

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1944

# Over 600 Nisei at Poston Found Openly Disloyal

About 630 American-born Japanese over the age of 17, now at the Poston (Ariz.) relocation center, were found to be openly disloyal or of questionable loyalty to the United States, the Dies subcommittee learned at its hearing yesterday in the Federal Building.

Of that number, 450 American-born answered "No" to the question: "Will you swear allegiance to the United States and forswear allegiance to the Emperor of Japan or to any other foreign power?"

The balance of the 630, or 180, gave a qualified answer to the question, such as "I'm neutral" or some other evasion.

## **Nisei Total 11,000**

Among the 630 there were 606 men and 24 women.

The men at Poston who were born in the United States and who are now over the age of 17 number about 3600. In all there are about 11,000 American-born, or Nisei, Japanese at Poston, counting them in all ages from babies up. Not many are much over 30.

The information was given the committee by Ralph M. Gelvin, associate director at Poston for the War Relocation Authority.

Gelvin told the committee that the administration at Poston was very much surprised at the number of Nisei who said "No" to the question.

Gelvin was on the witness stand all day. The committee consists of Representatives John Costello, chairman, Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota and Herman Eberharter of Pennsylvania. The hearing will be continued today when other officials at Poston are expected to be called.

## **Placed on 'Stop' List**

The question on loyalty was part of a general questionnaire which was submitted to the Japanese by the W.R.A. in efforts to determine who could be released from the center to work on the outside. There

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