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## Propose Boost In Local Postage Charges

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3—Stiffer excise taxes on so-called luxuries and an increase in postal rates, boosting local letter charges from 2 cents to 3 were approved recently by the House Ways and Means Committee, according to the Associated Press.

All proposals for increases in tax levies on cigarettes and other tobacco, were rejected by the tax-initiating body. The committee also refused to impose excises on soft drinks, candy and chewing gum.

### NEW RATES

Although it does not go into effect until later, the new postage rate changes follow: local letters, first class—2 cents an ounce, raised to 3 cents; out-of-town letters, first class—3 cents, unchanged; air mail—6 cents an ounce to 10 cents; special delivery—now 10 to 35 cents, unchanged; second class mail—now 1 cents each two ounces, to 1 cent per ounce; third class mail—now 1.5 and 2 cents for each two ounces, to 3 and 4 cents for each two ounces; money orders—now 6 to 22 cents, to 10 to 37 cents; registered mail—now 10 to 70 cents, to 15 cents to \$1 per article; c.o.d. mail—now 12 cents to \$1.20 per article, to 24 cents to \$2.40.

The committee called for stiffer increases on luxury taxes, including: toilet preparations (lipsticks, etc.)—now 10 per cent, raised to 25 per cent; jewelry—10 per cent to 15 per cent; general admissions to amusement places—now 1 cent per 10 cents, raised to 3 cents per each 10 cents.

## Views On Japanese Minority Problems In Legion Magazine

"One approach to a difficult after-the-war problem" discussed in the American Legion Magazine of June brought forth many letters from legionnaires and citizens giving their views on the Japanese problem. Among them, one article by a Californian, Claude N. Settles protesting the original article and another article by Leo A. McClatchy offering yet "another approach" was published in the October issue of the Legion Magazine.

Following are excerpts from "Our Neighbors: The Japs in Our Yard" by Claude N. Settles.

"When I first read the article 'Japs in Our Yard' in the June issue of our magazine I was exasperated that such rank misrepresentation of fact could be allowed to go uncontested...

### PROVEN MINORITY

"We are told that all states should deny these exiled citizens the right to settle within their boundaries. Instead it is implied we should take a minority group which has proved itself the most self-sufficient, the least inclined to crime, the most seldom on relief, the group with most wholesome family life—the most industrious group, and spend \$200,000 a day, more or less to keep

## LAND IS MINE

"This Land Is Mine," a moving and inspiring drama of Nazi occupation of a French town starring George Saunders, Maureen O'Hara, Charles Laughton and Walter Slezak is slated for weekend showings at the outdoor theater.

The argument for the democratic way of life is masterfully set forth in the character of a schoolmaster palyed by Charles Laughton, a timid cowardly soul who becomes a figure of heroic proportions when, fully awakened to the Nazi villainess. He finds himself doomed for his love of liberty.

## STATE ATTORNEYS MAY AID LOCALS

Through a plan developed by the San Francisco office of the WRA in cooperation with the California State Bar Association, evacuees living here may secure the services of California attorneys in legal matters which cannot be handled at the center, according to Project Director Ralph P. Merritt.

Under this new system in operation, center residents may choose a lawyer to represent them from a list of 800 California attorneys who have agreed to handle legal matters for evacuees who formerly resided in California.

According to the release from the project director, a standard fee has been agreed upon which covers all types of legal work and which is generally lower than fees ordinarily charged for similar services. It was stated that evacuees will be given a list of attorneys' names in the locality of the jurisdiction involved from which to choose.

Residents desiring this service should contact Project Attorney J. Benson Saks for further information and assistance.

## Auditors Report Findings To Board Of Directors

At the seventh meeting of the Co-op Board of Directors, Auditor G. C. Hofacre and Assistant Henry Tianen of the Northwestern Cooperative Auditing and Service Association of Walla Walla, Wash., reported their findings of the books of the Manzanar Consumers' Enterprises for the six months period from April 1 to September 30.

Mr. Hofacre stated that the total income for the six months period based on the records is \$38,666. He found that "you have greatly enhanced your financial condition" and that "you are better off financially than you were six months ago." He stated that there were \$96,322 in current assets and \$31,193 in current liabilities. The auditor disclosed that this brought a ratio of \$3.09 in current assets to \$1 of the current liabilities. As far as liability to outside creditors is concerned, the miscellaneous payables are in excellent condition, stated Mr. Hofacre.

### DEBT TO WRA

The auditor told the directors that salaries, rent and utility due to the WRA should be paid as quickly as possible. It was revealed that the WRA paid the salaries and clothing allowances of the Co-op employees for three months prior to the establishment of the Cooperative Enterprises. It was stated that the WRA had not definitely made known what they claim was owed to them, including rent and utility, but when the claim is definitely ascertained, the payments should be made. Mr. Hofacre stated that there was approximately \$8000 to be paid to the WRA.

## Tofu Manufacture Resumes This Week

After a delay of two weeks, the Industrial Division announced this week that resumption of tofu production was now under way.

"Difficulty was experienced in securing suitable beans for tofu but the War Relocation Authority was finally able to secure a six-month contract, calling for a first of the month delivery," the division announced.

At present, the tofu factory is producing an average of 570 cakes of tofu per day. This is reported to be sufficient to supply each mess hall twice a week.

