

TROOPS ALERT AS TULE JAPS DEFY COLONEL

Leaves Revoked, Tanks Ready
Following Internees' Refusal
To Hear Commander's Orders

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TULE LAKE, Nov. 13.—

Once again this turbulent Japanese segregation camp was in a state of tension today.

It was placed on an "alert" basis by the Army, and troops on leave were recalled abruptly following a demonstration of Japanese and their open defiance of Lieut. Col. Verne Austin, Army commandant.

Developments:

1—The 16,000 disloyal Jap internees reportedly refused to leave their barracks to hear an address by Colonel Austin. However, Austin "laid down the law" to the Japs via public address loudspeakers hooked up to the barracks.

2—Just prior to Austin's speech a group of Japanese—reports said they numbered between 350 and 500—marched through the center's streets flaunting headbands bearing the rising sun insignia of Imperial Japan.

3—It was reported that 250 whites, civilians employed by a private construction firm doing work here, and who live in the camp, were demanding adequate protection, and that unless this was forth coming they would strike.

CAMP CLEARED.

"Law and order is being maintained" was the Army's only comment on the situation tonight. An Army officer said that "martial law was declared when the Army moved in on November 4."

Austin's scheduled speech had been advertised in advance to the Japs. Before he was to make it, however, newspaper men were required to leave the camp. There were many visible signs of preparation for the address, though. Many armored cars, which had been outside the enclosure on various missions, poured into the camp. Troops with tommy guns marched in. Ambulances were drawn up outside troop barracks.

AUSTIN WARNED.

Then, according to reports, a Japanese committee appeared and warned Austin to "stay away." It was said that Austin immediately jumped into a car and headed for the enclosure where the speech was to have been made. Not a single Jap was there to hear him. But Austin spoke, anyway. His words blared over the public address system, to the Japs in their barracks.

He said, it was reported, that henceforth the Army, and not trouble making Jap "committees" will dictate camp life, and that he "laid down the law" on what the disloyal Japs can and cannot do.

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