Granada at 7:30 p.m. this evening (Thursday). This brings the total to 762 at the Granada Relocation Center. Another 1000 Orientals--500 in each the morning and evening--will arrive on Saturday, September 5. From that date forward, 500 Japanese are to come here on every second day, until September 17. By that time the supply at the Merced (California) assembly center will have been exhausted. This will bring the total at the local camp to approximately 4500." --Granada Journal; 9/3/42; page 1. #230

JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

Japs Tell Why Red Cross Ship was Refused

"Tokyo (from Japanese Broadcasts), Sept. 4.--(A.P.)--Domei said Friday the government refused the American Red Cross permission for a chartered neutral ship to bring supplies to American war prisoners because 'Japan could not permit free and uninhibited American collection of information in areas of war operation as such a voyage would render possible.'" --Denver Post; 9/4/42; page 10. #231

Prisoner of Japs Asks Mother Send Him Bible and Pipe

Bob Epperson, who had been a sailor stationed at Wake Island, requested a Bible, tobacco and a pipe in a letter to his mother. "The missive went through neutral Switzerland. It claimed the Japanese were treating the American prisoners well, and allowing them to work to earn money for necessities." --Denver Post; 9/4/42; page 14. #232

Japanese Wiping Out Work Done by Medical Missionaries

"New York, Sept. 4--(Wide World)--Medical missionaries ousted from China and Manchukuo fields by the war. . . say that Japanese military might has taken over every missionary hospital and kindred institution it can reach. Libraries and records have been destroyed and the buildings looted. . . The value of the missionary medical institutions in the Orient, particularly in China, is estimated \$20,000,000. --Pueblo Star Journal; 9/4/42; page 12. #233

EDITORIALS AND FEATURE ARTICLES

Living at Powell for the Duration

"To keep the city population up to normal during the war rather than building it back up to its 1941 status after the war, we must not pass any opportunity nor fail to take advantage of anything offered to Powell which is a business builder. We want to maintain our position high among the best towns in the state. Maybe we're better off without a defense industry or any boom that would fall off when the war is over, which might give us a relief role and a decrease in population, but Powell people want to do their part and are doing their part in the war effort." --Powell Tribune; 9/3/42; page 3. #234

Three column article describing evolution of Heart Mountain Relocation Center, the arrival and character of the first evacuees, the agricultural and industrial program and other aspects of the Relocation program at Heart Mountain.

Japanese Center, Fast Becoming Third Largest City in Wyoming, Built Hastily but With Few Flaws

"Three months ago only rabbits and rattlesnakes inhabited these flats under the white cap of Heart Mountain. Today they are the home of a population that rapidly is nearing 10,000 people. . . The building of the city was a big job. . . It has a modern water system, sewage plant, electric light and power facilities, and hospital. . . Housing the evacuees, feeding them, keeping them healthy, busy, as happy, as contented, as productive as possible, is the responsibility of Director Rachford and his staff. . . The farming program hopes to have 5,000 acres under production by next year. . . The population includes doctors, nurses, scientists, office workers, skilled tradesmen of many occupations, laborers, businessmen. An effort will be made to place each colonist in the job for which he is best suited." --Billings Gazette; 9/6/42; page 1. #235

MISCELLANEOUS

'Japanese' Dropped from Garden's Name

"San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 4.--The name of the Japanese Sunken Garden has been changed to the Chinese Sunken Garden." --Denver Post; 9/4/42; page 19. #236

U. S. Takes Jap Property

"Washington, Sept. 2.--The seizure of Japanese interests in a group of 30 American companies, most of them engaged in the import-export trade, was announced today by Leo T. Crowley, alien property custodian. The companies best known in the United States were Mitsui and company and Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, American subsidiaries of two of the most powerful companies in Japan." --Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/3/42; page 12. #237

Repatriation Refused by Japanese Mother

"A story of how a Japanese national refused her right to return to her native land . . . was told by C. E. Rachford, WRA project supervisor at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center." Mr. Rachford said when he made known the reason for his visit "absolute terror came into her eyes. When she found out she did not have to go she relaxed and said, 'I do not want to return to Japan. This is my country now, it has always been good to me. It has given my children their educations. They wish to live here always and so do I'." --Cody Enterprise; 9/2/42; page 2. #238

Japs Entering Park College in Missouri

"Parkville, Mo. Sept. 5.--The battle of Park College is ended and seven American-born Japanese will enroll as students this fall over the protests of the mayor, the councilmen, and many of the 675 townspeople." When Dr. William Lindsay Young, college president, announced their coming, the tempest was immediate. Now 15 of the 23 trustees have decided to admit the Japanese for the coming scholastic term. --Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/5/42; page 3. #239

FBI Seizes N. Y. Trio As Secret Jap Agents

"Washington, Sept. 5.--(UP)--Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover today announced the arrest of three co-owners of the magazine Living Age on charges of failure to register as agents of the Japanese government." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/6/42; page 3. #240

'Japanese Sunset' First Disc Junked

"Portland, Ore., Sept. 7.--The old phonograph record drive struck a responsive chord here. The first record dropped in a box at the city hall was entitled "A Japanese Sunset", a fox trot of the early 1920s." --Denver Post; 9/7/42; page 10. #241

Jap Saboteur Shot

"Mexico City, Sept. 6. (AP)--An unidentified Japanese was shot and killed yesterday when soldiers surprised him in the act of cutting railway telegraph lines in Mexico City suburbs." --Colorado Springs Gazette; 9/7/42; page 3. #242



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LABOR SITUATION

County Declines to Endorse Use of Japanese on Farms Near Pueblo

A request for the endorsement of the board of county commissioners to bring Japanese laborers into Pueblo county has been refused. "The board of county commissioners maintained in turning down the request, that it would be an unwise and unpatriotic movement, and they do not believe it necessary. . ." --Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/8/42; page 5.

#243

Mexican Laborers Wait 10,000 Strong Across U. S. Border

"Mexico City, Sept. 9.--(A.P.)--Sources in the labor ministry said that 10,000 Mexicans clustered in Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, in hope of going to the United States to work, would be sent instead to other parts of Mexico where there is a shortage of farm laborers. . . Laborers for the United States are being recruited near their homes." --Denver Post; 9/9/42; page 3.

#244

Prowers County Commissioners Give Approval to Employment of Japanese

"Lamar, Sept. 10.--At a special session the Prowers county board of commissioners signed an agreement. . giving their okay for the use of Japanese evacuees from the Granada center for beet and other harvest work in Prowers county. . . The 30 farmers present, after discussing regulations on the use of the Japanese for laborers, urged the commissioners to sign the agreement. . . The county USDA war board has sent out questionnaires to all farmers thru the AAA offices asking the number of laborers needed. --Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/10/42; page 7.

#245

High Wages at Jap Center Said Cause of Labor Shortage

"Crowley, Wyo.--(AP)--The exodus of approximately 90 per cent of the usual labor supply to the Heart Mountain relocation center has endangered the more than 150,000-case pack of beans and corn in the Big Horn basin, R. L. Peterson, manager of the Big Horn Canning company here, said Wednesday. . . The higher wages offered by contractors at the relocation center has drained off practically all of the workers ordinarily employed by the farmers, canners and sugar refiners.

--Wyoming State Tribune; 9/10/42; page 1.

#246

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Call for Help is Issued by Agency

"Casper, Wyo.--(AP)--There is an urgent need for harvest workers in all of Wyoming's bean-growing areas, particularly in the Powell and Basin areas, according to an announcement Wednesday by James W. Morgan, Wyoming director of the United States employment service. . . . The bean harvest will be followed by the beet harvest. --Wyoming State Tribune; 9/10/42; page 10. #247

State Needs 3,000 to Harvest Beets

Denver, Sept. 10--(UP)--At least 3,000 more persons will be needed to harvest Colorado's sugar beet crop this fall, the federal employment service said today. . . . "Japanese evacuees in the war relocation center at Granada and conscientious objectors will be used to fill up the gaps wherever possible." --Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/10/42; page 14. #248

Beet Growers to Confer with Carr about Jap Labor for Here

"Plans for a conference the first of next week with Gov. Ralph L. Carr, relative to proposals to bring Japanese laborers into Pueblo county to help in harvest of crops, were being discussed at a meeting. . . . Pueblo county commissioners refused endorsement. . . to a request to bring in Japanese laborers from the Granada relocation center, but farmers and employment service heads report the labor situation in the county is becoming critical. --Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/11/42; page 10. #249

JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

Messages for Jap Prisoners Taken

"Possibility that families may now communicate with relatives taken prisoner by the Japanese was received yesterday by the Denver Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Japanese have not yet released lists of prisoners and give no assurance that messages will be delivered, Red Cross officials said. However, they have given the International Red Cross delegate in Japan permission to handle the messages." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/9/42; page 10. #250

Rocky Ford Youth, Japanese Prisoner, Writes His Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ritthaler have had a letter from their son, Paul, who is a prisoner in a Japanese war camp, assuring them that he is well and safe. "I am glad to be alive and well treated". --Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/10/42; page 7. #251

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

More than 6,000 Japs at Relocation Center

"Cody, Wyo., Sept. 10.--Wyoming's newest city, today less than four months old, has had its first deaths, first birth, first fire, and its first marriage is impending. . . The first colonists arrived Aug. 12, and since then there have been almost daily arrivals of new groups, Mr. Rachford said. . . A preliminary breakdown of the population shows 2,877 males and 2,383 females. Of the 6,331 population 406 are infants under 4, 608 are between 5 and 12, and 5,200 are more than 12. --Casper Tribune-Herald; 9/11/42; page 4.

#252

Granada

"Amache", New Branch P. O. at Jap Center

"A new branch office of the Lamar post office will be established soon at the Granada relocation center. Washington officials have chosen the name of "Amache" for the postoffice. This name was suggested by Mayor R. L. Christy of Lamar, an authority on local history. Amache, . . was the chief of the Cheyenne Indian tribe located in this area. His daughter married John W. Prowers, early pioneer, after whom the county of Prowers was named." --Lamar Daily News; 9/10/42; page 1.

#253

More Japs to Arrive Wed.

"Director James Lindley announced that he expected a contingent of 527 more Japanese evacuees to arrive from the Merced, California center about 6 o'clock Wednesday night. Approximately 1,600 will come on Sept. 15, 16 and 17. This will complete the move from the Merced center. . . By September 17, before evacuees begin coming from Santa Anita, the population of the relocation center is expected to be some 4,600.

#254

MISCELLANEOUS

Japanese Fun Fest (Two Pictures)

"Life at the Japanese assembly center at California's Tanforan race track is not so tough!" The pictures showed a "'Mardi Gras' carnival staged at the center. It was a homemade affair from start to finish. The carnival was replete with the usual gay-way, games of skill, refreshment stands and even a miniature golf course." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/11/42; page 17.

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LABOR SITUATION

Procedure Announced for Jap Beet Labor

"Joseph H. Smart, regional director of the War Relocation Authority has announced the procedure by which farmers may obtain beet harvest labor from WRA projects at Cody, Wyo., and Granada, Colo. Mr. Smart said the farmers must make a definite offer of employment through the nearest office of the U. S. Employment service. Forms may be obtained from USES offices . . . or from regional WRA headquarters in Denver."

--Greybull Standard and Tribune; 9/10/42; page 3.

#256

Japanese Labor Now Available at Powell

"Already Japanese labor is being made available to our Powell farmers to work with the threshing crews in the bean harvest. . . Just now the farmers here want Japanese labor for the bean harvest emergency--perhaps a day here and a week there. They can get all the Japanese labor they want, so the Tribune is informed by reliable authority, under conditions that are easily met. . . This is voluntary labor on the part of the Japanese at the Heart Mountain Center. Later on will come contract arrangements with Japanese laborers for work in the beet fields." Governor Smith and Sheriff Blackburn are cooperating to assure the Japanese of the same protection on the farms as they receive in the relocation center. --Powell Tribune; 9/10/42; page 1.

#257

Use of Jap Labor is Discussed Here

"A proposal was placed before the county commissioners Monday morning by the federal employment service that Japanese-Americans be used to harvest sugar beets in Fountain valley. The proposal was made by S. T. Geiger of the employment service. . . Geiger said the farm labor situation was acute, and farmers have been unable to secure sufficient labor for the beet harvest." --Colorado Springs Gazette; 9/15/42; page 3.

#258

Army to Allow Japs in Arizona to Pick Cotton

"Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 15.--(AP)--War Relocation Authority representatives met with Gov. Sidney P. Osborn and other Arizona officials Tuesday to work out details of an army-approved plan for using volunteers from Japanese relocation centers to help harvest the state's long staple cotton crop. . . War department permission was necessary because these counties lie in military area No. 1, embracing the southern half of Arizona, in which movement of Japanese is prohibited by military order. --Denver Post; 9/15/42; page 9.

