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Japanese Fight Among Themselves Wednesday

Two Japanese are in the Rohwer Center hospital, while six others are incarcerated in the Arkansas City jail, as the result of a riot staged by evacuees at the Rohwer Japanese colony north of McGehee Wednesday.

The fighting broke out shortly after the noon hour at the mess hall in Block 27, but was quelled before any serious injuries were inflicted, according to Ray D. Johnston, WRA project manager.

Mr. Johnston minimized the affair, but some sources say that knives and axes were flashed during the melee.

Johnston said the disturbance was started by some of the Japanese demanding extra privileges. The fighting, however, was between two groups of Japanese.

Extent of the injuries of the two Japanese who were hospitalized were not learned, but were thought to be not serious.

Investigation of the incident is continuing, said Mr. Johnston, and further arrests may be made.

While there have been several disturbances reported at other relocation centers since the mass evacuation of 100,000 Japanese from the west coast, this is the first trouble reported at the Rohwer colony, which is thought to have a higher percentage of loyal Japanese-Americans than any of the other centers.