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Governors Fight 'Dumping' of Aliens

SCOO, March 2.—Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, chief of Defense Command, indicated today that the Army is in line with the wishes of nine inland governors who announced to their states, becoming "dumping grounds" for alien evacuees.

The Army soon will designate areas in which alien evacuees must evacuate. It was believed the new orders might affect 200,000 enemy aliens on the West Coast and their American-born children. A presidential proclamation recently authorized the Army to establish defense zones from which both alien and citizens could be barred.

"Military necessity is the sole yardstick by which the Army selects the military areas from which the evacuation of certain groups will be required," Gen. DeWitt said. "Public clamor for evacuation from non-defense areas and the insistence of local organizations and officials that evacuees not be moved into their communities can not be considered in the defense must come first."

Gen. DeWitt's statement was issued as Rep. Tolson (D., Calif.), chairman of the House committee studying defense migratory problems, reported at Seattle that nine Western governors had announced opposition to having their states made "dumping grounds for aliens." The governors represented Arizona, Wyoming, Idaho, New Mexico, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Nevada, Montana and Arkansas.

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