#259

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

"Heart" Proper Spelling, Powell Paper Declares

"This mountain peak that lies north of Cody and west of Powell as an everlasting landmark and which has now come into more notoriety as the lofty background for a large colony of Japanese finding wartime shelter in its shadow, is HEART mountain--not Hart. --Cody Enterprise; 9/9/42; page 1. #260

Baby is Born

"Mr. and Mrs. Mina Tani of the Heart Mountain center are the parents of a son born Friday at the Cody hospital."--Cody Enterprise; 9/9/42. #261

Additional Half Blk. Barracks Under Construction at Center

"An additional half block of buildings are now under construction by the army engineers at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Lieutenant Ragan M. Newberry, Area Engineer, advised Monday. The new buildings, needed for smaller family units, include 12 barracks, one recreation hall, one mess hall and one laundry." --Cody Enterprise; 9/9/42. #262

Unfounded Rumors Circulation about Japanese Center

"During the past week no less than a dozen wild and exciting stories have been making the rounds of the Cody country, relative to life, treatment and supervision of the Japanese-American relocation center at Heart Mountain. . . These stories and many others are simple products of imagination." --Cody Enterprise; 9/9/42. #263

Pictorial Record of the Heart Mountain Center's Growth (Six Pictures)

The pictures were:

1. General View of Camp Under Construction
2. In the Central Lumber Cutting Plant
3. Lieutenant Ragan M. Newberry and Major J. C. Robbers
4. The First Colonists Arrive
5. Life Photographer Here

6. One Hundred Days Old - "A deep-devotion of their children and families is one of the strongest traits of the Japanese-Americans now at Heart Mountain. An occasion for every father is when his first born son becomes 100 days old and an American developed custom is to have a picture on this day. As cameras are not allowed among the colonists an Enterprise photographer was asked to take this picture . . of Kay Kishiyama and son Arthur." --Cody Enterprise; 9/9/42. #264

Legion Delegation on Inspection Trip to Heart Mt. City

The Heart Mountain Relocation Center was visited yesterday by the state commander of the American Legion, E. J. Goppert of Cody, and other World War veterans. These veterans visited the center "for the purpose of inquiring into conditions there--particularly the comforts, contentment and treatment of the interned Japanese-American residents. . . These six visitors went away from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center last evening with the general idea that the Japanese-American occupants of the camp are being well treated and that they appreciate this fact and are contented." --Powell Tribune; 9/10/42; page 1. #265

Granada

Establish Red Cross Service at Granada Camp

"Don Byers, acting field director of the Red Cross military welfare service, Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, is temporarily at the relocation center near Granada to set up a Red Cross military service." --Lamar Daily News; 9/11/42; page 1. #266

Granada Will Get 3,000 More Japs

"Los Angeles, Sept. 15.--(AP)--Transfer of 3,000 Japanese evacuees from the Santa Anita assembly camp to the Granada relocation center at Granada, Colo., will begin Thursday. Army officers said this movement, in addition to previous transfers to camps in Wyoming and Arizona, will reduce the number of evacuees at Santa Anita to about half of its original population of 19,000." --Denver Post; 9/15/42; page 9. #267

JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

How Cusack Gave Himself Up as Jap Prisoner Told by Friend

Mrs. Hattie Cusack has received a letter from Claude L. Nelson relating the circumstances under which Ralph Cusack gave himself up as a Japanese prisoner after his plane had been shot down and he had been wounded. "I wouldn't worry too much about how the Japanese are treating their prisoners of war and don't let all the newspaper stories of mistreatment of prisoners mislead you." --Greybull Standard and Tribune; 9/10/42; page 8. #268

Japs Again Refuse Ships Safe Crossing

"Tokyo, Sept. 11.--(Japanese Broadcast Recorded by U. P. at New York)--The Japanese government reiterated Friday that it cannot give permission for foreign vessels to cross the Pacific with food and clothing for American prisoners of war because of 'strategical considerations'." --Billings Gazette; 9/12/42; page 7. #269

Japs Ship Americans from Philippines to Camps on Mainland

"Tokyo, Sept. 14.--(Japanese Broadcast Recorded in San Francisco.)-- Japanese military authorities in the Philippines said Monday that 130 British and American internees sailed recently to rejoin their families in Shanghai. Most were residents of Shanghai captured during the Japanese conquest of Manila who have been held at the Santo Tomas internment camp." --Denver Post; 9/14/42; page 7.

#270

MISCELLANEOUS

Convict Former Japanese Agent on Draft Charge

"San Francisco, Sept. 10.--(UP)--Igor Stepanoff, asserted former Japanese agent, was sentenced to a year and a day in federal penitentiary Thursday, after he was convicted on two counts of violating the selective service act. --Billings Gazette; 9/11/42; page 2.

#271

Wife Divorces Interned Jap as Philanderer

"Los Angeles--(UP)--Pretty, American-born Sachiko Takahashi, 23, was granted a divorce from her husband, Tooru Takahashi, 24, whom she accused of 'stepping out with other women in the reception center'." --Lamar Daily News; 9/11/42; page 1.

#272

Two New Jap Camps Will Handle 4,400

San Francisco, Sept. 12--Col. Karl R. Bendetsen has announced two new inland relocation centers will be opened--one in central Utah and one in Desha county Arkansas. The evacuees will move from the Tanforan race track and the Stockton assembly center. --Denver Post; 9/12/42; page 7.

#273

Japanese Marriages to Filipinos Promoted

"Miami, Fla., Sept. 12.--(AP)--The Japanese charge a Filipino 500 pesos for a license to marry another Filipino, but only two pesos for a license to marry a Japanese. . . The Japanese are pressing their 'Asia for the Asiatics' program in the Philippines." --Denver Post; 9/13/42; page 2.

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LABOR SITUATION

"Kiowa County Wants Japanese Labor"

"Kiowa county citizens in a meeting this week at Eads voted to ask for Japanese farm labor from the Granada relocation center." -- Lamar Daily News; 9/14/42; page 1. #275

"Rules on Jap Transport Cost"

"Helena, Sept. 14.--(UP)--Montana farmers must pay full transportation costs for Japanese workers brought to state beet fields from evacuee camps" the United States Department of Agriculture has advised. Since the colonists are not included in the program for importing Mexican workers and domestic labor in to areas where there are severe labor shortages, the Department has advised that it cannot assist in the transportation of "Japanese workers". --Billings Gazette; 9/18/42; page 15. #276

"Sugar Beet Crop Ready in Early October"

"The harvest of the sugar beet crop over this part of the slope is now planned to get underway between Oct. 7 and 10. . . In Delta and Montrose county it is reported a considerable number of Japanese will be employed, probably being brought in from an evacuee camp in the eastern part of the state." --Grand Junction Daily Sentinel; 9/15/42; page 10. #277

"El Paso Officials Shun Japs"

"Colorado Springs--(AP)--Because El Paso county has war industries, an Army camp and an Army air base, three county officials Wednesday declared they would not take the responsibility of bringing Japanese workers into this area for the sugar beet harvest." --Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 9/16/42; page 1. #278

"1,000 Japanese to be Available for Farm Work in Oct."

"Lamar, Sept. 17.--James G. Lindley, director of the Japanese relocation center at Granada announced Wednesday, following a session of beet men, sugar company officials, employment service heads and WRA people . . . that some 1,000 laborers from the center would be available in October, but that few are available at the present since they are engaged in getting the center at Granada in operation." --Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/17/42; page 2. #279

"Farmers of County May Hire Japanese Workers in Fields"

"Farmers of Otero County may now hire Japanese workers from the Relocation Center at Granada. . . . All counties in the Arkansas Valley have now joined in the agreement. . . . The agreement provides that any farmer may hire Japanese workers from the Granada center, providing that prevailing wages are paid and that the Japanese volunteers are acceptable to the farmer. It is understood that no Japanese will be placed on jobs unless all first and secondary labor supplies have been exhausted. . . . Restricted areas will be maintained in the vicinity of air fields and defense plants." --Rocky Ford Tribune; 9/18/42; page 1. #280

"Jap Protection Agreement Made"

"Denver--(AP)--Protection of persons of Japanese ancestry who are recruited for outside labor from relocation centers will be a responsibility of local communities in Colorado, Governor Carr emphasized Friday. The Governor said he had reached an agreement with Joseph H. Smart, regional director for the War Relocation Authority, under which the state itself will in no manner guarantee the protection of such workers." --Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 9/18/42; page 1. #281

Beet Workers Needed in Sheridan Area

"In a telephone call to Glenn W. Hardy, of the county war board labor sub-committee, Mr. Anderson, an official of the relocation service of Denver, promised three and a half per cent of the possible 1,000 to 1,500 Japanese workers at the Heart Mountain center pending working out of details between state and government officials. . . . The Sheridan county beet growers have requested that 300 of the volunteer Japanese-Americans be sent to this area." Mr. Hardy is quoted as doubting that this will be enough outside help, and as urging all available Sheridanites to assist in the harvest. --Sheridan Press; 9/18/42; page 1. #282

"Smith to Agree to Use of Japs"

"Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 18.--(AP)--Negotiations between Gov. Nels H. Smith and the War Relocation Authority for use of Japanese workers in Wyoming harvests are scheduled to be completed today. Gov. Smith said he would agree to certification that Japanese labor may be used and will be protected providing there is an understanding they will be returned to the Heart Mountain relocation center, near Cody, and not permitted to remain outside the camp without restrictions." --Casper Tribune-Herald; 9/19/42; page 2. #283

"Japanese Work in Local Areas"

"Forty-three Japanese evacuees from the Cody, Wyo., relocation center arrived Thursday to work in sugar beet fields west of Billings and in the Clark Fork area." --Billings Gazette; 9/19/42; page 2. #284

"Pueblo County Agrees To Guard Jap Workers"

"Pueblo, Sept. 21.--(AP)--The Pueblo board of county commissioners has approved a request for using Japanese from the Granada Japanese relocation center in the Pueblo County sugar beet harvest. Reversing a previous stand, the commissioners agreed to accept responsibility for policing the workers." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/22/42; page 6. #285

"15,000 Evacuees to Harvest Beets"

"Thousands of West Coast Japanese, enroute from California assembly centers to relocation camps in Arkansas will be detoured to Colorado to aid in harvesting sugar beets, Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, said yesterday in Washington. . . . Japanese relocation officials in Denver said they had not been notified of a definite plan. . . . Senator Norris was quoted as saying the War and Agriculture Departments had arranged to permit 15,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans to stop-off in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska to assist in the harvest of beets at the expense of beet growers in the four states." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/22/42; page 7. #286

WRA-OWI NEWS RELEASE

"Japs Are Being Recruited for Beet Farmers"

WRA-17. "Final plans have been approved for the employment of workers of Japanese ancestry in harvesting sugar beets, and recruiting is starting Thursday at the Heart Mountain, Wyo., and Granada, Colo., relocation centers, Joseph H. Smart, regional director of the war relocation authority, announced. Workers will be available to farmers in certain areas of Colorado, Nebraska, and Montana, in which governors of those states and community officials have certified the workers are welcome and that law and order will be maintained. . . . All recruitment will be on a voluntary basis. . . . Smart said work camps will not be provided, and the evacuees usually will be housed in labor homes available on the farms." --Denver Post; 9/17/42; page 5. Sheridan Press; 9/17/42; page 3. Lamar Daily News; 9/18/42; page 5. Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 9/18/42; page 6. Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/18/42; page 7. Billings Gazette; 9/18/42; page 9. Wyoming State Tribune; 9/18/42; page 9. Casper Tribune-Herald; 9/18/42; page 2. Rocky Mountain News; 9/18/42; page 9. #287

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

"Rachford Welcomes Soldiers" (Picture)

"Home on furlough to visit with their parents in the relocation center at Heart Mountain are the four boys . . . being greeted by C. A. Rachford, War Relocation Authority head of the center." The boys are privates in the U. S. Forces. --Cody Enterprise; 9/16/42; page 5. #288

"Soldier Greets Family" (Picture)

"Really happy to have her son home on furlough from Fort Leonard Wood where he is serving with the U. S. Armed forces was Mrs. S. Uchida, shown with Private Tommy Uchida. Tommy's sister, Hidiko, sits on his lap and wears his military cap. Tommy's mother and sister are colonists at Heart Mountain." --Cody Enterprise; 9/16/42; page 4. #289

Powell Undertaker Has Buddhist Funeral

Ray Easton, Powell undertaker, was called to the Relocation Center Wednesday to conduct the Buddhist funeral for George Ochiai, who died from heart failure. He was assisted by a resident undertaker of the colony. Several Buddhist priests participated with rites and chants. --Powell Tribune; 9/17/42; page 1. #290

"Eight Hundred Gallons Daily Milk Contract"

"Attempts to fill the 900-gallons per day contract to furnish milk to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center is making a busy place of the Powell Creamery." Milk brought in by the farmers each morning goes through the pasteurization process at the creamery and a delivery of 800 gallons is made to the Heart Mountain center. --Powell Tribune; 9/17/42; page 1. #291

"Social Center for Soldiers Planned Pioneer Basement"

"Plans for opening a social room, in the basement of the Pioneer building, for the soldiers from the Military Police at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, took definite form at the public meeting held here Tuesday evening." Several local organizations are cooperating to provide money, labor, and items such as full cookie jars, magazines, books, lamps, piano, and radio. --Cody Enterprise; 9/16/42; page 1. #292

"First Marriage Performed Friday at Japanese Center"

"Cody, Wyo., Sept. 19.--(AP)--Kenicki Tanaka and Miss Shizuko Kaku were married yesterday in the first wedding among the population of the Japanese relocation center. . . Tanaka is from Berkeley, Calif., and the bride is from Palo Alto." --Casper Tribune Herald; 9/20/42; page 6. #293

Granada

"Jap Center Teachers to Confab Here"

"Paul J. Terry, superintendent of schools at the Japanese relocation center at Granada, announced Wednesday that Dr. Lester K. Ade, WRA educational consultant from Washington, D. C., was here Tuesday visiting the center and conferring with the faculty." --Lamar Daily News; 9/15/42; page 4.

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"Teachers of Jap Center Faculty Are Arriving Here Rapidly Now"

"Members of the faculty are arriving here and preparing to get the school work underway. There will be a high school and two grade schools at the center, although construction of these buildings is not yet underway." --Lamar Daily News; 9/17/42; page 1.

#295

"Last of Merced Japs Arrive at Granada"

"The last contingent of Japanese evacuees from the Merced, Calif., center arrived at Granada Thursday night. . . . In the group were 481 evacuees. Of this number 427 were adults, 27 children and 27 infants. . . . This group completes the Merced, California move, bringing to 4,492 the present population of the center." --Lamar Daily News; 9/18/42; page 3.

