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Disloyalty Low At Rohwer Senators Find

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Definite recommendations will be made by U. S. Senator A. B. Chandler, chairman of the Military Affairs special committee, and Senator Jas. E. Murray, a member, for more rigid restrictions on the 8,460 Japanese located in the Rohwer Japanese colony as the result of their investigation conducted last week.

The Senators found the Rohwer center has the lowest per centage of acknowledged disloyalty of the five centers where they have held hearings. The per centage is 20 while four other camps in California and Arizona, range from 40 to 60 per cent who express their favoritism for Japanese.

Senator Chandler in agreement with Senator Murray, will also recommend that the acknowledged loyal citizens be taken into the Army under the regular selective service program.

These Japanese have been classed as 4-C and none has been inducted. Queries made during the investigation established the fact that many of the male colonists would prefer serving with regular Army units rather than in units made up of Japanese only.

Only 29 of the 1,608 male citizens between 17 and 38 enlisted under the recent War Department order permitting them to enter the service voluntarily.

Of the five camps visited by the committee members, only 323 of a possible 10,000 eligible Japanese enlisted voluntarily. In all camps investigated the Japanese expressed their preference to being drafted and placed in service with regular troops "like all other Americans."

In Arizona, the committee found where two colonies of 15,000 population each has been established on Indian reservation, Japanese are not wanted.

"This situation here with regard to the attitude of the people of this locality and the state, is no different than any where else," said Senator Chandler.

"They are not wanted now or after the war. It seems in a few instances they can be used in the beet industry in stoop labor to which they are highly adaptable.

"I am informed that a representative is now in McGehee trying to enlist labor from the colonies.

"Under the system, citizens at the colonies, both Jerome and Rohwer and other like centers of the nation may, upon assurance of jobs, be issued indefinite furloughs.

"We must segregate those who are not loyal and put them where they can do no damage to the country or their own people who are loyal.

"There are 106,000 of these people in 10 centers over the nation, and they own \$200,000,000 in the wealth of the country. But what is the obligation of the people of this country to the man who won't fight, who won't work and who refuses to acknowledge any responsibility to other than an enemy nation?"

The senator's reference was to the fact that all of the Japanese, both citizens and the loyal are housed and granted the same privileges, as those who are by their own acknowledgment "20 percent at Rohwer enemies of our country who would prefer to fight for Japan." Their attitude was expressed in questionnaires less than a month ago.

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