

Vegas Territory Is Banned To Alien

Enemies By New Dewitt Regulation

Dam, Airport and Gunnery School Are Included

123 Prohibited Zones Are Set Up in the State of Nevada

Southern Nevada and the defense industries contained therein, today were designated as military areas by the western defense command and the fourth army, and prohibited areas, where alien enemies cannot travel, have been set up.

Four prohibited areas were designated by Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, including Boulder dam, the air corps gunnery range, the radio station at El Rancho Vegas and the Las Vegas municipal airport.

Number Five

Nevada is designated as military area number five and in the area there are 123 prohibited zones.

Included in the prohibited areas are the naval ammunition depot at Hawthorne, the radio station in Reno, the Reno municipal airport, the Elko municipal airport, the city of Reno itself, the city of Elko, railroad bridges on the Southern Pacific, Western Pacific and Union Pacific and tunnels on all three railroads.

In outlining the restrictions on alien visitations to the radio stations, DeWitt says: "The prohibited area is limited to the entire property, whether devoted exclusively or partially to radio broadcasting, including broadcasting studios, and whether contained in a separate building or a portion of a building and property whereon a transmitter or other broadcasting equipment is located."

El Rancho Barred

This means, in light of the interpretations made in California, that El Rancho Vegas is a prohibited area into which no enemy alien can venture.

With 120,000 German, Italian and Japanese aliens and Japanese of American birth awaiting orders to evacuate designated zones in California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona, the army proclamation added the states of Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Utah and an undetermined number of other enemy aliens to the areas now under its control.

Prohibited Areas

It also set up 34 new prohibited areas from which those aliens will soon be excluded. The zones

are in the eight western states and center chiefly around airports, radio stations, highway and railway bridges, power plants and dams, flying schools, air bases, industrial plants, communications centers and city areas of military significance.

Already designated as military area No. 1 were the western portions of California, Oregon and Washington and southern Arizona. The eastern half of the three coast states and northern Arizona were placed in military area No. 2.

The new proclamation makes Idaho area No. 3, Montana military area No. 4, Nevada military area No. 5 and Utah military area No. 6.

Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, head of the western defense command, signed "Public Proclamation No. 2" which established the new military areas.

He said their designation as such "does not contemplate any prohibition, regulation or restriction except with respect to the zones established therein." Otherwise it restricts only the changes of residences by any persons of Japanese ancestry, or German or Italian aliens within the areas.

They will be required to execute a change of residence notice through the postoffice of the city in which they reside.

No Mass Ouster

DeWitt's order indicated there will be no mass evacuation from the four states bordering the Rocky mountains, but that enemy aliens residing within one mile of the restricted zones will be ordered to move.

His first proclamation said all Japanese and all German and Italian aliens would be moved from prohibited zone 1-A, which embraces the coastal area of Washington, Oregon, and Califor-

nia to a depth of about 100 miles, and the southern borders of California and Arizona.

Orders for such evacuation are expected to be issued soon.

Five Classes

Five classes of enemy aliens have been set up. The first includes those suspected of subversive activity. Most of them already have been rounded up and sent to internment camps. The second was Japanese aliens, the third Japanese citizens, the fourth German aliens and the fifth Italian aliens.

It is the army's plan to evacuate them by classes to reception centers now being set up in the Owens and Palo Verde valleys, from whence they will be sent to permanent homes in the interior.

Ten thousand aliens already have left certain coastal areas under orders issued in February by the department of justice. The army later was given supreme command and the program it is setting up is nearly completed.

Working with the army, other federal agencies are protecting the evacuees by providing for their welfare until they become self-supporting.