#296

"First Santa Anita Japs Arrive Sat."

"The first contingent of Japanese evacuees from Santa Anita, Calif., arrived at Granada Saturday. . . . In the group were 495 persons. . . . The arrival of this new group brings the population of the center to 4,987 persons. Another group of approximately 500 is expected to arrive Monday from Santa Anita. Similar groups are expected on alternate days thereafter until 3,000 evacuees have been moved to the Granada center from Santa Anita." --Lamar Daily News; 9/19/42; page 1.

#297

"Japanese From Granada Center are Married Here"

"First marriage of Japanese-American evacuees at the Granada relocation center was performed in Lamar Friday afternoon. . . . The couple are Yaiko Morishige and Edward M. Tokunaga. . . . The groom has applied for permission to study at the University of Wisconsin, and if permission is granted, both he and his bride will leave the center." --Lamar Daily News; 9/19/42; page 3.

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JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

"Hull Tells Japs to Treat U. S. War Prisoners Fair"

"Washington, Sept. 18.--(AP)--Secretary of State Hull urgently asked Japan today, through the Swiss government, whether it henceforth would grant American prisoners of war and interned civilians treatment similar to that accorded Japanese nationals by the United States. Hull made no threat of reprisal . . . but his request carried that implication." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/19/42; page 4. #299

"Red Bands to Mark Jap War Prisoners"

"Berlin (From German Broadcasts), Sept. 19.--(AP)--The Japanese army and navy commands at Shangahi have decreed all subjects of nations at war with Japan . . . must wear a red arm band beginning Oct. 1, a DNB dispatch from Tokyo reported Saturday night. The order affects all British and United States citizens more than 13 years of age." --Denver Post; 9/20/42; page 2. #200

EDITORIALS AND FEATURE ARTICLES

"The Neighbor Town Just West of Us"

"Close by Powell is a Japanese relocation center, built this summer by the United States government. . . . The population at Heart Mountain, brought here due to war exigencies, consists of Japanese aliens and American-born citizens of Japanese nationality. Religiously speaking, the newcomers are of mixed creeds. A half of them are non-Christian or Buddhists; the others are divided among several of the orthodox Protestant sects and two hundred or so are Roman Catholics. In the city's population are found representatives of all professions, men and women of learning and high culture, surgeons of note. . . . It is estimated that 40 per cent are of the agricultural class; the remainder are city people from the ranks of business and the professions." --Powell Tribune; 9/17/42; page 3. #201

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming"

The first of a series of articles dealing with life and activities at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, which will appear weekly in the Cody Enterprise. Bill Hosokawa, a resident of the colony, is the author. Hosokawa is introduced as a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, as having worked on the Seattle Courier, and having spent three years as a journalist in the Orient. "Wyoming's newest boom-town, on the bench-lands mid-way between Cody and Powell, rocketed to some 11,000 population this week as practically the last of the colonists from the west coast arrived at Heart Mountain. . . . To make an arbitrary physical division,

the colonists are of two groups, the first generation or alien-born, and the second generation or American-born. The average age of the aliens is around 60 years. . . . The second group averages but 20 years of age. . . . Slowly the many things that must be accomplished before the camp is ready for smooth functioning are being done. . . . In time the colonists will draw up a city charter, just like any town of comparable size, and all colonists 18 years of age or over will have the opportunity to vote in democratic fashion for or against this body of regulations which will determine the manner in which the city will function. . . . In short, Heart Mountain faces almost all the problems and all the responsibilities of any other city of like size." --Cody Enterprise; 9/16/42; page 5.

#202

"Japanese See Their Evacuation As Part
of America's War Effort"

A feature article about the Granada Relocation Center written by Ross Thompson.

"On the crest of a hill, where the prairie rolls back from the Arkansas River, a home for 8,000 Japanese evacuees from California is being carved. . . . Less than half the facilities are completed. Some 275 people are living in each block and mess hall shifts are being doubled." As evacuees occupy the apartments, the article states, each is given a canvas cot with cotton pad, one comforter, and a broom and bucket. Each apartment has a single light bulb in the center of the ceiling. The colonists have to furnish their own linens and furniture. There is no running water. There are a limited number of showers and four community bathtubs in every block, one for every 50 or so people. In the mess halls, Japanese boys and girls are waiters and waitresses. "The Japanese evacuees", Miss Sato, an American-born stenographer from San Francisco, said "would, of course, have liked to stay in their coast homes, but if their move would further the war effort in behalf of America, then that was what they wanted. We are Americans, and that is what we intend to prove to those who may doubt us, by working for, and cooperating with America's war effort." --Lamar Daily News; 9/19/42; page 1.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Civilian Control of Internment Camps Criticized

"Kansas City, Sept. 21.--(AP)--At the American Legion's national convention "civilian control of Japanese internment camps was criticized and the Legionnaires went on record opposing any special privileges for the Japanese under any pretext." --Denver Post; 9/21/42; page 1.

#204

"Japanese Evacuees Include Legionnaires"

"Cody, Wyo., Sept. 20.--(UP)--More than 50 members of the American Legion are among the Japanese evacuees living at the Heart Mountain relocation camp near here. . . These Japanese are not resentful of their internment--they only wish the war would end." --Billings Gazette; 9/21/42; page 2.

#205

"Trinidad Will Be Site of Internment Camp"

"Washington, Sept. 16.--(AP)--An alien internment camp will be established immediately near Trinidad, Colorado. . . At least 3,000 aliens will be sent to the camp." --Denver Post; 9/16/42; page 1.

#206

"Evacuated Japanese Leave Director Lot of Headaches"

"Los Angeles, Sept. 16.--(AP)--The southern California director of the War Relocation Authority, L. F. Sloan, will sell you at a bargain price a San Pedro chop suey restaurant. . . a Japanese newspaper . . . or 3,800 hogs, together with a garbage contract. . . Sloan has a lot of headaches. He is assisting evacuated Japanese to dispose of their property, adjust contracts and liquidate assets." --Billings Gazette; 9/17/42; page 2.

#207

"Nazi-Jap Espionage Activities Disclosed"

"Washington, Sept. 20.--(AP)--Evidence of German-Japanese collaboration in military espionage long before Pearl Harbor was disclosed today as the federal bureau of investigation acknowledged that a Japanese agent was linked with the big Nazi spy ring broken up in June, 1941." Colorado Springs Gazette; 9/21/42; page 1.

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"Funeral for Soldier Held in Jap Center"

"Hunt, Idaho, Sept. 20.--(AP)--Funeral services for a U. S. Army private were conducted today in a dining hall of a Japanese relocation center. The soldier was Pvt. Eugene Hayashi, 24. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hayashi, are evacuees from the Pacific Coast to the Minidoka Relocation Center." --Rocky Mountain News; 9/21/42; page 6.

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LABOR SITUATION

"10 Apply for Jap Labor on Farms"

"Applications for between 50 and 60 Japanese farm laborers have been made by 10 farmers in the La Junta vicinity. . ."--La Junta Daily Democrat; 9/22/42; page 1. #210

"40 Ranchers Want 100 Jap Beet Workers"

"Approximately 40 farmers in the Greeley and Eaton sugar factory districts have made application to employ re-located Japanese workers for the potato and beet harvests, it was said Tuesday at the Greeley Reemployment office. The applications are for approximately 100 workers. . . Farmers must show that they can furnish reasonable housing facilities, with water closeby, and agree to take the Japanese labor to town at least once a week, if the labor requests it. . . The farmer agrees to pay them the going wage. The Japanese receive this wage for themselves, it does not go to the government."--Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/22/42; page 1. #211

"Army Approves Jap Labor Plan"

"Washington, (AP)--Japanese being transported from a California internment camp to a permanent location in Arkansas will be rerouted to help harvest sugar beets in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska. Senator Norris, of Nebraska, said Monday he was informed that the War department had notified the Agriculture department the rerouting would be satisfactory to the War department if producers in the four states pay extra transportation costs involved. . . Dillon S. Myer of the War Relocation Authority estimated the plan would make between 5,000 and 6,000 workers available for the harvest. . . The number being moved, he said, is approximately 15,000, but many are children or elderly persons or handicapped people unable to work in the fields."--Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 9/22/42; page 8. Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/22/42; page 8. Sheridan Press; 9/22/42; page 7. Casper Tribune-Herald; 9/23/42; page 7. Wyoming State Tribune; 9/23/42; page 1. #212

"Wickard Turns Attention to Farm Labor Shortage"

"Washington, Sept. 23.--(AP)--Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said today that unless 'we find some way to deal with the farm labor problem and other problems of farm production satisfactorily, we must find some way in the not too distant future to deal with a shortage of food.'"--Sheridan Press; 9/23/42; page 1. #213

"Two Hundred Beet Toppers are Needed Here Immediately"

"Two hundred toppers are needed immediately for a successful harvest of the local beet crop, officers of the U. S. Employment Service said today, and revealed that the outlook for obtaining Japanese-American beet labor is becoming doubtful as the harvest gets under way. To date, the response to the request for volunteer local labor has been poor, it was said."--Sheridan Press; 9/23/42; page 1. #214

"WRA Conducts Campaign"

"Washington, Sept. 23.--Senator James E. Murray of Montana announced Wednesday that the War Relocation Authority is carrying on a vigorous campaign in California, Oregon and Wyoming to recruit Japanese beet field labor for harvest of the sugar beet crop in Montana. . . He said that he had been informed by D. S. Myer, director of the Relocation Authority, that recruiting is being pushed vigorously. . ."--Billings Gazette; 9/24/42; page 10. #215

"Japs Afraid to Go Into Beet Fields"

"Washington--(AP)--Japanese evacuees have been 'afraid' to go into Montana to take jobs in the sugar beet fields, Senator Wheeler said Thursday, but guarantees as to safety and working conditions are gradually overcoming their fears. Five hundred Japanese, the Senator was informed by the war manpower commission, were sent to Montana last week to alleviate a farm labor shortage."--Wyoming State Tribune; 9/24/42; page 1. Casper Tribune-Herald; 9/25/42; page 9. #216

"Jap Evacuees Going Into Beet Fields"

"Volunteer Japanese evacuee laborers from the Granada center began moving into the sugar beet fields for harvest Thursday. Officials said that those going had volunteered to do so and were willing to work. Approximately 1,000 will be recruited from the Granada center, Director James G. Lindley said. . . Thursday morning a group of 125 workers entrained for northern Colorado to harvest beets near Greeley, Windsor, Lupton, and Brighton. Many have signed up to work in Holly Sugar company-contracted fields in Prowers county. . . American Crystal has contracted for others to be used further up the valley. . . None have been contracted for out-of-state work. . . Some 60 to 80 Japanese evacuees are working in broomcorn harvest south of the center in Prowers county. . . At present 123 of the Japanese are working for the contractors in construction of the center."--Lamar Daily News; 9/24/42; page 1. #217

"Japs Tired After First Day's Work As Cotton Pickers"

"Casa Grande, Ariz., Sept. 21.--Japanese volunteers went into the fields enthusiastically today, but emerged tired and disappointed after their first day of picking Arizona's vital long staple cotton crop. . . Inexperience so handicapped the Japanese that only one man was able to pick as much as 44 pounds. . . Experienced pickers gather 200 pounds daily."--Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/22/42; page 8. #218

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Granada

"524 More Japs Here Monday"

The second contingent of 524 evacuees from the Santa Anita center in California was scheduled to arrive at Granada Monday afternoon. This brings the population of the center to 5,511.--Lamar Daily News; 9/22/42; page 1.

#219

"514 More Japs Here Wed."

The third contingent of 514 evacuees were scheduled to arrive in Granada Wednesday from the Santa Anita relocation center in California. WRA officials have sent six evacuee students to Union College, Lincoln, Neb., two to Washington University at St. Louis, and three others will leave soon for Colorado State College of Education at Greeley.-- Lamar Daily News; 9/23/42; page 1.

#220

"Population Granada Jap Center Expected to be 7,500 by Oct. 1."

"If the sixth contingent of Japanese from the Santa Anita, California center, expected at the Granada center by Oct. 1, arrive on schedule the population of the center will be more than 7,500 people at that time."--Lamar Daily News; 9/22/42; page 1.

#221

"Amache R. O. at Granada Center Gets Started"

"Amache, the new branch post office of the Lamar office, opened Wednesday. . . The branch post office at the present is in barracks being used as temporary quarters. . . House to house delivery of mail in the center will be under supervision of the WRA. George Noda, Japanese-American youth is in charge of distribution and evacuees will be used for extra help in the post office."--Lamar Daily News; 9/24/42; page 4.

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JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

Several Receive Letters from War Prisoners

Several anxious parents, wives, brothers and sisters of Americans who are prisoners of war have received letters lately. Among the men who have written are Raymond Bainter of Cheyenne, Roy F. Mallery of Denver, Lynn W. Frost of Casper, Donald Rienks of Greeley, and Corp. Winford J. McAnally of Colorado Springs. All of the men report they are safe and well in prison camps, and are waiting anxiously for the war to end.--Laramie Daily Bulletin; 9/24/42; page 5. Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/24/42; page 7. Colorado Springs Gazette; 9/24/42; page 8. Wyoming State Tribune; 9/23/42; page 11. Denver Post; 9/23/42; page 28.

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MISCELLANEOUS

"Post Jap-American Soldier Makes Mistake on Coast"

"Oakland, Calif.--(AP)--Private Roy Suyetomo rightfully wore a uniform of the U. S. army but he was taken into custody here because he was in an area from which all Japanese were banned." He was found visiting in the home of a former teacher. Authorities said they would put him on a train bound for the Wyoming army post. "Suyetomo said he didn't mind because his furlough was up anyway."--Wyoming State Tribune; 9/24/42; page 7.

