

JAPS REFUSE TO REPUDIATE OLD LOYALTY

LOS ANGELES, June 10 (AP)—Ralph M. Gelvin, associate director of Poston, Ariz., relocation center, says 450 American-born Japanese at the camp have refused to repudiate their loyalty to the emperor of Japan or swear allegiance to the United States.

Testifying before the Dies congressional sub-committee, Gelvin said yesterday that the refusals were written on questionnaires given to all the center's evacuees over 17 years of age.

Another 180, he said, gave qualified or evasive answers, such as "I'm neutral," to the loyalty question which asked:

"Will you swear allegiance to the United States and forewear allegiance to the emperor of Japan or to any other foreign power?"

Gelvin said there are about 11,000 American-born, or Nisei, Japanese of all ages at the center on the Colorado river, most of them under 30 years of age. He said the administrators at Poston were very much surprised at the number of American-born Japanese who answered "No" on the question of loyalty.

Only 24 women, he added, gave the negative or qualified answers to this question.

The camp official said a general questionnaire was submitted to determine who could be released to work outside. He said those who answered no or with qualification were not released.

A well-organized strike took place at the center last November 18, lasting three and one-half days, Gelvin said. About 1,000 evacuees took part in the stoppage, principally a sit-down strike, he testified.

In answer to a question by the committee, Gelvin stated that no effort was made to segregate the "disloyal" Japanese from others in the center.



WELCOME BACK—Wing Commander W. J. Alington of an RAF Mosquito fighter plane squadron gets a warm welcome from mascots "Mouse" and "Humpty" on his safe return to an English base after a flight over enemy territory.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press

Classification of Oregon Jersey herds was postponed indefinitely by the illness of William Reagan, one of the American Jersey Cattle club's approved judges, who returned to his home at Davis, Calif., shortly after arriving in Portland.

Bids will be called June 15 on a \$100,000 project for 24 privately built homes to alleviate Astoria's housing shortage. Deputy U. S. Marshall Frank L. Meyer arrested Donald Edwards, Oregon City foundry employee, who, the officer said, is wanted by Canadian authorities in connection with a \$12,478 holdup of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Richmond, Ont., July 19, 1938.

Lend-lease administrator, and army, navy and civilian officials.

OPA investigators gave warning notices to the owners of 500

automobiles parked near Multnomah stadium during the dog races. The coroner at Portland identified a body taken from the Willamette river near the St. Johns bridge as that of Charles Barry, 62, missing from his home there since May 28.

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RAIL STORAGE PLANT SLATED IN WASHINGTON

PORTLAND, Ore., June 10 (AP)—Army engineers are acquiring property for a \$11,000,000 rail-road storage project at Auburn, Wash., a party of lend-lease officials disclosed here today.

The depot is designed to facilitate lend-lease shipments out of northwest ports.

The party included Maj. Gen. Charles Wesson, senior assistant in lend-lease; Arthur B. Van Buskirk, deputy administrator; L. J. Martin, senior assisting administrator of operations, and Lt. Cmdr. Donald Watson, assistant administrator.

They said the project would be operated by the army and would have 4,000,000 square feet of storage space; 800-car track holding yard and 400-car classification yard.

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"We want to increase the fluidity of lend-lease materials going out of the ports of Portland and Seattle," said Van Buskirk.

Senior Asst. Administrator of Operations, Martin described the project as a "holding and re-consigning point."

The quartet, which headed a large party including war shipping administration officials, announced that Portland's importance as a lend-lease port "will be increased greatly."

Included in the party are several Russian army officials. A conference with officials of the soviet purchasing commission, which has west coast headquarters here, was scheduled.

Bodies of Pair Found on Desert

FALLON, Nev., June 10 (AP)—Examination of the bodies of a man and woman found on the desert east of here yesterday has convinced Coroner Harold Bellinger the couple was slain about six months ago.

Time of death was estimated by Dr. Robert Wray, county physician, who said the man's skull was fractured and that the woman apparently had been shot through the head.

Army engineers corps insignia were found in both persons' clothing. Coroner Bellinger said the man's shirt came from an army encampment in Virginia.

Skunks are killed and eaten by the great horned owl.

COMMINTERN GOES INTO FINAL DISCARD

MOSCOW, June 10 (AP)—Dissolution of the communist international was completed today when the executive committee announced that sections in 30 different nations had unanimously approved the decision to disband.

The last vestiges of the organization's machinery were scrapped by the announcement, which advised communists throughout the world that they should consider the executive committee and the presidium itself as dissolved forthwith.

The committee's decision to dissolve the comintern—which was established in 1919 to mobilize working class parties all over the world—was announced.

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May 22. Approval of the sections announced today constituted a mere formality.

The United States was not in the list of 30 nations from which messages of approval were received from sections of the international, the communist party in America having received permission to withdraw from the comintern in 1940.

Boise People To Thin Beets

BOISE, Idaho, June 10 (AP)—White collar workers from Boise probably will be called upon to aid in beet thinning soon, Thomas Hunter of the U. S. employment service, said today.

A crew of Mexican workers,

here to do the job, apparently became discouraged by rainy weather last week and headed for Montana.

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