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Alien Camp To Be Constructed In This Area

Internment Camp To Be Placed Near Monticello By the Army

Another big government project has been announced to come to the McGehee area. This time it is an internment camp, or prison, for enemy aliens and prisoners of war.

The camp will be built near Monticello by the War Department, according to Congressman W. F. Norrell. He stated that he had been advised by the Army that the project will cost approximately \$2,000,000. Construction will be under the supervision of the Vicksburg district office of the Corps of Army Engineers.

The establishment, Norrell said will be a tightly guarded place where alien enemies and prisoners of war will be held.

The entire establishment will be surrounded by two high "escape proof" fences, with guard towers spaced at intervals around it. The area between the two fences will be a "no-man's land, brightly lighted at night.

The camp will include 700 acres.

To guard the 3,000 prisoners and handle supervisory work, 750 soldiers, including officers, will be stationed at the project.

Emphasizing that the project will be vastly unlike the nearby Rohwer and Jerome resettlement centers for Japanese, more than 70 per cent of whom are United States citizens, Mr. Norrell declared:

"This is a straight-out prison and is not to be confused with an alien concentration camp or reception center. It will be used strictly for enemy aliens and prisoners of war."