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"Arrests Start Investigation of Japanese Cults"

"Chicago (UP)--Justice Department sources disclosed today that a nationwide investigation would be conducted to apprehend leaders of pseudo religious cults which seek to persuade American negroes that they owe allegiance to Japan."--La Junta Daily Democrat; 9/22/42; page 1.

#225

"Jap Paper Claims U. S. Maltreats Internees"

"Tokyo, Sept. 24.--(By Official Japanese Wireless.)--(I.N.S.)--Maltreatment of interned Japanese by United States authorities was claimed Thursday by the newspaper Nichi Nichi." The paper, quoting Japanese correspondents just returned from America, cited incidents such as Japanese being thrown into jails while "gravely ill"; Japanese fishermen being fired upon, and civilians who have been sentenced to "forced labor".--Denver Post; 9/24/42; page 16.

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LABOR SITUATION

"Japanese Help Pick Frank Hart's Apples"

"Working in the apple orchard at the Frank Hart ranch, five Japanese from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center are reported by Mr. Hart to be very satisfactory help."--Powell Tribune; 9/24/42; page 1. #227

"Labor Needed in Sugar Beet Fields"

"The Great Western sugar company is greatly interested in getting in contact with as many laborers as possible at the Heart Mountain center. . . Better than usual wages prevail. . ." 370 evacuees have already left Heart Mountain to go to the Montana sugar beet growing country.--Powell Tribune; 9/24/42; page 1. #228

"Beet Slicing to Start in Worland Region"

"Worland, Wyo., Sept. 25.--(AP)--Harvest of the Worland area's 9,500 acre beet crop began Monday. . . Thirty-two Japanese laborers from the Heart Mountain relocation project went to work Thursday."--Sheridan Press; 9/25/42; page 1. #229

"Seeks 'Conchie' for Farm Labor"

"Helena, Sept. 24.--(AP)--Larger contingents of Japanese evacuees from internment camps and possible use of conscientious objectors in Montana sugar beet fields were seen as a probability Thursday by Governor Sam C. Ford. . . Governor Ford reported that more than 600 Japanese evacuee laborers are now in Montana, all from the Cody, Wyo. camp. . . He added that in spite of contrary statements, there has been no legal or technical difficulty in obtaining evacuee labor and that Montana has obtained more Japanese from the Cody camp than have Wyoming growers."--Billings Gazette; 9/25/42; page 8. #230

"5,000 Jap Evacuees Needed in Western Beet Fields"

"Between 5,000 and 6,000 Japanese evacuees could be used in sugar beet harvesting in Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Nebraska, John J. McElroy of Cheyenne, secretary of the National Beet Growers association, said Saturday." Approximately 3,300 are needed in the state of Wyoming. "McElroy said 'something over 500' of the between 1,000 and 1,500 Japanese at Heart Mountain who will accept employment in the beet fields have been furnished thru the cooperation of the WRA and federal employment service. . . The WRA has

informed that between 800 and 1,000 Japanese at the Colorado project will accept employment, but McElroy said many more are needed. . . The Great Western and American Crystal Sugar companies already are recruiting Japanese labor in the assembly centers on the Pacific coast for their factory districts in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, and that the Holly Sugar company planned to start this weekend."--Wyoming State Tribune; 9/27/42; page 8.

#231

"Indians and Japanese Help With Harvest Near Pueblo"

"Descendants of this country's first occupants, and members of the race comprising this land's newest war opponents, are laboring in the Pueblo county's harvest. . . There are 21 Japanese at work in the county having been brought in by the Holly Sugar Co. for dispersal on farms of the Company's sugar beet growers."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/29/42; page 3.

#232

"Arizona Protests as Colorado Wage Lures Japanese"

"Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 29.--(AP)--An Arizona farm bureau official reported Tuesday that the response of Japanese volunteer labor in harvesting Arizona's long staple cotton crop has been 'discouraging' because the Japanese evidently preferred to work in Colorado sugar beet fields. . . Earl Maharg, farm bureau secretary, reported that only 257 out of an expected 2,000 or 3,000 evacuee Japanese were at work in the cotton fields Monday. Meanwhile, he said, 1,700 Japanese have left the resettlement center at Poston, in western Arizona, for Colorado sugar beet fields, with a guarantee of \$6.50 per day."--Denver Post; 9/29/42; page 14.

#233

"Relocation Work Starts on XY Ranch"

"A crew of Japanese farmers from the Granada camp started preparing lands on the XY Ranch for next season's crop this week. The greater part of the lands which have been commandeered in connection with the Granada Assembly Center will be used for raising truck crops."--Granada Journal; 9/24/42; page 1.

#234

"Farmers Protest Grog Sales to Jap Evacuees"

"Helena, Sept. 24.--(AP)--A number of state farmers have objected to liquor sales being made to Japanese evacuee laborers. . . J. S. Benjamin, enforcement officer for the state liquor control board, said "the board has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the evacuees must be granted the same rights as other citizens."--Billings Gazette; 9/25/42; page 8.

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SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECTS

Heart Mountain

"New York Optical Company Building Factory at Center"

"Work commenced this Monday on the construction of a \$100,000 war industry plant at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center for the manufacturing of lenses and precision instruments for the armed forces. The plant; to be operated by the Polarizing Instrument company of New York City, with Albert Shuman in charge, was brought in thru the cooperation of the WRA and will employ about 150 highly trained Japanese-Americans under supervision of specialists brought in for the job."--Cody Enterprise; 9/23/42; page 1. #236

"Enterprise Picture Places in Contest"

"This week word was received that a picture run in August showing colonists at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center being assigned to barracks had taken third place for August in the American Press association contest for the best news shot."--Cody Enterprise; 9/23/42; page 7. #237

"Governor Comes to Powell Viewing Heart Mt. Center"

Governor Smith paid his first visit to Heart Mountain last Wednesday. He toured the new town, conversed with officials and talked with newly-arrived citizens from California. He was shown the waterworks, sewage, lighting, and plumbing systems. He was particularly impressed with the hospital and its facilities--the finest in the state. Securing labor for the farmers was the chief reason for the visit.--Powell Tribune; 9/24/42; page 1. #238

Granada

"Assembly Center Nears Completion"

"The construction of the Granada Assembly Center draws near to completion this week. Some of the subcontractors will fulfill their contracts this week. Others will finish between now and October 1. The original head contractors, Lambie, Moss, Little, and James will be held here to complete minor construction details perhaps another two weeks. Much of the labor on this remaining work will be handled by the resident evacuees."--Granada Journal; 9/24/42; page 1. #239

"Japanese-American Youth Runs Away from Center"

"A 16-year-old Japanese youth who was 'returning to California', was picked up by Patrolman Carl Dowell Monday morning at Caddoa, and returned to the Granada Relocation center, which he ran away from Saturday night."--Lamar Daily News; 9/28/42; page 1. #240

"High Officials at Granada Jap Center"

"Lamar, Sept. 29.--Visiting the Japanese relocation center at Granada Monday were high officials of the WRA. In the group were Dillon Myer, national director of WRA, Washington, D. C.; Col. Wilson, deputy director WRA, Washington, D. C.; Joseph H. Smart, regional director WRA, Denver; C. E. Rachford, director of the Heart Mountain project, Cody, Wyoming; J. W. Housel, WRA regional attorney, Denver; and Director James G. Lindley."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 9/29/42; page 11. #241

EDITORIALS AND FEATURE ARTICLES

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming"

In his second article Bill Hosokawa discusses life at Heart Mountain and points out several ways in which the camp is slowly settling down to the routine of daily living. He mentions an increasing number of club meetings, men working long hours to install celotex in their new homes, workers helping with the beet harvest, and nicknames which have been applied to various parts of the camp. He tells of the colonists seeing their first snow--"the signal for fires, to be lit in hundreds of newly installed stoves while housewives thumbed through mail order catalogues to order woolen stockings, flannels, coats, and gloves". He also discusses the purpose and aims, officials and headquarters of the Japanese-American Citizens League.--Cody Enterprise; 9/23/42; page 2. #242

"Tribune Goes to Heart Mountain"

"The Tribune this week is being mailed into the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, to give the residents there a sample of their Powell newspaper, published so close by. . . The Heart Mountain people should all the while become better acquainted with Powell. We are here together to winter together. . . If there are hardships or discomforts in this northwestern Wyoming clime, just bear in mind that here in Wyoming's Garden Spot we are safe from the war. . . Remember also, you Heart Mountain neighbors, that such hardships as you may feel you are enduring are less than your Powell neighbors have endured through the long years spent in developing this valley."--Powell Tribune; 9/24/42; page 4. #243

"Worrying About Rattlesnake Bites"

"The bulletin being issued daily at the Relocation Center intimates that there may be some amount of worry among the congested population of Heart Mountain City about rattlesnake bites. Now the Powell newspaper. . would like to relieve these recent arrivals from California of undue fears in this regard. . . The bite of a rattlesnake is something so seldom experienced that we of Wyoming know little about the treatment."--Powell Tribune; 9/24/42; page 4. #244

"The New Harvest Help"

"The start of the beet harvest in this district finds in our midst many field workers of Japanese ancestry. . . It is hoped that their presence in the territory will, as it surely should, be without incident. A little reflection should temper the thoughts of any who, forgetting that most of these laborers are Americans, may be tempted mildly or violently to demonstrate a long nourished anger. . . As farm workers they perform a very vital role."--Billings Gazette; 9/26/42; page 4. #245

"Who Was Sleeping on the Job?" (Open Forum)

John Demarest of Rocky Ford, Colorado writes "I have been wondering why so many of our people with money to hire help to do their work are so willing to hire Japanese here in the United States while your sons and mine must go over there in the jungles of the East Indies. . . The Japanese over there are fighting our sons while their relatives are reaping rewards of industry here in America." --Denver Post; 9/27/42; page 6. #246

MISCELLANEOUS

"Jap Sentenced for Hiding of \$530,000 Cash"

"Seattle, Wash., Sept. 25.--(AP)--A Japanese-American who secreted \$530,000 was rebuked today by a federal judge who pointed out the money might have made it possible for the Japanese to bomb Seattle." --Greeley Daily Tribune; 9/26/42; page 5. #247

"More Jap Internees Moving to Utah"

"San Francisco, Sept. 26.--(I.N.S.)--More than 3,400 internees of Japanese ancestry were scheduled to leave the Tanforan race track assembly center Saturday night for a relocation base near Abraham, Utah."--Denver Post; 9/27/42; page 13. #248

"Men Who Assailed Japanese Can't Enlist"

Salt Lake City, Sept. 29.--(AP)--The army turned down two would-be recruits because they had been fighting Japs. . . Army regulations forbid the enlistment of persons convicted of felonies."--Denver Post; 9/29/42; page 15. #249

JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

Living Conditions Good Write Prisoners of Japanese

A number of letters have been received lately from American prisoners in Japan. Most of the letters state the persons are in good health and spirits. Some of the letters tell of exercise and sports, work which keeps them occupied, and a wholesome routine daily living. --Rocky Mountain News; 9/28/42; page 7. Denver Post; 9/29/42; page 15 and 11. Lamar Daily News; 9/26/42; page 1. #250



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LABOR SITUATION

"500 Japanese To Aid Harvest"

"Part of Montana's sugar beet labor problem has been answered by the arrival of more than 500 Japanese. . . Phillips county now has 94 Japanese in the beet fields, Pondera county has nearly 200, 125 are in Richland county and others are scattered throughout the beet-growing areas."--Billings Gazette; 10/1/42; page 12. #351

"400 Japs Assist in Beet Harvest"

"More than 400 workers from Japanese relocation centers are aiding in the harvesting of sugar beets, L. A. West, Colorado director of the U. S. Employment Service, reported. Mr. West said 243 Japanese had been assigned to work in Northern Colorado, 150 in the Arkansas Valley and seven on the Western Slope. Another 365 evacuee recruits arrived in Colorado in the week from the Colorado River project at Poston, Ariz., and will be sent to a beet area near Scottsbluff, Neb."--Rocky Mountain News; 10/2/42; page 6. #352

"Japanese Will Work in Montana Fields"

Manzanar, Cal., Oct. 1.--(AP)--One thousand Japanese have left Manzanar relocation center this week. . . to work six or eight weeks in the sugar beet fields of Montana, Idaho, and Utah."--Billings Gazette; 10/2/42; page 8. Casper Tribune-Herald; 10/3/42; page 2. #353

"Johnson Sugar Beet Situation Is Said Serious"

Buffalo, Sept. 30.--(Special)--Four hundred acres of sugar beets are ready for harvest in Johnson county with no labor to take care of them. . . An effort will be made to secure at least 200 volunteer workers to go out on Sunday to help with the topping of the beets. . . The regular price of \$1.05 a ton will be paid for all labor."--Sheridan Press; 9/30/42; page 1. #354

"Everyone to Help"

"Worland, Wyo., Sept. 30.--(AP)--Pupils, teachers, superintendents and janitors from Worland schools were scheduled to invade sugar beet fields today to relieve the acute labor shortage threatening to halt the harvest."--Sheridan Press; 9/30/42; page 1. #355

"County Labor Board to Meet Here Tonight"

"Plans for alleviating the serious shortage of laborers in Sheridan county beet fields are rapidly being formulated as sugar beet growers continued to harvest their crops with the help of a few Indians, Mexicans, regular hired hands and women and children. . . Officers of the U. S. Employment Service stated Tuesday night that they had been informed that only 31 is the total maximum of Japanese-American volunteer laborers which can be expected under the Sheridan county quota."--Sheridan Press; 9/30/42; page 1. #356

"210 Students to Aid Harvest"