## Tell Center Supplies Difficult To Obtain

Procurement Officer B. O. Wilson revealed that because of the curtailment of all supplies, many of the things for center use are quite difficult to obtain. Some of the more difficult to obtain are: critical metals required for instruments of precision; intricate tools; highly technical tools and instruments; telephone and telegraph wires; and all materials requiring the use of rubber goods. Of course foodstuffs such as milk, butter, eggs and meat will continue to be rationed.

"Of necessity, staple subsistence supplies are purchased and stored for not to exceed sixty days in advance. Emergency items are stored in small quantities. Subsistence supply stock is determined by the Quartermaster

## J. WINCHESTER HEADS LOCAL WAR FUND DRIVE

In co-ordination with the National War Fund campaign now in every city, hamlet and town throughout continental and territorial United States, Manzanar's drive will commence today and will continue until November 20, according to Joseph Winchester, who will head the drive in Manzanar.

He will be representative of the California War Chest drive for the Inyo county board.

"Never, not even in World War I, has such an important appeal been made," declared Ralph T. Fisher, president of California War Chest, Inc. "The objective is so large that it is vitally important that every man and woman in each of our communities be given a personal presentation," he said.

### UNITED CAMPAIGN

California's War Chest is for the purpose of One United Campaign throughout the state to cover accredited war-related services not included under lend-lease or government subsidized activities, according to Winchester.

In line with this drive, the needs of the following were given by Winchester: Over 30 million refugees from Axis-invaded nations need assistance in re-establishing their usefulness to society; 50 million Chinese are homeless; over 800,000 square miles have been overrun in Russia; 19 of each 20 Greek babies born since 1940 have died; starvation in Greece has taken a toll of more than one-third of the population; two and a half million Polish refugees and prisoners of war need help and 2,000 children have been brought to America from evacuated areas. In our home fronts, juvenile delinquency among boys rose 7.5 per cent while girls' delinquency rate rose to 31 per cent.

The following most sought information was made available recently by the War Chest, Inc.: (1) What is the objective of the National War Fund, Inc.? Ans.: The National War Fund, of which all state chests and local affiliated campaigns are a part, was created to raise and distribute adequate funds to meet the reasonable requirements of war-related appeals approved by the President's War Relief Control Board.

(2) Will many causes be covered? (Continued on Page Two)

## RESIDENT BUYER OF CO-OP VISITS

Margaret Kawashima, elected recently at the inter co-op conference in Chicago as one of the resident buyers in New York for the ten center enterprises, visited this center this week at the invitation of the Manzanar Co-op management. Business Superintendent Dr. William J. Bruce stated that she was asked here to acquaint her with the problems of Manzanar.

The buyers in the various departments of the dry goods store met with Miss Kawashima to inform her of the particular needs of yardage and cloth materials to suit the climatic conditions of Manzanar. An order for goods was given her by the dry goods department. She also made a study of the clothing factory facilities in order to obtain materials for the manufacture of clothing goods for Manzanar and other centers.

She will act as buyer for the Center Business Enterprises Federation in New York City with George Mori, head buyer, and Wilbur Takeguchi, buyer. The Federation will endeavor to buy available goods for the ten centers as they are ordered.

"The weather is much more nicer in Poston," stated Miss Kawashima. "It is cool in the mornings and evenings but during the day it gets warm. We have no plasterboards in the apartments like you do here but we have mattresses so that sort of makes it even."

## 2000 In Tulelake Under Surveillance In Farm Sit-down

TULELAKE, Calif., Nov. 3—"Passive resistance" strike of 2000 segregants of Tulelake center was expected to be broken by the arrival of volunteer harvest workers from other centers according to latest reports from that center.

The Los Angeles Evening Herald Express stated that about 2000 of the camp's 15,000 population was involved in the work stoppage, now entering its third week. Many of the internees' wives and children, born and educated in the United States, did not participate in the demonstration. Although the women do not work in the harvest fields normally, they continued work uninterruptedly at other tasks.

Assistant Director C. E. Zimmer declared several hundred volunteer workers from Topaz, Utah; Heart Mountain, Wyo.; and Poston, Ariz. centers arrived Monday to harvest farm crops. They are being quartered on the farm grounds away from the strikers to prevent any trouble. He predicted the strike would wear itself out without an outbreak of violence.

### HEAVILY GUARDED

The strikers, although their privileges are not curtailed, are under close surveillance of reinforced Army guards and the camp is enclosed by a double fence of barbed wire, it was disclosed. The strikers have indicated that they consider themselves "prisoners of war." Although the center authorities say they do not come under that classification they cannot be forced to work on the farms. Zimmer declared "Under the Geneva convention provisions they are required only to do housekeeping chores such as keeping their quarters cleaned."

terCorps and the Medical Department of the Army," said Mr. Wilson.



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## Biddle Talks to Bar Association About Japanese

"One of the most difficult and delicate problems presented by the war is that presented by the situation of American citizens of Japanese descent," stated Attorney General Francis Biddle in an address before the West Virginia Bar Association on October 9.

He told the Association of the military order evacuating over 100,000 persons from the West Coast to relocation centers established by the WRA. Biddle told the group that "roughly two-thirds of these people are American citizens by reason of their birth within the United States. The remaining one-third are aliens not considered sufficiently dangerous to be interned as enemy aliens under the procedure established for that purpose."

"I suppose that no group in the history of the country has ever been confronted with the degree of antipathy visited upon these Japanese—in terms which draw little distinction between

## LAST SHIPMENT OF HOGS ARRIVES

The fourth and last shipment of 50 hogs for the time being, arrived Wednesday, according to the Farming Division. Chief Clerk Y. Amamoto said that these hogs averaged from 50 to 75 pounds. This brought the total number of hogs to 329.

