

Thoughts of Newell Japs More Important Than How Many Spuds They Plant

(Editor's Note: An Associated Press reporter was assigned to visit the largest single Japanese relocation center in the nation. He came back with this comment: "It seemed to me, after a couple of days there, that what the Japanese were thinking was more important than such things as how many potatoes they were planting. But I tried to get both angles. There were no restrictions placed on me".)

By WENDELL WEBB

TULELAKE, Calif., May 26 (AP)—It took a Japanese high school student, whose name I didn't ask, to paraphrase this reporter's impression of what most evacuees were thinking about in this largest single relocation center in the United States. "If we are regarded as prisoners of war," this student said, "we're getting excellent treatment and no fooling; if we are regarded as United States citizens, as most of us are (over two-thirds), all I can say is that this is one hell of a note."

It might be assumed the student is a loyal American. There is little reason to doubt that many others are. But they all aren't like that. That's what makes them a problem.

There are about 14,000 Japanese and Japanese-American war in this new barracks city almost under the shadow of Mt. Shasta on government-owned, lake-bottom land of northern California. In nine other relocation centers are another 90,000. They were removed from their homes along the west coast as a military measure a year ago.

Physical Appearance
The physical set-up of the center can be told briefly.

Evacuees live in army-type, tarpapered barracks on a mile-square housing tract. Aliens and citizens are not segregated. Families have one large room for all. Each room has a coal stove, necessary number of beds, electric lights. Occupants make or bring their own furnishings. Each block, of 14 barracks and about 300 persons, has its own evacuee-operated messhall, laundry, showers and lavatory.

Occupations
About half of the project's total of 7000 acres is being farmed—potatoes, truck-garden crops, grain, hogs, chickens. Evacuees work the farm. Others operate their five scattered co-operative stores or work in the hospital, barber and beauty shop, shoe-repair shop, the schools, wood-working factory, the community service and recreation department, or the war relocation authority's administration offices.

Pay ranges from \$12 to \$19 a month. Farm laborers averaged 8 cents an hour last year. A maximum clothing allowance of \$3.75 a month is additional. Work is not compulsory, but no work, no pay.

Few Whites
There are less than 200 Caucasians here, including school teachers. They have a little settlement of their own. Six Caucasians and 150 evacuees constitute the police force. Army men patrol the project's borders but don't come inside unless called by the WRA.

The army was called in once when several score evacuees marched on administrative headquarters protesting a job and selective service registration program.

Cause of Protest
Chief reason for the outbreak was resentment because questionnaires, both for off-project jobs and the draft, asked whether evacuees would swear allegiance to America and renounce Japan forever. Those without American citizenship didn't want to renounce Japan—they'd be persons without a country.

(The majority of the 2800 or so eligibles signed statements that they were willing to be drafted. In addition, 60 so far have volunteered and a score have been inducted. The center has 11 veterans of World War I.)

Council Resigns
The 28-member city council resigned. The fact that the council made up then entirely of American citizen Japanese, did not vote to support the WRA administration in urging compliance with the registration program was regarded in some quarters as evidence it either was not 100 per cent American or had yielded to inside pressure.

Six ring-leaders of the so-called revolt now are in an internment camp. Others have served time or still are in civil falls on assault charges growing out of a hearing administered an evacuee who spoke in favor of registration.

Several Strikes
There have been several strikes. One came when farmers and coal unloaders could not get shoes, which now are granted on a showing of definite in-

provide part of the eggs used. There are 1800 hogs, from which comes weekly about 6500 pounds of dressed pork.

Motorized Unit
The entire project has 45 tractors—for construction, road building, garbage disposal and farming. (I inquired because a neighboring rancher told me his chief objection to the center arose from his understanding that "the Japanese have 200 tractors just for their farm and I can't even get mine repaired.")

Such statistics as these tell what the Japanese are doing and what is being done for them. But they can't tell what is being done to them.

Diminishing Loyalty
That can come only from long treks through the dusty streets, visits to their homes, genial chats over their mess tables, conversation regarding the "Tokyo pilot incident" which many believe turned the public against them, and attendance at their schools and at their play.

And even then no positive conclusion could be offered.

But there is an inescapable impression of a slowly diminishing loyalty among some who dwell on the fact that American citizens of Japanese ancestry are confined while citizens of German and Italian extraction generally are free.

Cheerful Front
Most of the evacuees present a cheerful front and say they are trying to think only of the future; a few appear sullen.

Their most widespread ailments are claustrophobia and a nostalgia for their own homes.

There is no doubt that a good many evacuees have a renewed hope in recent weeks—the WRA is providing jobs for those cleared by investigators, and around 10 per cent of the center's residents already have been given "leaves" to resettle at inland points. Officials hope to have the number reach at least 50 per cent. But some don't want to start life all over again.

The confusion which results from any real study toward an understanding of the Japanese' plight was very apparent in the faces of newsmen when pretty, 11-year-old Jean Kawauchi of Sacramento, Calif., at an impromptu program on the last day of our stay, sang in appealing childish melody "There's a Rainbow Following the Showers."

The earliest writing inks consisted of a mixture of lampblack with a solution of glue or gum.

A beaver colony may persist for centuries.