"A total of 210 students from Billings' schools . . . are scheduled to take to the fields Wednesday morning . . . to avert a threatened loss of 3,500 acres of sugar beets in the Billings vicinity because of labor shortage."--Billings Gazette; 9/30/42; page 1. #357

"Man-Power Committee Set Up To Help Harvest Crops"

"Realizing the acute situation growing from a farm hand shortage, committees were named from the Greybull club and the Lions Club early this week in an effort to work out a systematic plan to provide man-power in the farming areas. . . While some help has been made available through the Japanese at the relocation center, and more will be recruited for farm work, yet this source will not provide enough man-power to do the job."--Greybull Standard; 10/1/42; page 1. #358

"Plea Made for Beet Workers"

"An appeal was voiced Wednesday by a labor committee of the Billings Commercial club headed by C. J. Johnson urging that local business establishments seek to enlist the services of their employees to take to the fields Saturday and Sunday to assist in the harvest. . . in an attempt to avert a beet loss in the local factory district of the Great Western Sugar company."--Billings Gazette; 10/1/42; page 1. #359

"City Leaders Meet on Beet Labor Emergency"

"Greeley businessmen, school executive employment office officials and county commissioners were called to meet here next Tuesday evening with Great Western Sugar company officials to discuss preparations for averting a serious labor shortage in the Greeley district beet fields in case a storm period should slow down the harvest; now in progress."--Greeley Daily Tribune; 10/3/42; page 1. #360

"Mexicans Arrive in U. S. To Help Harvest Beets"

"Stockton, Cal., Sept. 29.--(UP)--Five hundred young Mexicans arrived . . . to help harvest California's sugar beet crop. They were the first contingent of emergency farm workers brought to this country under a wartime 'good neighbor' agreement."--Billings Gazette; 9/30/42; page 6. #361

WRA-OWI NEWS RELEASES

"865 Jap. Evacuees To Harvest Beets"

WRA - 21. Denver, Oct. 3.--(AP)--A total of 865 volunteers from the Japanese evacuation camp near Cody, Wyoming, have signed up to work in Montana and Wyoming sugar beet fields, Joseph H. Smart, regional director of the War Relocation Authority, announced Saturday. He said the workers have been assigned to the following areas: Billings, Mont. 339; Sidney, Mont. 123; Hardin, Mont. 95; Lovell, Wyo., 140; Worland, Wyo., 58; Sheridan, Wyo., 16 and Torrington, Wyo." Mr. Smart also outlined four conditions which evacuees must meet before they are granted leave to perform harvest work.--Billings Gazette; 10/4/42; page 1. Gazette & Telegraph; 10/4/42; page 4. Casper Tribune-Herald; 10/4/42; page 5. #362

"Japs Given Permit to Attend College" (WRA - 19.)

"Denver, Sept. 30. (AP)--Fourteen Japanese young people in the Granada, Colorado relocation center and 13 in the Heart Mountain center . . have been given permission by the WRA to attend western and middle western colleges." The young people are required to pay their own living and educational expenses.--Colorado Springs Gazette; 10/1/42; page 2. Casper Tribune-Herald; 10/2/42; page 3. Wyoming State Tribune; 10/2/42; page 10. #363

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

"Death of Woman at Heart Mountain"

Miss Amy Furuta, 29, succumbed at Heart Mountain last Tuesday. Miss Furuta's death was caused by heart trouble. A Buddhist funeral was held. Miss Furuta's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ichihei Furuta, came to the center from Yakima, Washington.--Powell Tribune; 10/1/42; page 1. #364

"Milk From Powell To Relocation Center"

"T. T. Dodson informed the Tribune today that he had just closed another contract with the army's quartermaster depot at Kansas City for supplying milk to the Heart Mountain City population. . . The contract calls for 850 gallons daily during October, 1,000 gallons daily during November and December. . . This Heart Mountain contract means an income for milk to the valley's dairymen through the local creamery, of approximately \$10,000 per month."--Powell Tribune; 10/1/42; page 1. #365

Granada

"WRA Lays Plans For Farming At Granada Center"

"Local WRA agriculture men, headed by W. H. Bennison, farm chief, Granada Relocation Center, and Washington personnel ended a three-day session Thursday night at the Granada center, discussing farm-

ing plans. Here from Washington, D. C. was Don R. Sabin, WRA agronomist in charge of agriculture production; Dr. D. N. Crooks, bureau of plant industry, Washington, D. C., and others. . . Extent of farming operations at the center will be governed by labor needs in the project, and in farm labor outside the project. . . Tentative plans are to place 700 acres of land in vegetable crops, and 3,700 acres in seed and field crops."--Lamar Daily News; 10/2/42; page 3. #366

"Death Makes First Call at Jap Center Fri."

"First death at the Granada Japanese Relocation Center was reported here Friday after Mrs. Kiyo Yoshioka, 65 passed away. . . Death was caused by a coronary thrombosis. . . She was a widow and is survived by five daughters, all living at the center."--Lamar Daily News; 10/2/42; page 1. #367

"Second Death Granada Center Occurs Friday"

"Death paid its second visit to the Japanese Relocation center at Granada Friday evening with the passing of Mr. Taneshiro Fukasawa, 61. He was found dead . . . outside a mess hall. His death was attributed to heart trouble." He is survived by his wife and three sons."--Lamar Daily News; 10/3/42; page 1. #368

EDITORIALS AND FEATURE ARTICLES

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming"

Third in a series of articles by Bill Hosokawa. "Not long ago there seems to have been a rumor prevalent outside this project that the colonists here had refused to work and that there was labor trouble. Nothing could have been further from the truth. The attitude of the colonists regarding labor has been unusually cooperative." Hosokawa explains that all 10,000 evacuees are not available for farm labor, and points out several instances in which the colonists are doing work other than their profession to help the farmers during the beet harvest. "This is a new type of labor that the farmers of Wyoming and Montana are getting. . . A number of local farmers have declared themselves very pleased with their new help."--Cody Enterprise; 9/30/42; page 2. #369

MISCELLANEOUS

"4,000 Coast Japs Will Be Sent to Arkansas Center"

"San Francisco, Oct. 1.--(AP)--Four thousand Japanese from the Stockton, Calif., assembly center will be transferred to Arkansas during the first three weeks of October. . . ." The evacuees are going to the Rohwer relocation center, about fifteen miles northwest of Arkansas City.--Denver Post; 10/1/42; page 25. #370

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LABOR SITUATION

"City Folk Help With Bumper Crop of Sugar"

"With the spirited help of townsfolk, school kids, football players and a smattering of regular farmhands, farmers in Colorado, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming are harvesting a wartime bumper crop of more than 5,000,000 tons of sugar beets. . . . Volunteers from Japanese relocation centers have been sent into areas which ripened earliest, but there still remains a dearth of workers."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 10/6/42; page 1. Casper Tribune-Herald; 10/8/42; page 4. Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 10/7/42; page 1.

#371

"Beet Harvest Waits on Other Crops; Labor Found Adequate"

"At present the sugar beet labor situation is fairly adequate, M. V. Haines, county agent, said he has been informed by the officials of the local office of the U. S. employment service. Japanese labor from the Granada center has solved the problem to some extent. . . . So far as the service is aware, there is now no pressing need for additional laborers."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 10/6/42; page 12.

#372

"Aid in Labor Shortage in West Asked"

"Washington--(AP)-- Senator Murray said Tuesday he had asked the White House to come to the aid of farmers in the west faced with a labor shortage."--Wyoming State Tribune; 10/7/42; page 9.

#373

"Ford Asks F. D. R. For Harvest Aid"

"Helena, Mont., Oct. 5.--(AP)--Governor Ford asked Secretary Stimson today for three-week furloughs for 1,000 to 2,000 soldiers to help harvest Montana's sugar crop and thus prevent a "disastrous crop loss. . . . Chief sources in the beet fields at present are migratory workers, Japanese evacuees and local volunteers."--Billings Gazette; 10/7/42; page 1. Rocky Mountain News; 10/6/42; page 6.

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SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Granada

"Ministers Plan Services at Granada Center"

Representatives of the Ministerial Alliance of Southeastern Colorado met Monday to discuss the possibility of services at the Granada Relocation Center.--Lamar Daily News; 10/7/42; page 1.

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"WRA Reports Official Here"

"Frank C. Cross, chief of reports section, WRA regional office in Denver, is here for several days in connection with work at the Japanese Relocation Center, Granada."--Lamar Daily News; 10/6/42; page 1.

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"Education Conference for Granada Center"

"Sessions of a Granada Relocation Center education conference were held all day Monday at the center. Present were members of the center's faculty, some 48 teachers, headed by Superintendent Paul J. Terry." Speakers included several WRA officials, and several Prowers county, state, and university representatives.--Lamar Daily News; 10/5/42; page 4.

#377

EDITORIAL

"Does Not Like Favours To Interned Japanese" (Open Forum)

H. W. M'Kee of Denver writes "Most humane Americans agree that Japanese people now gathered into internment camps should be treated with reasonable consideration. . . Your butcher will tell you that he is unable to get all the choice meats that he needs. . . I am informed that 40,000 pounds of beef moved from a Denver packing plant to a Japanese internment camp in the Rocky Mountain region. . . It is my opinion that if any people have to live on beans, spinach, cold lima bean salad, . . . it should be those brown skinned individuals . . ."--Denver Post; 10/4/42; page 6. #378

MISCELLANEOUS

"Jap Beet Workers Accidentally Shot"

"Frank Nakamota, 38, an American-Japanese from . . . Granada, was treated at the Greeley hospital Sunday evening for a superficial gunshot wound in the chest." "The bullet came from the gun of a boy target shooting in the Platte River bottoms."--Greeley Daily Tribune; 10/5/42; page 1.

#379

"Rail Line Drops Japanese Names"

"Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 5.--There are no more Oyama or Togo stops on the little Durham & Southern railroad." Names something like Wainwright or Doolittle have been suggested.--Denver Post; 10/5/42; page 11.

#380

"Japanese Servant of Royal Rank Held"

"Waterloo, Ia., Oct. 5.--(I.N.S.)--An unidentified Japanese who told Iowa FBI men he holds the title of prince conferred by the emperor, was held Monday pending hearing of the northern Iowa alien board. . . The Jap, a former reserve officer in the Japanese army, was employed as a domestic."--Denver Post; 10/5/42; page 14. #381

"Japs Guilty of Plot to Violate Embargo"

"Seattle, Oct. 8.--(AP)--Charles T. Takahashi and Edward Y. Osawa, former Seattle Japanese-American exporters, were convicted Wednesday night of federal charges of conspiracy to ship storage tanks to the orient in violation of the United States embargo prior to the outbreak of the war."--Denver Post; 10/8/42; page 11. #382

"Japanese Officer Urges Brothers to Fight for America"

Reiman Morin, Associated Press foreign service correspondent, was accused of being an American spy, and was taken before a Japanese intelligence officer. Said the officer, "America is the greatest country on earth. Tell my brothers to fight for her with all their heart."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 10/8/42; page 2. #383

"Five Japanese Are Nominated by Hawaiians"

"Washington, Oct. 8.--(IN.S.)--Concern was expressed in some congressional quarters in Washington Thursday over the fact five American-born Japanese have been nominated for public office in Hawaii."--Denver Post; 10/8/42; page 40. #384

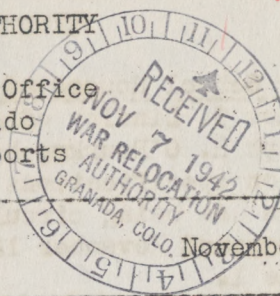
JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

"Internees Govern Selves"

"Washington, Oct. 3. (AP)--A self-governing community, complete with police, fire and health services, has been established by nearly 3,000 American civilians interned by the Japanese at Manila, the Office of War Information said today. One general rule is applied in the internment camp on the campus of Santos Tomas university--everyone must work."--Gazette and Telegraph; 10/4/42; page 1. #385

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LABOR SITUATION

"Beet Harvest Still Held Up"

"Days of rain followed by snow and cloudy days that failed to dry the moisture in the ground have caused a complete delay of the beet harvest. . . More than a thousand evacuees from the Japanese relocation center at Granada have volunteered for farm work and are scattered over the state for beet harvest."--Lamar Daily News; 10/29/42; page 1.

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SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

"Los Angeles Woman, Now at Heart Mountain, Likes Wyoming Hills"

"An interesting letter comes to the Tribune from a Heart Mountain woman, Mrs. Mary Oyama Mittner, who has become much attached to 'The Hills of Old Wyoming'. . . 'At least for my own personal part, I like this wide open country, and find that it is very much like what I expected to see. . . I was first impressed by the kindness of the Powell residents who donated clothing to our social welfare department. . . We residents of Heart Mountain, both the first generation Japanese and the second generation--American citizens of Japanese--want you to know that we too are 'Men of Good Will' with good will in our hearts toward our other fellow Americans.'"--Powell Tribune; 10/29/42; page 3.

#433

"Births at Cody General"

"A baby boy was born October 20 to Dr. and Mrs. Kinoshita of the Relocation Center."--Cody Enterprise; 10/28/42; page 7.

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Granada

"120 More Jap Evacuees Moved Here to Amache"

"Director James G. Lindley announced Friday that 120 more evacuees from the Santa Anita center arrived at Granada on Thursday night and were taken to Amache. These comprised special workers retained at Santa Anita until the center was closed."--Lamar Daily News; 10/30/42; page 1.