The fencing of an area for the cattle project has now been com-

pleted and the division is now awaiting the purchase of cattle.

Vegetables stored during October included Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, Hubbard squash and banana squash, according to the monthly report. Produce delivered to the pickling and dehydration plant during the month totaled 36½ tons, it stated.

citizens and aliens or between those who are loyal and disloyal to the United States."

### NOT INTERNED

Francis Biddle told them that persons in relocation centers are not interned, but under regulations, loyal citizens and law-abiding citizens may apply for temporary or indefinite leave. He told the group that the theory of the relocation program is that it is designed to assist rather than to restrict re-establishment in normal life. "So far as Japanese citizens of the United States are concerned, this theoretical basis of the program is probably essential to sustain its validity," the attorney general stated. "Detention of citizens on the sole ground of their race for a longer period than is necessary to separate the loyal from the disloyal and to facilitate resettlement in new communities is difficult to reconcile with the constitutional rights of citizens."

## Police Department Warns All Drivers

A warning to all drivers was given this week by Police Chief John L. Gilkey regarding the parking of vehicles too close to buildings and barracks.

"All drivers of vehicles parked too close to buildings or barracks any place in this camp will receive a ticket and if they continue to do so, their case will be taken before Project Director Ralph P. Merritt. The Police Department already has issued six citations during the past week for such violations, Chief Gilkey stated.

## Report 'Smokey' Stoves To Thorne

Oil stoves which are producing an excessive amount of smoke when lighted should be reported to Herbert Thorne, assistant construction superintendent of the Public Works Department, Fire Protection Officer Frank C. Hon warned this week.

The Fire Department answered a call at Warehouse 1 early Thursday morning and also answered a similar call at the Free Press Office, Mr. Hon revealed.

An antifreeze chemical will be put into fire extinguishers beginning next week, Fire Protection Officer Frank C. Hon reported today.

The chemical, sodium dichloromate, is difficult to obtain and residents are requested to cooperate with the Fire Department to see that children do not tamper with the extinguishers.

Chief Hon stated that this chemical is difficult to remove from clothes. Parents are asked to keep their children from playing with the extinguishers.

## Furlough Workers Return Thursday

Fifteen furlough workers returned Thursday night from Idaho, the Relocation Office announced this week. The contingent was composed of Saburo Kuramoto, Takashi Yamamoto, Isei Minato, Tsutomu Uyeda, Ken Ozeki, Charles Hamasaki, Mitsuyuki Wakashima, Soye Takuichi Wakashima, Kenneth Nakata, Jitsuzo Nakata, Jisaku Mitsui, Kyomatsu Yasutake, Mochiro Fujiwara, Ernie Kawauchi and Harry Hatta.

Others who have returned from furlough work since August include Henry Miyoshi, Joe Okoma Kamimura, Barney Yamamoto, Sakuo Nakahama, Giro Murakami, John Shimobayashi, Henry Umata Naritomo, Roy Kunieda, Takashi Minato, George Sakaye Wakita, Joe Kajii, Taira Fukushima, Wallace Takeyama, Yoshio Kakehashi, Juan Nakagi, Reijiro Nakagi, Shigeshi Yamano, Jack Akinaga, Harvey Okie, Teruo Arasuna, Isamu Ikebuchi, Tetsuo Yamamoto, Kiyoshi Nishimura, Frank Takeuchi, Sam Yoshimura, Dan Fukunaga, Mike Zoriki, Hiro Hino, Sentaro Arai, Fumio Fukui, Sabaichiro Sato and Robert Nakashima.

## SEND VOUCHERS

Vouchers for the August and September clothing allowances have been sent in according to word received this week from Robert B. Krueger, junior counselor, of the Clothing Allowance department. Residents will be notified as soon as the checks arrive from the Los Angeles disbursing office.

## Group Discusses On World Friendship

In observance of the "Week of Prayer and World Fellowship," November 14-20, the YWCA and the Young People's Fellowship group are having a worship service tomorrow evening at 7:30 at 19-15.

A program has been planned with the following places represented in a talk to be given by the young people: India, Africa, the United States, China, Latin America, Japan, and Europe.

Everyone is cordially invited to share this World Fellowship service, stated the Y staff.

by the first Army questioning group.

"Merritt emphasized that all instructions for satisfactory clearance of those evacuees requesting a rehearing on their cases came from Washington WRA headquarters, not Manzanar," the article said.

## Christian Science Monitor

### DEVOTES ARTICLES ON MANZANAR

In a recent edition of the Christian Science Monitor, an international daily newspaper printed in Boston, Mass., Manzanar Relocation Center received good publicity in a series of articles written by Rodney L. Brink, staff correspondent.

Mr. Brink coined the word "Manzanar-yan" in his articles in referring to Manzanar residents and quoted the Free Press

pictorial in assembling an interesting story.

"Recently youthful Manzanar-yan, to coin a word, set forth something of their feelings about their cantonment home, and by inference about their strange wartime experience, in a most ambitious pictorial edition of their camp paper, the Manzanar Free Press," wrote Mr. Brink.

## New Supervisor Tells Of Marked Change In Co-op

Lee C. Poole, new business enterprise superintendent of the Manzanar Consumers' Enterprises, saw more co-op mindedness among the people and a marked interest in relocation as the most predominant changes since the beginning of the Co-op when he was then assistant supervisor under Dr. William J. Bruce.

