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Plans of the War Relocation Authority to reopen the Leupp Center near Winslow, Ariz., about May 15 were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes. The Leupp Center is being reopened to take care of those evacuees of Japanese ancestry who have been agitators or troublemakers at the Tule Lake Segregation Center in northern California. It will be operated under the administration of Ray R. Best, Director of the Tule Lake project.

Approximately 100 men, the majority of them American citizens, who were arrested after taking part in a disturbance at the Tule Lake center last November 4, will be sent to Leupp. Since the November disturbance they have been confined in a stockade in the Tule Lake center. Some of the aliens who took part in the incident have been transferred to internment camps for enemy aliens, under jurisdiction of the Department of Justice.

The Leupp center was opened as an isolation unit under the War Relocation Authority on April 27, 1943, and was closed on December 2, when its inmates were transferred to the Tule Lake Center, which had meanwhile become the segregation center for persons whose loyalties were with Japan rather than with the United States.

The supervising officer of the Leupp center will be designated by Mr. Best, who was the director of Leupp center before being appointed to his present position.



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