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"Ask Bids for School Houses at Amache"

"Director James G. Lindley of Amache Friday announced that project engineer, Ralph H. O'Rourke, has returned from Denver, where he has been working on specifications for three school buildings at Amache, and that plans are being circulated and bids are being asked for. Bids will be opened November 12 in Denver."--Lamar Daily News; 10/30/42; page 1. #436

"Japanese Boys at Granada to Have Scout Organization"

"Formation of a Japanese Boy Scout district within the area of the relocation center at Granada will be complete Monday, according to Jack Brittain, assistant Scout executive. More than 500 Boy Scouts and 200 Cubs now are living within the center."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 10/30/42; page 5. #437

"Evacuee Couple Wed Here Thursday"

"Rev. G. S. Upton of the Lamar Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2:45 united in marriage Ralph Nakamoto and Miss Alice Yorimoto of Amache."--Lamar Daily News; 10/30/42; page 6. #438

WRA-OWI RELEASE

"110,000 Japs are Moved from Coast"

"San Francisco--(AP)--In a movement without parallel in the nation's history, 110,599 persons of Japanese ancestry have been transferred by the army from the strategic military areas of the west coast. The army . . . summed up its operations, covering a period of eight months, in which the exodus was accomplished. . . 'Never before had military necessity dictated such a program' the army remarked. 'It can now be said that the transference to relocation centers has been effected without incident, on time and with a proper regard for the comfort of the persons moved.'"--Wyoming State Tribune; 10/29/42; page 7. Billings Gazette; 10/29/42; page 11. Colorado Springs-Gazette; 10/29/42; page 5. Casper Tribune-Herald; 10/30/42; page 3. Denver Post; 10/28/42; page 30. #439

EDITORIAL AND FEATURE ARTICLE

"A Climate You Will Learn to Like"

"Up at Heart Mountain City the young athletes are playing both baseball and football. . . Transplanted here a few weeks ago, they seen out of time with the weather man. . . And they think our weather cold; very cold. . . Beautiful indeed is the climate of this part of the Big Horn Basin. Next to Los Angeles and its environs, we would say, the climate about Powell and Heart Mountain and Cody is the finest in the world."--Powell Tribune; 10/29/42; page 2. #440

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming" By Bill Hosokawa

"For the first time in their lives thousands of the residents of Heart Mountain experienced sub-freezing temperature. . . Many children saw icicles for the first time hanging from the eaves of barrack-homes. . . The WRA meanwhile distributed to each of the some 4,000 workers a heavy blue mackinaw from surplus CCC stock. . . Workers who are out-of-doors much of the time or who are doing heavy work are also being issued kahki breeches, leggings, windbreakers and some shirts. . . The WRA administration, meanwhile, is hurrying plans to distribute the government clothing issue. . . Needy families are being issued clothing from the limited stocks now available. . . Meanwhile the community warms in another way with rising interest in the self-government system. . . Indicative that Heart Mountain is not entirely isolated from the world is the plan of the various girls clubs of the community to establish a USO."--Cody Enterprise; 10/28/42; page 7.

#441

MISCELLANEOUS

"Elder Japanese Approve of Evacuation Camps"

"Washington, Oct. 29--(AP)--The American Red Cross said Thursday in a survey report made public by Secretary of War Stimson that elder Japanese aliens held in evacuation camps 'apparently feel that they are being extremely well treated'. Stimson said the Red Cross received the greatest number of complaints from the younger Japanese evacuees, many complaining over losing contact with outside Caucasians."--Billings Gazette; 10/30/42; page 6. Casper Tribune-Herald; 10/30/42; page 14.

#442

"Travel Ruling Given for Japs"

"Farmers throughout Montana to whom persons of Japanese ancestry have been released from relocation centers for farm labor have a mistaken idea as to the restrictions under which such Japanese must live while working in the state, John B. Tansil, United States Attorney for the district of Montana, said Wednesday. . . No state or local official, employer or federal officer, except a representative of the WRA of the war department of department of justice taking evacuees into custody has power to grant permission to any evacuee employed under a restrictive order to leave the designated county or counties, Tansil continued. . . Failure to conform to this condition subjects Japanese to a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense."--Billings Gazette; 10/29/42; page 14.

#443

"Milk Probe to Start Next Week"

"An official investigation of milk shortages in Cheyenne, Casper, and the Big Horn Basin, ordered Friday by Gov. Nels H. Smith, will be started early next week by the state agricultural department. . . The general shortage in the Big Horn Basin, created by the demands of the Japanese relocation center near Cody, remained unimproved, McFarland reported, because attempts to obtain additional milk from southern Montana were unsuccessful."--Wyoming State Tribune; 11/1/42; page 10.

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November 10, 1942

LABOR SITUATION

"Probe Reports that Jap Aliens Buck Farm Work"

"Washington, Oct. 27.--(AP)--Representative Pierce of Oregon said Tuesday the War Relocation Authority had agreed to make an immediate investigation of the Tule, Ore., Japanese relocation camp to determine the accuracy of reports that aliens there were persuading American-born Japanese in the camp to refuse to accept farm work in the neighborhood."
--Billings Gazette; 10/28/42; page 1. #445

"Kansas Will Use Japanese Labor in Beet Harvest"

"Topeka--(AP)--Governor Ratner approved the use of Japanese labor to help harvest sugar beets in six western Kansas counties and transmitted his approval Wednesday to the War Relocation Authority." The beets are normally harvested by migratory workers.--Casper Tribune-Herald; 11/5/42; page 6. #446

"Work Leaves of Evacuees Must Go, Washington"

"Orders have arrived from Washington through the office of M. O. Anderson, chief regional supervisor of employment in Denver, instructing the project administration to ban further issuance of individual 30-day employment leaves of absence. . . Hereafter all applications for individual leaves for private employment will be subject to delay pending clearance by Washington. . . It will not apply to supervised group leaves to certain counties for agricultural labor and work of similar nature."--Lamar Daily News; 11/6/42; page 1. #447

"C. F. & I. to Use Jap Help"

"Trinidad, Nov. 7.--(AP)--The Las Animas County board of commissioners has voted to permit the Colorado Fuel & Iron Corporation to hire 75 Japanese evacuees from the relocation center at Granada to aid in the company's timber operations."--Rocky Mountain News; 11/8/42; page 15. #448

"Entire Sugar Beet Crop of West May Be Saved"

"Washington, Nov. 5.--(AP)--Despite labor shortages, the west's record crop of sugar beets will be harvested in its entirety 'if the weather holds out', the agriculture department said today. . . The labor situation seemed to have been alleviated somewhat, the department said, through the importation of 3,000 Mexican workers into California, the seasonal shifting of Spanish-American workers into Colorado and Montana from New Mexico, Texas and Arizona, and the availability of Japanese evacuees for work in the beet fields."--Casper Tribune-Herald; 11/6/42; page 6. Billings Gazette; 11/6/42; page 9. Greeley Daily Tribune; 11/5/42; page 5. #449

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Granada

"Japanese Dies at Center Mon."

"Kohei Watanabe, 59, died suddenly of an heart attack at Amache Monday."
--Lamar Daily News; 11/3/42; page 1. #450

"Ham Speaks at Amache"

"Attorney Wilkie Ham of Lamar was scheduled to speak at a special meeting of evacuees at Amache Friday night. His subject is the early history of Colorado."--Lamar Daily News; 11/6/42; page 1. #451

"Amache Notes"

"Business at Amache is gaining. The net gain of the center's various business establishments from Sept. 5 to 30, was \$1,871.29, according to the community enterprise department. The average daily business for the period was approximately \$440. This month the average is about \$580. A center clothing store opened in the administration building at the center this week. Dry goods, clothing, and shoes are being sold. A beauty shop will open soon."--Lamar Daily News; 11/7/42; page 6. #452

Heart Mountain

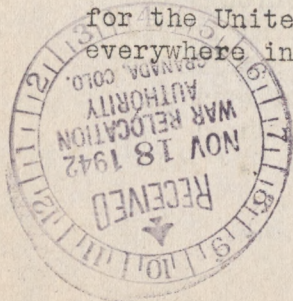
"Catholic Priest Formerly of Japan Now Resides Here"

"A Catholic priest, the Rev. Father Felsecker, M. M., is a new arrival in Powell. . . For tens years this native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, resided in Japan, and there learned to talk and preach in the Japanese language. . . Rev. Felsecker is to devote his attentions mainly to the 150 or more people of the Catholic faith resident at Heart Mountain."
--Powell Tribune; 11/5/42; page 1. #453

EDITORIAL AND FEATURE ARTICLE

"Humane Treatment for Japs"

"Transfer of 110,000 Japanese out of the Pacific Coast military zone has been completed. This is one of the largest evacuations in history, and every precaution was taken to see that no person of Japanese ancestry could have a complaint as to the welfare of persons, who by circumstances of unfortunate parentage had to be removed, and what happens when any Axis Government handles nationals of enemy persuasion ought to impress the Japs. . . Without a doubt the Japanese, some of them American citizens, recognize the difference in treatment accorded them and that meted out to United Nations nationals falling into the hands of the Axis powers. These words of the United States Government are intelligent enough to understand why it was necessary to remove them from military zones--and so far there have been few complaints. They probably are just as eager for the United Nations to win as are our own people, who are fighting everywhere in the world."--Topeka Daily Capital; 10/30/42; page . #454



"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming" By Bill Hosokawa

"Indicating the progress that this community has made, the first open forum was conducted last Sunday. More than a hundred residents were present to hear Caleb Foote, executive secretary of the Pacific Coast Fellowship of Reconciliation speak on the future needs of Americans of Japanese descent. . . Many brought out their concern over discrimination and race prejudice on the 'outside' . . . It was generally agreed that greater efforts should be made to speed relocation, for the reasons that it is undesirable to restrict loyal American citizens and friendly aliens for an undeterminable 'duration'. . . Considerable work of permanent value is being accomplished. . . A crew of men is engaged in lining the main irrigation canal which will provide water from the Shoshone dam for the farming to be done by this project. . . Another project . . is the saw-mill that will be operated by the residents of the WRA camp. . . October 30, 105 evacuees from Santa Anita reached Heart Mountain." November 3 residents of Heart Mountain 18 years of age or older voted for representatives to draft a city charter under which the community will be run. --Cody Enterprise; 10/28/42; page 2. #455

MISCELLANEOUS

"Hawaii Will Send Japanese to U. S."

"Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 6.--(AP)--Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, military commander of Hawaii, said Thursday that plans were being made to evacuate some of Hawaii's 161,000 Japanese to the American mainland. General Emmons told a press conference the evacuations would not be on a mass scale, but rather by resettlement of families."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 11/6/42; page 9. Colorado Springs Gazette; 11/6/42; page 5. Denver Post; 11/6/42; page 32. Rocky Mountain News; 11/6/42; page 26. Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 11/6/42; page 1. #456

"Japs Hold Grid Rally"

"Rivers, Ariz., Nov. 5.--(AP)--Japanese graduates of the University of California and the University of Southern California now living at the resettlement center here have arranged a football rally on the eve of the annual gridiron engagement between the two institutions."--Rocky Mountain News; 11/6/42; page 23. #457

"Veterans Would Send Coast Japs Back After War"

"Los Angeles, Nov. 7.--(AP)--The twenty-third California district of the American Legion made public Friday a recommendation that the west coast's 122,000 persons of Japanese ancestry be sent to Japan after the war to refute Japanese propaganda. 'These repatriated Japanese, Issei and Nissei alike, can do more to Christianize Japan than 1,000 missionaries and 10,000 Bibles', said a report . . prepared by Dr. John R. Lechner."--Denver Post; 11/7/42; page 3. #458



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LABOR SITUATION

"Pupils Topping Beets"

"The emergency call for beet harvest help has been answered locally through the cooperation of the several school systems. . . Granada, Hartman, Holly and the high school at the local relocation camp dismissed on Friday night for a planned two weeks. . . Japanese evacuees are proving very valuable to alleviate this threat of loss of the 1942 crop. Approximately 300 of these men are employed in the Prowers county fields. Over 1000 more are doing farm work in other parts of the state."--Granada Journal; 11/12/42; page 1. #459

"State Harvest of Beets 85 Per Cent Done"

"Denver, Nov. 12.--The Colorado sugar beet harvest now is 85 per cent complete and should be finished within a week, L. A. West, state director of the U. S. employment service, reported today. . . Some of the Japanese sent out from the Granada relocation center as beet harvest workers will be put on permanent jobs in southern Colorado, West said, in such work as timber cutting."--Greeley Daily Tribune; 11/12/42; page 1. #460

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

"Army War Order for Dishes Given to Relocation Camp"

"The Heart Mountain Relocation Project will establish a vitrified chinaware plant to supply the needs of the armed forces as well as other WRA centers, it was revealed this week by C. E. Rachford, project director. . . The first of some \$27,000 in equipment is due to arrive at the project by mid-December, and it is expected that the plant will be in full production within five months. . . The plant is expected to provide work for approximately 94 people."--Cody Enterprise; 11/11/42; page 1. #461

"Japanese Falls To His Death Here"

Genichiro Nishiyama, a 39-year-old Japanese alien, was fatally injured Monday in a fall from a scaffold. Nishiyama was employed with others in the dismantling of the Powell CCC camp. A three-man jury pronounced his death as accidental.--Powell Tribune; 11/12/42; page 1. #462

Granada

"Army Engineers Quit Amache Project Sat."

"The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, who have had charge of constructing the Granada Relocation Center, will leave the project officially . . . November 14, according to an announcement by Second Lieut. James L. Bracewell."--Lamar Daily News; 11/14/42; page 1. #463

"Wrinkle To Granada To Inspect Education at Camp for Japanese"

Dr. William L. Wrinkle, director of the college secondary school, has been invited to the Granada relocation center by James G. Lindley and Paul Terry to examine their education program and lend his professional assistance.--Greeley Daily Tribune; 11/14/42; page 2. #464

EDITORIALS AND FEATURE ARTICLES

"Japanese WPA"

Feature article by Ugi Harada, in Rocky Nippon, regarding certain beet workers from Granada Relocation Center.