"I think the smoothness of operation in the Co-op is the result of experience in running a member-owned business. The accounting office has better control of the financial status and has learned the benefits of the retail control system. Everything is business-like, well attended to and the people seem to know what they are doing and why," stated Mr. Poole.

He is interested in seeing the Co-op intensify its educational work to the end that the residents will be better acquainted with the kind of cooperative they own; to increase interest in relocation and recognize the values of the Co-op method in the relocation of individuals and future family groups. "I am also hopeful for a greater membership participation in the Cooperative," stated Mr. Poole.

### SOUND ORGANIZATION

In regards to the operation of the Co-op, Lee Poole stated, "I don't see any reason for an attempt to change the present course of the Cooperative; it is sound in its organization and direction. I hold to the same Co-op idealisms as did Dr. Bruce."

"In the near future, we are expecting Don Alberson, former enterprise superintendent of Tulalake, to be here for a few weeks to find out the interest of the people of Manzanar in planning for and establishing a credit union here. The major factor of organizing such a union will be to make small loans to relocating families needing small capital to get started on."

Lee C. Poole, former associate procurement officer, came to this center in June, 1942, from Berkeley, California. While there, he was general manager of the University of California Student Cooperative Association. A graduate of the University in 1938, Mr. Poole had been associated with the Student Co-op there for six years.

His first job as associate superintendent of community enterprises was the undertaking of a cooperative education program for the people in Manzanar.

## Museum To Sponsor Christmas Gift Sale

Beginning December 1, a gift sale will be held at 8-15. The purpose of this sale will be to give people a chance to exchange products made in Manzanar by selling their own and buying that of others.

The Co-op will handle sales, and no limitations to the types and number of articles allowed in this exhibit will be made.

Residents are urged to enter their products in the exhibit, as, with the coming of Christmas, there is now a growing demand for Manzanar-made gift articles, stated Kiyotsugu Tsuchiya, director of the Visual Education Museum.

## Recognize Ikeda As 1000th Resettler

The privilege of being the thousandth person to resettle from Manzanar went to Sam Shigetaka Ikeda, 59-year-old issei from Pasadena, according to Senior Escort Ruth Cushion.

She also revealed that Ikeda was a member of the volunteer contingent and arrived here on March 23, 1942. He was then joined by his family from Tulare on August 23 of that year.

During his residence in Pasadena, he was a salesman and an employee of a boiler concern.

When plans for the evacuation of Japanese were made known, his daughter, Lily Yuri, resettled to Chicago while another son, Carroll, went to Lincoln, Neb. Carroll is now attending a school there.

On December 11, 1942, his daughter, Dorothy Sachiko, left for Chicago and was joined by her brother, Otto Masaru, in 1943. Another son, Donald Kiyoshi, went to study in Lincoln, Neb., while still another son, Albert Ikeda, remained at Tulare from where he was later transferred to Gila, Arizona. Besides these children, he has a son, William, in the armed forces and another son, Theodore Shikeyaki here in Manzanar.

Both his wife Asa and son Theodore will join him when suitable housing can be found, the Senior Escort revealed. Mr. Ikeda left for Chicago on November 5, 1943, to work as a boiler man for the Parkway Committee House.

"This is one of the typical family groups to resettle from Manzanar," Mrs. Cushion concluded.

## To Sponsor Ninth In Panel Discussions

"The Four Freedoms—What is the Peace for Which We Fight" will be the topic of the ninth panel discussion of the series being presented by Adult Education. Dr. Melvin Strong will be the chairman of this discussion which will be given this Wednesday from 7 p.m. at 7-10-4. Other members of the panel are Dr. Morris Opler, J. Benson Saks, Clyde Simpson, Rollin Fox and Dr. Genevieve Carter, announced the Adult Education Department. Any persons who are interested in attending are welcome to come.

## Children's Night

Sokichi Sugimoto, general manager, announced that on Thursday, November 25, the Co-op will hold a children's night at the outdoor theater. Plans have been made to obtain features for the entertainment of small children in the center for Thanksgiving night.

## Evacuee Release Policy of WRA Questioned By News Reporter

Emphasizing the idea that Japanese evacuees are being released from relocation centers by a simple process accessible to any evacuee, Jack S. McDowell, correspondent for the San Francisco Call-Bulletin and the International News Service has written articles regarding Manzanar and published in a recent issue of the Los Angeles Examiner.

McDowell visited Manzanar Saturday, November 13, and showed special interest in the leave clearance procedure and relocation aspects of the WRA. Project Director Ralph P. Merritt was interviewed by the correspondent who stayed in this center but a few hours.

As result of the INS story released in Los Angeles, the United Press office in Los Angeles called the project director by telephone last Wednesday. From the conversation with Mr. Merritt, the UP released a parallel story which was printed in the Los Angeles Times.

The gist of the INS article lay in a paradoxical statement of the evacuees invented by McDowell: "Oh, so sorry, please. Not understanding your question. Oh-h-h, but signing to be very much loyal person now. Please to open door quickly!"

The article stressed that aliens are granted leaves much simpler than citizens. It also claims that Mr. Merritt "admitted" that no FBI or other investigations are made of the resettlers.