Catafighter in Africa



Poised for action on the prow of a merchant ship at a North African port is an RAF Hurricane fighter used in convoy protection. As on the Arctic run to Murmansk, these planes are catapulted into the air to combat enemy planes or hunt subs, then must crash-land on the sea when gas gives out. Ship picks up the pilot.

Kaiser Hearing On Shipyard Labor To Be Concluded

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26 (AP)—Observers said today the Kaiser shipyard labor hearing may be concluded next week.

Attorneys said only two important defense witnesses remain to be called. They are Edgar F. Kaiser, manager of the three yards here, and his chief counsel, Harry F. Morton.

The hearing is on CIO charges that the yards signed illegal closed shop agreements with the AFL.

Small Home Owners To Get Increases In Fuel Oil Ration

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—Owners of small homes, the OPA said yesterday will get increases in their fuel oil rations for the next season automatically.

When householders return their mail application blanks next month, their ration boards will dig up the figures on floor space and other data from last year's application, apply a new formula and grant increases accordingly, without any red tape for the householder.

A woman educator says the modern girl is always on her toes. Maybe it's because of heels.

Malin

Mrs. F. M. Trout has under cultivation this spring 8500 choice gladioli bulbs, many of them propagated through pollination and from seed in her own garden. The flowers are a commercial venture and dozens of new varieties will bloom this year. The display of flowers last season brought visitors from many parts of the Klamath basin.

Four hundred red poppies will be sold here Saturday, May 29. Mrs. F. M. Trout, poppy sale chairman, is to be assisted by Mrs. Ethel Roberts, Mrs. A. E. Street, Mrs. Merle Loosley, Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. R. S. Thomas, president of the auxiliary of Malin post, American Legion, and Mrs. Sam Woodley.

Charles "Bob" Hamilton, Klamath Falls boy who lost his life in action in Africa in late April, was a nephew of Charles Hamilton of Malin.

The sunburn season will at least stop some people from giving themselves so many pats on the back.

A town of prairie dogs may extend for many miles.

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POST-WAR PUBLIC WORKS NECESSARY

PORTLAND, May 26 (AP)—Huge post-war public works projects, perhaps costing \$25,000,000,000 annually, will be needed "to prevent complete economic collapse," said R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, yesterday.

He told the Oregon Building Congress approximately 40,000,000 persons will be released from the armed forces and war industries and will need peacetime employment.

Oregon is planning its share in the post-war projects, he said, adding that congress also is considering funds for post-war highway construction. Oregon's share would be about \$15,000,000, a sum the state would match, Baldock said.

Klamath Girls Head Associated Women Students at Ashland

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Ashland—The Associated Women Students of the Southern Oregon College of Education elected officers this week, to serve next year. They are: President, Barbara McLean of Klamath Falls; vice president, Henrietta Hall of Gerber, Calif.; secretary, Ann Crandall of Ashland; treasurer, Verna Dean Meggs of Klamath Falls; sergeant at arms, Florence Wood of Ashland. Retiring president is Nellie McLean of Ashland.

These officers direct the extra curricular activities of the women students; they have charge of the big sister work, the entertaining of new girl students at the beginning of the school year, and the acquainting them with the college during Freshman Week in September. Barbara McLean, Henrietta Hall and Verna Dean Meggs are students of teacher-training. Ann Crandall and Florence Wood are enrolled in the junior college department.

NAMES ARE NEWS
KEARNS, Utah, (AP)—Half the trainees answering a questionnaire at the army air forces basic training center got their names in the newspaper before the age of 21.

Most of them figured in sports events, but 25 per cent were in connection with other stories. Listed as typical of the latter group was Elwood Ford of San Francisco "who said he was chased through the streets of San Francisco by a yearling bull."

Edgar Swift is back at the Quality Barber Shop 2325 S. 6th

Lumber Industrial News

GN PLACES STATION AT CAMP ABBOT

Great Northern established a new station last week at Camp Abbot, approximately 18 miles south of Bend, where a short spur has been built from the main line to the engineering replacement center, Camp Abbot.

The station was transferred from Lava Junction, about 14 miles away, to its new location, for the convenience of the army. At the new station, which will be called Abbot, an agent and operator, a cashier is expected to arrive there shortly.

An operator to handle train orders will remain at Lava Junction. Fred H. (Colonel) Pouder, Great Northern dispatcher, retired last week due to ill health after 45 years of railroading. Pouder has worked most of that time for the Wabash and Great Northern railways.

George W. Nordstrom, Great

Northern car accountant from St. Paul, was in Klamath Falls Tuesday.

R. A. Sandstrom, G. N. cashier from Bieber, passed through Klamath Falls Tuesday returning from a vacation with his parents in Spokane.

W. M. Sheed, master mechanic's clerk for Great Northern, resigned last week and has moved to Tacoma.

A HOG'S LIFE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., (AP)—The hog, says Attorney General Guy E. Williams, is a lucky creature indeed.

Informing an Ozark mountain farmer, in answer to a query that there was no law prohibiting male hogs from running on a free stock range, Williams observed:

"The gentleman hog, as he looks out upon his free range, untouched by rationing cards, travel restrictions, administration decrees and slap-happy country savers.

"He is not required to answer a long questionnaire, giving the details of his profits and pleasures. As yet all his roads lead to hog heaven and not to Washington."

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