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More Trouble At Denson Colony

"Hoodlums" Sought In Attacks At Center

Identity of a group of residents of the Jerome Japanese Relocation colony, who Saturday attacked a colony dentist and minister, was being sought by project authorities this week.

Project Director Paul Taylor said "one or two small groups of unknown residents" visited the homes of Dr. T T. Yatabe and the Rev. John M. Yamazaki and assaulted them. He described the injuries as "slight."

Cause of the assault had not been determined, Taylor said, though the two men had been subjected to threats during their residence in West Coast assembly centers. He attributed the attack to a small minority of "hoodlums."

"It has been common knowledge that trouble-makers were among the centers residents," Taylor said. "The center's internal security organization (police) hopes that in a short time the guilty persons will be identified and dealt with in the courts."

In as far as he could determine, Taylor continued, there was no connection between the beatings and general registration being conducted to determine eligibility of residents for army service or outside employment.

"About 200 men came in Saturday to ask further details of the registration system," Taylor said. "However I do not think the two events are connected."

Dr. Yatabe, dentist formerly of Fresno, Cal., had addressed groups in Little Rock and towns near the center. The Rev. Mr. Yamazaki is well known in religious circles.