The United Press version as carried by the Times quotes Mr. Merritt as having said that the local administration had nothing to do with the release of evacuees who for any reason were deemed questionable or who had not immediately sworn allegiance to the United States when interviewed



Ruth Budd



## MANAGERS LIMIT

### SOCIAL EXPENSES

Revealing that residents in this center are spending an average of \$37,000 per month in excess of their income, a special block manager's committee announced a plan for standardization of social functions. In the resolution, the block managers assembly approved a program governed by the following points:

(1) Mess halls shall not be used for wedding receptions. Negotiations are being conducted with the Mess Operation Division to have the WRA furnish a wedding cake for each couple. The committee set forth the proposal that the cake be cut at the church following the ceremony, and light refreshments be served at that time in lieu of the traditional reception.

(2) Guests at weddings shall limit monetary gifts to 25 cents. Likewise, block collections for social reasons shall not exceed 25 cents per family.

(3) Funeral "k o d e n" shall be limited to 25  
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### Army Withdraws from Tule Lake

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 26--Explaining withdrawal of the army from the Tule Lake Center, Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commander of the Western Defense Command, said recently the army has more important duties to perform, stated a news article in the Los Angeles Examiner.

General Emmons stated that it was not logical for the army to keep troops in charge of the Tule Lake Center any longer. Though troops will continue to remain outside the camp, War Relocation Authority "security guards" will police the inner boundaries, the article stated.

### Local Photos on Display

Since Monday, an exhibit of photographs of Manzanar taken by Ansel Adams, noted photographer, has been on display in the Visual Education Museum, 8-15, announced Kiyotsugu Tsuchiya, director of the museum.

The exhibit which is slated to last about a week will include approximately 80 photographs of this camp.

Mr. Adams visited Manzanar in October to do a photographic story of the residents, principally the aisles.

### Fire Caused No Damage

Spontaneous ignition of fertilizer stored in an attic was blamed for a fire in 34-1-4 yesterday morning, stated Frank E. Hon, head of the Fire Department.

Quick action by the Block 34 Fire Brigade with garden hose and fire extinguishers prevented damage and spreading of the fire.

The entire local fire company and the police responded to the alarm, reported Chief Hon.

### KENDO RESUMES

Kendo practice will resume again this Saturday at the local dojo, announced Kenji Kijima, kendo instructor. Practice will commence promptly at 2 p.m. and all enthusiasts are urged to attend.

## DRAFT IS NO REASON FOR RETURN

Recent announcement by the War Department on reinstitution of Selective Service for Japanese Americans should not be the occasion for their return to relocation centers, if they have already relocated, cautioned John H. Province, director of WRA Community Management Department at Washington in a teletype received Friday.

### INDUCTION GRADUAL

Province declared that induction of eligible men will be gradual and will take place over a considerable period of time. After a man passes his physical examination making him eligible for induction there will be a period of at least three weeks in which he can arrange his affairs and visit relatives and friends if he so desires. It is at such a time that a person about to be inducted might consider returning to the center for a visit.

### NO CHANGE

WRA relocation supervisors and officers are instructed that no changes were made to the present policy governing return to the centers. The desire by persons to return to wait a call from the Selective Service Board will not be considered sufficient basis for re-admission to a center, he stated.

### Adults State Final Panels

Final numbers in the series of panel discussions being sponsored by the Adult Education Department will be a discussion on astronomy, "Our Solar System", by Dr. Melvin Strong and a discussion by the Rev. H. G. Sevenkirk on his experiences in a Japanese prison before being released to return to the United States.

The discussion on astronomy will be held this evening at 7 p.m. The Reverend Sevenkirk's talk will be given next week at the same place, 7-10-4.



# Myer Releases Analysis Report On 'Kibei' Problem

Stating that "the 'kibei' problem' is one of the most complex problems encountered by the War Relocation Authority," National Director Dillon S. Myer recently released a report on the group compiled by the Community Analysis Section.

The thorough and complete study defines in detail, the word "kibei". It discusses the reasons for their studying in Japan, and for their return to America.

The report, not only gives the situation as seen now, but makes a study of the background and basic differences among the kibei, issei and nisei. The social adjustments which the kibei were forced to face by reason of their cultural differences is accurately pictured.

## SCHOOLING

A statistical table reveals that a little more than one-tenth of the second generation Japanese Americans have had schooling in Japan. "A rough estimate as to their number in the United States would be between 8000 and 9000 persons. The majority are still in the relocation centers or in the segregation center."

The kibei are finally divided into four types for consideration by the administration.

The first type is called the "conscious-Americans" who do not constitute a special problem; they falling into the group of niseis who are resettling steadily from the centers. However, "they have certain characteristics that place them technically in the kibei class; their major problem being that of leave clearance."

## SECOND TYPE

The second type are kibei who "have been of immense value to the community in their liaison capacity between nisei and issei in community affairs. They were closer to the first generation parents and were elected to important civic offices as a result of the confidence which the issei had in them because of their ability to speak and understand Japanese. A number of them continued to be prominent in relocation center affairs, assuming a definite role in the new situation."

The report declares that "the two remaining types of kibei constitutes definite problems for the WRA program. One group has been called the 'unobtrusive' kibei. They will remain as long as possible in the seclusion of block life. They will not respond to relocation and in their planning for the future, will not go along with the majority of the issei."

"Finally, there are the unconvinced and choice. Probably American kibei who are so by a majority of them are now in the segregation center. They have demonstrated that they will resort to force to secure their ends."

## Fox Reveals Facts About Army Test

All those interested in taking the qualifying test for the army special training program should apply at once at the high school office or at the office of Mrs. H. C. Pusey, high school counselor in room 7-4-4, according to an announcement from high school principal Rollin C. Fox.