"A nisei of 20 quit farm labor because it was too difficult. On top of that he complained about the food. These and innumerable numbers of other cases proves that these Japanese W.P.A. (author's term for work slackers) are worse than the lowest class of unskilled workers. For instance, many of you have heard: 'Hell, I'd rather be at the camp than to be working like this'. Surely camp life is easy for the niseis with little or no responsibilities, with no worries over food, clothing or shelter, with low morale, with breach of family ties, and with various pastimes to spend their times foolishly. What they need in these relocation centers is plenty of hard work for everyone of them. . . . We want to again tell those that fall under this category to think over the matter and go back to the camp if they cannot uphold Japanese standards, for already this influx of these degraded individuals has actually injured the reputation of others. Therefore, these Japanese W.P.A. workers or loafers are a disgrace to every community and are not welcomed to any extent. However, there are others that are decent and incessant workers who will be treated with respect."--Rocky Nippon; 11/11/42; page 1. #465

"Show Japanese No Mercy When Settlement Day Comes, Says Runyon"

"While we have been treating the alien Japanese in this country with downright courtesy, quartering them nicely, feeding them well, paying them well, our own citizens in the Japanese-dominated lands were being handled like dogs. . . . The people of the west coast who have lived closer to the Japanese than any other Americans have long estimated them as a low species of human beings and it is becoming increasingly clear that they had the measure of the Japs."--Denver Post; 11/10/42; page 3. #466

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming" by Bill Hosokawa

"Armistice Day this year held a special significance for a small handful of Heart Mountain residents. . . Among the 10,000 at this relocation center are 25 veterans of the first World War. . ." With 5000 Japanese in the armed forces and 1100 working in the sugar beet harvest, "the people of Heart Mountain can be proud of the part they are playing in this war even from behind the barbed wires of confinement. . . As the nights grow colder and longer, recreation becomes an increasingly serious problem at Heart Mountain. . . It is interesting that the residents are diverting their interests toward improving themselves in the night schools with more than 1100 adults registered for night classes. . The largest enrollment is in the adult English classes, designed primarily for the non-citizen group. . . Among the younger generation shorthand is the most popular subject."--Cody Enterprise; 11/11/42; page 2.

#467

"Making Available the Valley's Shops"

"People in business along Powell's Bent street are prone to speculate as to the possibility of some plan whereby residents of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center might be privileged to do shopping in the nearby communities of Powell and Cody. . . It all leads to improvement in the morale and comfort of the Heart Mountain residents. . . Couldn't a meeting be arranged between Heart Mountain evacuees, officials and residents of Powell and Cody. . ?"--Powell Tribune; 11/12/42; page 4.

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MISCELLANEOUS

"Wilkins Favors Jap Colonies in Alaska"

"Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.--(INS)-- Sir Hubert Wilkins, scientist and explorer, Thursday advocated development of Alaska as an outlet for Japanese expansion following the war. . . Wilkins pointed out there was more tillable land in Alaska than in Sweden and Finland combined."--Denver Post; 11/12/42; page 7.

#469

"Uses Jap Temple"

Oakland, Calif., Nov. 12.--(UP)--Pending the problematical return of Japanese residents of the city who are now in assembly centers, the Japanese Buddhist temple in this city is being used as a training center for radio mechanics in the signal corps."--Billings Gazette; 11/13/42; page 6.

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LABOR SITUATION

"Interned Japs Urged to Take Jobs Aiding War"

"Salt Lake City, Nov. 21.--(AP)--Japanese residents of relocation centers in the United States are asked to take jobs 'where they can do the most effective work'." Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, explained "Approximately 110,000 persons now are living in the centers. About 15,000 or 20,000 of them may find jobs on farms while others are fitted for skilled trades or professions."--Denver Post; 11/21/42; page 17.

#471

"Japanese Will Aid in Snow Removal"

"Kalispell, Nov. 20.--(AP)--Thirty Japanese will be brought into Flathead county by the Great Northern railway for snow removal work near Essex. . . . C. O. Hooker, railroad superintendent, . . . furnished an agreement that the men, all American born, would be kept under guard at all times and replaced by white labor when available."--Billings Gazette; 11/21/42; page 8.

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SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

"Permission Asked for Completion of Reclamation Project"

"According to press dispatches from Washington, D. C. the Heart Mountain Reclamation project is included in a small group of irrigation units which a special committee has asked to be excluded from the general closing down orders. . . . All reclamation work was stopped Oct. 28 by the WPB."--Cody Enterprise; 11/18/42; page 1. Wyoming State Tribune; 11/22/42; page 1.

#473

"Survey of Clays Made at Cody"

"Laramie, Wyo.--At the request of WRA, Dr. Horace D. Thomas, state geologist and member of the faculty of the University of Wyoming, is in Cody making a field survey of the clays adjacent to the Heart Mountain relocation project. The purpose is to find clay deposits suitable for use in ceramic production."--Wyoming State Tribune; 11/19/42; page 11.

#474

"Sewing Project Opens at Heart Mountain"

Heart Mountain relocation center has a sewing project employing 26 skilled tailors and fashion designers. The program calls for the making of clothing for many project workers.--Billings Gazette; 11/22/42; page 9. #275

"Thanksgiving Dinner Planned at Center"

"Heart Mountain, Wyo., Nov. 21.--Turkey with all the trimmings will be served to local residents on Thanksgiving Day. Fred Haller, chief steward, revealed that 7,500 pounds of turkey and 600 gallons of ice cream have been ordered for Heart Mountain's population of 10,000." --Billings Gazette; 11/22/42; page 9. #276

"Well-Known Lecturer to Speak Here"

Dr. Samuel G. Inman, professor of international law and relations at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak at Amache, the Japanese relocation center at Granada on Thanksgiving Day. He will speak on inter-American relations.--Lamar Daily News; 11/19/42; page 1. #47

"Contract Let Construction Amache Schools"

"Ralph J. O'Rourke, WRA project engineer at Amache, announced Friday that a contract to the R. E. Rippe Construction Company, South Pasadena, Calif., has been signed . . . for the construction of three school buildings at Amache." The buildings will cost a total of \$308,498. The contractors have 120 days to complete the job.--Lamar Daily News; 11/20/42; page 1. #478

"Lamar Teachers Hosts to WRA Teachers Friday"

"The Lamar Teachers Association Friday night is entertaining the staff of teachers of the War Relocation Authority center of Granada."--Lamar Daily News; 11/20/42; page 1. #479

"Officers Visit Amache on Saturday"

"Officers from the headquarters of the Western Defense Command and Fourth army, San Francisco, paid an official visit Saturday to Amache, relocation center near Granada, as part of an inspection tour of the Japanese evacuee relocation centers in the mid-west. They investigated construction, supplies, communication facilities, and hospitalization at the center."--Lamar Daily News; 11/21/42; page 6. #480

EDITORIAL AND FEATURE ARTICLE

"High Schools Constructed for Japanese"

R. R. Gowdy of Walsenburg, Colorado states in a letter to the Open Forum: "I have been told by a workman who was on the job that construction of a junior college is being planned for the Japanese at the concentration camp at Granada, Colo. . . Contrast this with the statements of Harry Hopkins wherein he expresses HIS opinion that 'every college and university should be turned completely into an army and navy training center'. . . Shall our own boys and girls then forego their education for the duration while we make available to the Japanese the advantages of training and education which are being denied our own children who may be obliged to compete with the same Japanese after the war?"--Denver Post; 11/22/42; page 6. #481

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming"

by Bill Hosokawa

In his article Mr. Hosokawa stated a meeting has been held between evacuee leaders and members of the Caucasian administrative staff to promote an understanding of each others problems. It was pointed out "The material losses, great as they were, were not quite so important in the long range view of things as the scar that evacuation has caused to disfigure the moral side of these people. After having placed all their faith in the American way of life, it was difficult to face segregation and concentration behind barbed-wire without first being charged or convicted of a specific crime or even given a hearing. In other words, the arbitrary confinement or a portion of the American population on a basis of race and race only has been a matter of deep resentment among many evacuees."--Cody Enterprise; 11/18/42; page 2.

#482

MISCELLANEOUS

"Army Authority is Questioned"

"Portland, Ore.--(AP)--In a test case decision Federal Judge James A. Fee has questioned the right of Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt to issue regulations governing civilians in the western defense zone without a proclamation of martial law. . . If upheld, the decision might ultimately affect numerous army proclamations including the order evacuating persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and citizen, from the coastal area."--Wyoming State Tribune; 11/17/42; page 2.

#483

Denver Audience Hears Story of Japan at War

Joseph Clark Grew, ambassador to Tokyo for the last decade, addressed the people of Denver November 21. "Grew painted a grim picture of the Japanese enemy likely to inspire renewed efforts by civilians to go 'all out' on the home front."--Denver Post; 11/22/42; page 1. #484

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"An All-Japanese City in Colorado"

A series of four feature articles by Lee Casey, Rocky Mountain News editorial writer, regarding the Granada relocation center. The articles discuss the occupational background of the population and present some of the more significant social and economic problems resulting from the evacuation. A fairly comprehensive over-all description of the center is included.--Rocky Mountain News; 11/25/42; page 18. 11/26/42; page 37. 11/27/42; page 5. 11/28/42; page 14. #485

"Topics of the Day" by Jimmie Omura

"Denver, perched high on the eastern slope of the Great Rockies, has become the mecca of disaster-driven U. S. Japanese. . . It is the lure of temporal security and the false tales of job opportunities that bring them here. They come with glistening hopes that are soon to be dispelled by the hard, cold facts of discrimination. . . The odds are overwhelmingly stacked against the people of Japanese descent wherever they are in this nation girded for war. . . We can but hope that people of Japanese descent in the United States will observe the greatest degree of prudence in the manner in which they comport themselves in speech, thought and action."--Rocky Nippon; 11/25/42; page 1. #486

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming" by Bill Hosokawa

Officials of the War Relocation Authority's staff and delegates from all ten war relocation centers met in Salt Lake City last week for an emergency conference of the Japanese American Citizens League. Representatives discussed relocation center problems, general resettlement issues, and formulated policies on these matters.--Cody Enterprise; 11/25/42; page 2. #487

"What Should Be Post-War Japanese Policy?"

In a letter to the Open Forum, Jay Shoemaker of Laramie, Wyoming states: "I recently returned from the west coast where I found that some of the most productive orchard farms in the state of Oregon are owned by Japanese. . . Is the government going to permit these foreigners to continue to own land or is it going to round up and transport all of them back to their native land? Would it not be a good idea to deny the Japanese babies now being born by the hundreds in concentration camps American citizenship?"--Denver Post; 11/29/42; page 6. #488

SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Granada

"Material Arrives for WRA School Buildings"

"The first carload of lumber and materials which is to be used in the construction of the school buildings at Granada WRA center arrived on Friday morning. Work is to start at once."--Granada Journal; 11/26/42; page 1. #489

"Rev. Donald Root to Preach at Amache"

"Rev. Donald Root of the Christian church will speak Sunday night at special services at Amache, the Japanese relocation center at Granada."--Lamar Daily News; 11/28/42; page 1. #490

MISCELLANEOUS

"Relocation Unit Disturbance Ends"

"Poston, Ariz., Nov. 23.--UP--A five-day strike of 6,500 Japanese evacuees at the Colorado river relocation center at Poston has ended. Wade Head, director of the center, says the strike was instigated by a small but well-organized group of Axis sympathizers. He reports the group has been brought under control and the trouble ended without bloodshed or loss of property."--Laramie Daily Bulletin; 11/24/42; page 3. Rocky Mountain News; 11/24/42; page 5. Wyoming State Tribune; 11/24/42; page 1. Billings Gazette; 11/24/42; page 6. #491

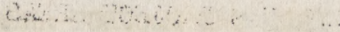
"Hawaiian Japs Moved to Camp in Arkansas"

"Little Rock, Ark.--(UP)--Arrival at the Jerome, Ark., relocation center of 107 alien and native-born Hawaiian Japanese from Honolulu, the first of several contingents to be evacuated from the islands to the mainland, was announced Friday by Regional Director E. B. Whitaker of the War Relocation Authority. Whitaker said the group was composed largely of women and elderly persons who volunteered for removal from the Hawaiian theater of operations."--Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 11/27/42; page 8. #492

JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

"Japs Jail 200 Americans to 'Retaliate'"

"Washington, Nov. 30.--Approximately 200 Americans have been arrested in Shanghai in a Japanese move of retaliation against foreigners there. The arrests were said to be in retaliation for alleged bad treatment of Japanese in American hands. The Japanese press has been complaining about the treatment of Japanese in United Nations' territory, including the enforced movement of Japanese from the west coast of the United States."--Denver Post; 11/30/42; page 7. #493



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"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming" by Bill Hosokawa

"Out of the week-long JACL conference held in Salt Lake City recently came news of the WRA's revised plans for the 110,000 evacuees in the 10 WRA centers. . . As many as possible of the evacuees will be permitted to leave relocation centers and accept permanent employment in various sections of the country outside military zones. . . To many of the evacuees it will mean the severing of strong sentimental bonds with the west coast, but most of them . . are ready and willing to strike out anew in the true American pioneering spirit. . . Dillon Myer has been quoted as saying he believed approximately 25,000 evacuees could be resettled the first year."--Cody Enterprise; 12/2/42; page 2. #494

"Heart Mountain Breezes" by Mary Oyama

"Heart Mountain residents this past week were concerned, upset, and highly indignant to learn that one of their members had gotten afoul of the law and had been lodged in jail in a neighboring town. . . We make no apology for the offender and his deed. . . So, don't believe it when you hear that the 'Japs from the center are buying knives.' That they come into town and buy seven pounds of sugar apiece or that the government is coddling them with electric dishwashers and whole carloads of Bendix washing machines. . . There is definitely no coddling by the government nor the WRA authorities."--Powell Tribune; 12/3/42; page 3. #495

