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Japs Available For Farm Jobs

May Be Secured Under Certain Conditions

Japanese at the two evacuation colonies in Arkansas may be employed as farm workers and on other jobs in the state under certain conditions, a War Relocation Authority official said this week.

Under present plans, workers will not be sent to any job unless the United States Employment Service certifies there is need for them in that locality. Citizens of the section must agree to the Japanese coming there and local law enforcement officials must certify law and order will be kept if trouble arises.

They would live near projects on which they are working if suitable housing can be provided. Salaries paid the Japanese would be identical to scales paid other workers in the communities. The WRA officials said if it were not for the rubber shortage, the evacuees could be transported daily within a radius of 50 miles of the colonies.

The Japanese will be ready for work off the colonies, located at Rohwer and Jerome, as soon as they are established in their quarters. They are arriving daily and are building furniture and completing their barracks. Essential furniture is provided by the government.

Several requests from Midwestern firms and planters for Japanese labor from the Arkansas colonies have been received, but they will not be sent out of the state unless they are employed on a permanent basis. The WRA official said there may be a labor shortage in Arkansas next spring and the colonists will not be "loaned" as they can work here.

The colony at Rohwer is expected to be occupied by October 24. Approximately 6,000 already have been sent there. The other at Jerome likely will be filled by November 15. Approximately 1,250 colonists were there yesterday. Both will house 10,000 persons.

Japanese are arriving at each project every day. As many as 1,000 a day have been sent to Rohwer.

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