"The taking of this test will not in any way effect the order in which or the time when the successful candidates will be inducted into the Armed forces," Fox stated. "In other words, whether or not a young man takes the test will have no effect on the time of his being called into the Army."

## EXPLAIN SMOKE

Smoke which momentarily blackened the sky recently, outside the center boundaries, situated southeast of this center, was explained by Assistant Chief Sam Matsuba as "only rubbish being

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PEOPLE HAVE  
RELOCATED FROM  
MANZANAR

## Explains Policies On Clothing Allowance

To prevent misunderstanding on the part of some residents, regulations concerning clothing allowance were explained this week by Robert Krueger of the Clothing Allowance Section.

Persons working half of the total working hours in a month are automatically eligible to receive their clothing allowance. Non-workers in need of clothing grants must call at the Clothing section office at 1-3-2, and make an application for a clothing grant each month that they are in need of clothes. Every worker receives a clothing allowance individually. If the head of the family is working, his dependents will receive their clothing allowance automatically through the head.

It was previously announced in order to be eligible for clothing allowance, one must work 15 days out of the month or one half of the working hours in a month. Since February has only a total of 184 work hours, 92 hours worked would provide an automatic clothing allowance. December had 200 work hours so before a worker would be eligible for an automatic clothing allowance, he would have to have 100 hours of work in December.

The amount of clothing allowance differs according to the age. Persons above 16 receive \$3.75, those between the ages of 8 and 16 receive \$3.25 and those under 8 years receive \$2.25.

## Dies Asks Removal Of Myer And Best

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8—The removal of Dillon S. Myer, national director of the War Relocation Authority, and Ray C. Best, Tule Lake camp director, was recommended recently by the Dies Committee "because of their inability to cope with the problem of disloyal Japanese," reported the Los Angeles Times.

The committee said its recommendation was based on a lengthy study of the riot which occurred at the Tule Lake camp in California in November.

Other recommendations made by the committee were:

That the Tule Lake center and the disloyal Japanese segregation there be placed under the jurisdiction and administrative control of the Department of Justice.

That a report be submitted to Congress listing the Japanese responsible for the attack on Dr. Reese M. Pedicord, director of the camp hospital, on Nov. 1, 1943, and the Japanese guilty of inciting the riot which occurred the same day and also what disciplinary or legal action has been instituted against such persons.

That the duty of policing all Japanese relocation and segregation centers be carried out by caucasians and in sufficient strength to guarantee protection to all persons residing in the centers.

burned."

Because this fire was believed to be unusually big, a routine check-up was being made by Fire Chief Frank E. Hon.

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## Farm Conference Held At Gila Camp

Returning to Manzanar last week from Gila Center in Arizona was Horace McConnell, the farm superintendent, who represented this center at a conference of project farm officials. Topics discussed were the processing of farm products, storage, shipments between centers, utilization and exchanging of farm equipment among centers, farm constructions, and the training of workers.

The Washington office was represented by Donald R. Sabin and Ernest H. Reed at the 19-man conference.

## PRODUCT QUALITY HIGH

McConnell stated that the quality of the products raised here is considered excellent. The chicken and hog farms here are the best among the centers.

This year's agricultural program will be a third larger than last year. Two hundred more acres of virgin land have been cleared for a total of 580 acres of tillable land here in Manzanar for the forthcoming year.

## Nisei Rescues Major From Enemy Snipers

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN CASSINO, Mar. 8—A gripping story of how an American of Japanese descent from Hawaii, Sgt. Gary Hisaoka, saved the life of a helpless American major on the battle front in Italy was related by Lt. Paul Froning of New Bremen, O. recently and was contained in the Los Angeles Times.

The major had gone forward with one of the most advanced units attacking a castle above Cassino and had gone too far over the lip of the gully. Snipers pinned him down there. His head and upper part of his body were protected by a little rock shelter he had piled up, but his legs protruded and he was hit several times on his legs so that he was helpless—unable even to try a desperate dash to safety.

"Hisaoka began digging a shallow trench toward the major, hoping that he would be able to slide through it and drag the major to safety," Froning related.

Hisaoka had a trench about eight yards long when he suddenly threw down the shovel. With but 10 yards to go, the brave soldier abandoned his original method of approach and made a dash for the helpless major. Hisaoka then grabbed him by the arms and dragged him across the open space to the trench and saw him placed on a litter. The major is going to be all right after a spell in the hospital. Hisaoka is all right, too. He was away on a short leave today, it was learned.

## Local Library Gets More Best-Sellers

A number of new books which should be of interest to many readers, have just been received at the main library at 22-15, announced Ruth Budd, librarian. Among the fictions are: "Citizen Tom Paine" by Fast; "The Day of Reckoning" by Radin and the best seller, "Indigo" by Weston.

Three non-fiction books which deal with current affairs are "Reflection on the Revolution of

## New Seasonal Leave Regulation Limits Future Use Of Permits

"New seasonal leave regulations received this week limit future use of seasonal leaves strictly to agricultural workers who are under contract to the War Food Administration or to some similar government agencies responsible for providing labor for agriculture, revealed Walter A. Heath of the relocation office.

## Final Trainload Reaches Tule Lake

A total of 1876 "disloyal" Japanese were transferred from this center to Tule Lake, with the final trainload reaching Tule last week, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. The paper revealed that the last train carried 468 Japanese.

The transfer was made in four train trips under the direction of the army and was completed without incident, the Chronicle disclosed. It added that this movement brought the population of the segregation center to nearly 18,000 Japanese while Manzanar's population was reduced to 6000, due to the relocation program and the segregation.