"The WRA Should Help"

"We Granadans feel as though our town streets have not received fair treatment by the WRA. The heavy traffic of hauling material for the evacuee center this summer and the transportation of supplies to the center since have made our streets practically impassable. . . In our townspeople's estimation, it should not even have been necessary to call this situation to the WRA authority's attention. Surely, with their countless bureaus and departments within the center, there should be at least one to look after the outsider whose rights have been encroached upon."--Granada Journal; 12/3/42; page 1. #496

"Japs Now Welcome"

Escorted through the Granada Relocation Center by a Japanese guide, a group of Colorado Springs women observed the center's physical and psychological problems. "The United States government did a great job in record time in constructing the Japanese relocation center at Amache, Colorado. . . There is hope indeed that since the government is encouraging the evacuees to leave these centers as soon as they can secure outside employment, many will be rehabilitated. Let us all do what we can for these people who, after all, are our fellow-Americans."--Gazette & Telegraph; 12/6/42; page 8. #497

"Increasing Japanese a Menace"

Mrs. Janet Little Coyote of Lame Deer, Montana, in response to an article in The Denver Post discussing what to do with the thousands of Japanese babies born here, states: "The sooner the men and women are separated the better. . . I see no reason why the Japanese should be fed as well as our men in the army. Then the money expended in caring for the Japanese mothers and babies could be used by the wives of our men who are now in uniform. . . So I contend the increase of the Japanese in this country should be checked as much as possible so there will be few to ship back to Japan when the war is over."--Denver Post; 12/6/42; page 6. #498

LABOR SITUATION

"Lumber Firm Seeks to Employ 250 Japs"

"Fort Collins, Colo., Dec. 3.--(AP)--Application has been made by the Otto Lumber company and the Fox Park Timber company, which operate in the forested mountain areas near the Colorado-Wyoming line, northwest of Fort Collins, for the employment of 250 relocated Japanese."--Denver Post; 12/3/42; page 4. #499

MISCELLANEOUS

"8 Young Japanese Split with Families and Join U. S. Army"

"Poston, Ariz., Nov. 30.--Eight young Japanese evacuees, disregarding the threats of pro-axis leaders and the pleas of their parents, enlisted in the U. S. army at the height of the revolt in the Poston relocation center."--Greeley Daily Tribune; 12/1/42; page 4. #500

"Jap is Slain in Camp Riot"

"Manzanar, Calif., (AP)--One Japanese was killed and nine wounded Sunday night when soldiers rushed a mob of rioting Nipponese at the Manzanar relocation center. The flare-up came shortly after Ralph Merritt, project director, asked military police to place the camp . . . under martial law. Merritt attributed the trouble to a 'celebration of Pearl Harbor by the pro-Axis group among the Japanese'."--Ft. Collins Express-Courier; 12/7/42; page 8. Denver Post; 12/7/42; page 1. #501

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SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Granada

"Director James Lindley Spikes Rumor 'High Eating' at Center"

"Despite rumors to the contrary, residents at the Japanese relocation center near Lamar, are complying with present and proposed food rationing programs, Project Director James G. Lindley declared Tuesday. . . The total food cost for . . . residents is held well below the maximum allowance of 50 cents a day per person."--Lamar Daily News; 12/8/42; page 6. Greeley Daily Tribune; 12/10/42; page 3. #502

"WRA Asks Bids on Housing Materials"

"Procurement Officer Alton O. Mead has announced that bids and price quotations on material for the structure of WRA personnel and teacher quarters at Amache are being sought. Housing is to be provided for some 140 families. Materials only will be purchased by the government and it is contemplated to use evacuee labor at the regular wage scale." Construction will begin in March of 1943.--Lamar Daily News; 12/12/42; page 1. #503

"Amache To Get Xmas Trees"

Rocky Ford.--Japanese residents of the community voted to buy Christmas trees as a gift for each of the 30 dining halls at Amache.--Lamar Daily News; 12/9/42; page 5. #504

LABOR SITUATION

"Sees Broader Use of Japs on Farms"

"Glasgow, Dec. 8.--(UP)--Ed Berman, eastern Montana regional representative of the War Relocation Authority, announced here that tentative plans have been laid for broader use of Japanese evacuees in the solution of Montana's anticipated 1943 farm labor problem. He said evacuee groups would contract for complete handling of a sugar beet unit, arriving on farms in the spring for the thinning and hoeing and remaining until the harvest is completed in the autumn."--Billings Gazette; 12/9/42; page 7. #505

EDITORIALS AND FEATURE ARTICLE

"A Ragged Discord"

"The outburst at Manzanar was an unfortunate incident. . . . One plain fact brought out by the 'celebration' is that we have thousands of persons who have taken advantage of opportunities offered natives of other countries and who today find it impossible to suppress their desire for our defeat. We have little patience with guests who would take advantage of their hosts."--Billings Gazette; 12/9/42; page 4.

#506

"That's That"

"HOW IS BUILDING HIGH SCHOOLS FOR JAP CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES GOING TO HELP WHIP JAPAN? YOU CAN BET YOUR LIFE THAT THE JAPS ARE NOT BUILDING SCHOOLS EQUIPPED WITH GYMNASIUM AND AUDITORIUM FOR ANY AMERICAN CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PENNED UP IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN JAPAN. If the \$308,000 that is being wasted on this Jap high school were put into bombers to blast Tokyo off the map, it would accomplish something worth while."--Denver Post; 12/9/42; page 2.

#507

"Two Strikes Against Us" by Ugi Harada

"Two strikes were imposed upon us by the American public exactly one year ago. . . . It is obvious that many of us have planted tenaciously in our minds that our security and opportunity will be guaranteed to us either by the United States or by the Empire of Japan after the war. This erroneous concept has not been assured so it is foolish to think that everything will just be dandy, for in every case there will be many readjustments, sacrifices, and sufferings prior to normal life again. . . . By deduction, one conclusion can be made and that is people of Japanese ancestry are not wanted in Post War."

--Rocky Nippon; 12/11/42; page 1.

#508

"Activities of Heart Mountain Wyoming" by Bill Hosokawa

Mr. Hosokawa mentioned the recent press releases about Manzanar, Calif. and Poston, Arizona. "Actually, the matter of internal law and order has been, and probably will continue to be much less serious than many might have expected during the earliest stages of the war-time relocation program." In discussing Heart Mountain's internal security forces he states: "The need of a police force is obvious. Here is a city of 10,000 persons of all ages and stations in life gathered together indiscriminately and kept in confinement within the center boundaries. The only thing that these people have in common is their Japanese blood. . . . Everyone . . . is aware of the difficulties and possibilities for trouble presented by discontent and bitterness, and everything possible is being done to overcome the trouble in a preventative way."--Cody Enterprise; 12/9/42; page 2.

#509

JAPANESE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

"Japs Arrest Americans in North China"

Reports reaching west China indicate the "large scale arrests of Americans in Japanese-occupied north China following the seizure of hundreds of Allied nationals in the International Settlement at Shanghai. . . Foreign quarters said that Japanese repatriated from the United States had impaired Japanese morale with their stories of America's war production, and that this was influencing the Japanese government against exchanging and repatriating Allied nationals for their own people."--Denver Post; 12/9/42; page 5. #510

MISCELLANEOUS

"Four Jailed Following Fight with Military Police"

Four Japanese beet field workers were jailed here Tuesday afternoon as the result of an altercation with soldiers at the Denver Union Station. They were released Thursday and sent to the relocation center at Poston, Arizona, to which they were going when the trouble started.--Denver Post; 12/9/42; page 16. Rocky Mountain News; 12/9/42; page 6. Denver Post; 12/10/42; page 22. Rocky Mountain News; 12/10/42; page 6. Greeley Daily Tribune; 12/9/42; page 1. #511

"California Legion to Oust Japanese"

"San Francisco, Dec. 7.--(INS)--Declaring that 'There is no place for Japanese, supposedly loyal or otherwise, in the Legion,' Comdr. Leon E. Happell said that the California department would cancel the charters of California's two Japanese American Legion posts."--Denver Post; 12/7/42; page 11. #512

"Proposed Slaughter of Park Elk to Feed Interned Japs Attacked"

"Helena, Mont.--(AP)--Gov. Sam C. Ford Monday telegraphed objections to a proposed plan to slaughter a portion of the Yellowstone national park elk herd to feed interned Japanese. . . The slaughtering was advanced as a solution to the feeding problem. . . Sportsmen's organizations had protested proposals to send the meat to Japanese camps, and the park service indicated little meat would find its way to the centers."--Wyoming State Tribune; 12/8/42; page 1. Denver Post; 12/12/42; page 5. #513

"16 Jap-Americans Enlist in Army"

"Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 8.--(AP)--The WRA announced tonight that 16 college-trained, American-born Japanese from the two WRA relocation centers in Arkansas had enlisted in the army for special assignments."--Rocky Mountain News; 12/9/42; page 29. #514



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LABOR SITUATION

"Jap Beet Workers Leaving District"

"Only about 10 of the 37 Japanese workers who were brought to the Fort Collins district to aid in the harvest of the 1943 sugar beet crop still remain, the others having been assigned to other jobs or returned to the relocation centers . . ."--Ft. Collins Express Courier; 12/16/42; page 3.

#515

"Japs Released From Camps at Rate of Ten a Day"

"Washington, Dec. 18.--(AP)--Approximately 200 of the 110,000 west coast Japanese who were sent to war relocation centers . . . have been released to resume normal activity in American life. Statisticians of the War Relocation Authority estimated that others are emerging at the rate of about ten a day, after being investigated for character and loyalty to the United States. They leave voluntarily to take regular jobs."--Denver Post; 12/18/42; page 21..

#516

"Public Forces Firm to Fire Jap Help"

"Raton, N. M., Dec. 19.--(AP)--The Maxwell Farm & Livestock company prepared Saturday to replace three Japanese-American employees after an indignation meeting of Colfax county residents underscored by charges of Japanese labor infiltration. The company several months ago abandoned plans to colonize the Maxwell district with Japanese-Americans."--Denver Post; 12/19/42; page 9.

#517

"Jap Evacuees Will Cut Colorado Timber"

"Stonewall, Colo., Dec. 26.--(INS)--Timber will be cut in the Stonewall valley district for the Colorado Fuel & Iron corporation by approximately fifty Japanese evacuees from the relocation center near Lamar." The volunteers will be quartered in the 4-H club camp near Stonewall. --Denver Post; 12/26/42; page 2.

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SPOT NEWS FROM THE PROJECT AREAS

Heart Mountain

"Center Head Resigns"

"Resignation of C. E. Rochford as director of the Heart Mountain Japanese relocation center near Cody, Wyo., was announced in Denver yesterday by Joseph H. Smart, field assistant director for the War Relocation Authority."--Rocky Mountain News; 12/19/42; page 26. Billings Gazette; 12/19/42; page 2. Denver Post; 12/19/42; page 4. Powell Tribune; 12/17/42; Cody Enterprise; 12/16/42; page 8.

#519

"Heads Jap Center" (Picture of Guy Robertson)

"Guy Robertson of Moran. A former member of the Wyoming game and fish commission and for several years manager of the Teton lodge at Moran, who has been named director of the Heart Mountain Japanese relocation center."--Wyoming State Tribune; 12/20/42; page 1.

#520

Granada

"19 Evacuees Join U. S. Army"

"Amache.--Nineteen men from the Granada Relocation Center answered the Army's call for volunteers and left for the military language school at Savage, Minn., this week. . . 'The Granada center made the best per capita showing of all 10 relocation centers', said Lt. Roy Hirano, head of the recruiting staff."--Lamar Daily News; 12/18/42; page 1.

#521

"Amache Notes"

"In the hope that issei might have a place in the center's self-government set-up, 14 nisei block managers this week tendered their resignations to Project Director James Lindley and recommended that issei block advisers be appointed to replace them"--Lamar Daily News; 12/22/42; page 6.

#522

MISCELLANEOUS

"Jap Club Being Used By U.S.O."

"San Francisco, Dec. 19.--The former Japanese YMCA here is now a USO club providing special facilities for Negro men of the armed forces."--Denver Post; 12/19/42; page 10.

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"Denver Regional War Relocation Office Abolished"

An administrative reorganization in the regional office of the War Relocation Authority was announced by Jos. H. Smart. "Smart said all functions and responsibilities of the three regional WRA offices at Denver, San Francisco and Little Rock have been consolidated under Washington WRA headquarters. . . A considerable part of the former regional staff . . will continue to maintain the Denver office. Other staff members are to be transferred to Washington."--Denver Post; 12/18/42; page 15. Rocky Mountain News; 12/19/42; page 10. #523

"Fort Lupton Jap Evacuee Reports Losing Securities"

"Denver, Dec. 19.--Dr. Shigeichi Okami, Japanese evacuee from Los Angeles now living at Fort-Lupton, told Denver police that he lost a bundle of securities which he valued at more than \$57,000 in peacetime."--Greeley Daily Tribune; 12/19/42; page 1. #525

"Johnson To Oppose Jap School Project"

"Washington, Dec. 23.--(AP)--Senator Johnson, intends to present to the senate appropriations committee a protest against construction of a \$308,000 school development at the Japanese relocation camp at Granada, Colo. He said he was dissatisfied with the War Relocation Authority's explanation of need for such a development."--Pueblo Star-Journal; 12/23/42; page 1. Denver Post; 12/23/42; page 4. Gazette and Telegraph; 12/26/42; page 3. Greeley Daily Tribune; 12/26/42; page 2. Denver Post; 12/29/42; page 17. #526