Manzanar originally had a population of 10,000 but relocation of 1000 to the eastern states and the transfer and moving of nearly 2000 to Tule Lake cut down that number, it stated. However, according to the paper, WRA officials have declared that there was no intention of abandoning this center.

## Evacuees Establish Permanent Homes

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 8—More than 20,000 of the 112,353 individuals of Japanese ancestry who were removed by the military from the Pacific Coast almost two years ago already have established permanent new homes in the "New America" they discovered east of the Sierra Nevada mountains, according to William Flynn, San Francisco Chronicle staff writer.

The number is increasing each day. News of the success of those who have ventured out of the relocation centers is encouraging others to undertake the pioneering task of resettlement. The War Relocation Authority is increasing its efforts to place those anxious to begin anew in communities where they will be accepted.

## MASS MIGRATION

Currently, more than 50,000 of the participants in the greatest controlled mass migration in the history of the United States are determined never to return to their former homes. Forty percent are undecided at the moment what to do with their future when they are free to determine their action. Only ten per cent, according to qualified estimates, are determined to return to the Pacific Coast.

Ownership of Pacific Coast property is the factor which ties the evacuated Japanese-Americans to their former homes. But they are becoming more and more convinced that their future does not lie in California, Washington and Oregon, and they are disposing of that property, stated Flynn.

our Time" by Laski; "Queen of the Flat Tops" by Johnston and the "Peace We Fight For" by Motherwell.

Other changes include a limit of two seasonal leaves per year for any worker and for a limit of seven months on any one seasonal leave or nine months on any two seasonal leaves within the same calendar year.

No final arrangements have been made with the War Foods Administration which only recently received money from Congress for its program this year, Heath said. However, he anticipated that such arrangements will be completed within the immediate future and that the War Foods Administration will pay transportation for workers who are taken out in groups.

## NOT RESTRICTED

The use of seasonal leaves is not restricted to the Rocky Mountain area and it was felt that seasonal leave contracts could be obtained for persons desiring to examine farms and farming methods in the middle west and east, he disclosed. In such instances, it appeared likely that the workers would be required to pay their own transportation.

The following reasons for change of seasonal leave procedure was issued by Director Dillon S. Myer: (1) The Department of Agriculture, and not the WRA, is responsible for providing adequate farm labor in each county; (2) The routing of all labor thru a single agency avoids duplication of effort and provides more efficient use of the labor resources of the country; (3) The Department of Agriculture has sufficient funds to administer the labor program in the field which the WRA does not have and the WRA cannot, therefore, undertake the responsibility of supervising the details connected with the use of evacuee labor for seasonal employment; (4) The permanent relocation of evacuees is the major responsibility of the WRA and all its energies should be centered on that phase of the program, (Continued on Page Two)

## Reveal Induction Of 400 From Centers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8—Interior Secretary Ickes said today that more than 400 Japanese have been inducted into the armed services from the relocation camps, reported the Los Angeles Examiner.

Ickes now supervises the activities of the War Relocation Authority which is in charge of the camps established to house Japanese evacuated from the West Coast at the start of the war.

Seven of the Japanese called for service since January 21 have failed to report for their physical examinations, but 402 reported, the secretary said at his press conference.

Five of the delinquents were at Granada, Colorado, and two at Minidoka, Idaho. The WRA, he said cooperated with local Selective Service officials and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in apprehending them.



## Request Containers

Assistant general manager Mike Hori of the Manzanar Co-operative Enterprises, requests that in order to alleviate the acute paper bag shortage that residents bring them when making purchases.

As on the outside the local canteen receives an allotment of such containers and Mr. Hori stated that the people must help to conserve in that respect as much as possible.

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## Block Managers Organize Permanent Committees

Through action by the block managers assembly recently, the body was reorganized into six standing committees to carry on the necessary negotiations within their scope. This proposition had been introduced to the assembly earlier this year but action on it had been postponed until completion of segregation.

Previously, the committee had been appointive, being chosen for one specific purpose and automatically dissolved upon conclusion of their phase of the work. This had caused outstanding leaders as J. Shikami, T. Higashi, C. Nakano, H. I. Aramaki, E. Masuyama and others to do most of the committee work, while the abilities of the capable but more reserved block managers were not utilized.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees proposed by Executive Secretary Frank Yasuda and Chairman Kiyoharu Anzai, and approved by the assembly is as follows:

1. Administrative Cabinet; including relocation, future policy, Spanish Consul matters and inter-center communications: K. Anzai, F. Yasuda, Harry Nakamura—block 10, T. Higashi—block 4, C. Nakano—block 30, K. Osawa—block 26, J. Shikami—block 17 and E. Masuyama—block 25.

2. Food; including agriculture and mess division: T. Yuge—block 15, E. Masuyama—block 25, S. Kume—block 18, M. Minami—block 22, H. Yamaguchi—block 11 and H. Nagahama—block 29.

3. Public works; including the maintenance and construction: R. G. Kato—block 19, T. Ikeda—block 6, A. Katayama—block 8, T. Kuse—block 31, F. Yonemitsu—block 34, H. Murakami—block 9, and K. Ohono—block 27.

4. Welfare: including education, (Continued on Page Two)

## PTA Heads Assure Relocation Support

National P.T.A. President Mrs. William Hasting, assured the parents of Manzanar evacuees, Saturday, that the Parent-Teachers' Association will support the relocation program, declaring that this organization is the largest and most democratic institution in America.

State P.T.A. President, Mrs. Walter Bingham, spoke also, anticipating upon a three million membership next year. This was her second visit to Manzanar.

"You can't tell good citizens by their features or color of skin or his name," she said.

"Good citizenship comes from within the heart, not from racial characteristics. The only way to prove, because we can't look inside, is by your actions and attitude," she commented.

Coming from Madison, Wis., she told the crowd that she believes "it important" that teachers and parents set an example for the growing child in the way of correct thinking.

She cites an incident where a student, still in her elementary years, told her prejudiced father at home that "you shouldn't say such things" because that's "what I was taught at school."

## MANAGERS REJECT GRANADA MEET

Rejection of a motion to send delegates to a second-proposed conference sponsored by the Heart Mountain Community Council was voted at a recent block managers assembly. Invitation to the proposed meet was received by the assembly from Thomas Sashihara, chairman of the Heart Mountain Community Council.

Reason for the action of the assembly was that the attitude of the center residents is not too

receptive to relocation at the present time due to the announcement of the draft for nisei and that similar results could be obtained by the assembly through the project director.

The meet was proposed to run for a two-week period. The first week was to be utilized for meetings by the evacuee delegates alone. The meetings during the second week were proposed to be joint meetings with WRA officials.



**FIRST SIGNS** of approaching spring were unexpectedly interrupted Monday, when dust storm hit Manzanar, beginning about 12 o'clock noon, and reaching its peak between 2 and 4, the center weather bureau reported.

Damages reported by the ag-

ricultural division revealed that 10 acres of vegetables were lost as their result of the storm.

The month of March officially heralds in Manzanar's much-talked of dusty weather season, pioneers recalled.

Temperature was brought to

a minimum of 22 degrees, 4 degrees above last year's record of 18 degrees.

Clouds seen hovering over this area momentarily threatened the coming of a rainfall, but "All Clear" sign was given by the weather man as the skys began to clear yesterday.

## USC Students Favor Loyal Niseis' Return

Fifty-seven per cent of 224 students at the University of Southern California favor the return of the loyal Japanese-Americans to Southern California after the war, it was determined in a survey polled by the government and public opinion class, here recently, according to the Evening Herald and Express.

The poll also disclosed that Russia is "to be feared by the United States in the postwar era." Forty per cent of the 224 men and female collegians were uncertain about what the Allies are fighting for.

One of the group, which included 75 naval trainees, answered "to keep F.D.R.," while another answered, "to win the war to have a chance to vote Roosevelt out of office."

## 'Spring Dance' Due

Open to all Manzanar residents at no charge whatsoever, "Spring Dance," a couples-only affair sponsored by the Community Activities Department, will be held 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at mess 2, announced Shig Ishii, social activities chairman. No stags will be admitted.

## HELP WANTED . . .

Ten nurses' aides and orderlies are sought for immediate employment at the local hospital, according to an announcement this week from Employment Officer Arthur M. Miller.

"The hospital is short of these workers and will be unable to care for all of its patients if these positions are not filled immediately," he commented.

Prospects will be employed in the general wards only (Wards 1 and 2) and will not be asked to work in the T. B. wards, the announcement revealed.

Interested residents should contact Arthur Miller at 1-5-4.

## NOTICE

Residents of this center are reminded through the Co-op that forgotten articles are accumulating at the block 21 barber shop and are awaiting claimants. The articles which were unclaimed at this writing were: an adult's sleeveless sweater, a child's jacket, a snow hat and a man's scarf.

## Racial Persecution Hits Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—The city, founded less than a hundred years ago by a people seeking sanctuary from religious persecution, today is a hotbed of racial persecution, stated William Flynn, San Francisco Chronicle reporter.

American Federation of Labor unions in Salt Lake City, home city of the Mormon church that fled New York and the Middle West for the right to worship God according to conscience; in Ogden, and in Provo are fighting entrance of Japanese-Americans into the community.

Vigorously battling the AFL unions are the Congress of Industrial Organization union locals, liberal groups, and organizations devoted to maintenance of democratic principles.

The Utah AFL unions are fighting the resettlement trend because, the leaders state frankly, they fear their competition for jobs.

The Salt Lake City Council has refused to take a definite stand on the AFL demand that business licenses be denied Japanese-American applicants. The Ogden Council has recommended such license applications be den-

## MacNair Obtains 22 More Vehicles For Center Use

In order to complete the center quota of automotive equipment of thirty-four vehicles, James L. MacNair, equipment maintenance supervisor, John Hale, heavy duty truck driver, and Frank C. Crilly, assistant equipment maintenance supervisor, journeyed to Oakland recently to obtain 22 cars and trucks.

On the two-week tour of Army distribution centers, the motor pool representatives returned with 11 government vehicles. One ambulance was sent to this center from the Minidoka center. The original allotment of vehicles set by the government called for 18 stake trucks, three dumps, two ambulances and 11 pick-ups.

### NO PICK-UPS FOUND

The equipment maintenance supervisor stated that in Oakland, there were no pick-ups to be found; only six stake trucks. While there the trio met Lieutenant Colonel L. E. Fiero, head of the WRA Transportation department in Washington. He made arrangements so that the quota for this center may be completed by the substitution method. Through this arrangement, the representatives drew six stake trucks, five army cargoes, four of which are four wheel drives, five sedans, two panels, and four carry-alls.

The inspection team returned to Manzanar on March 6. On March 8, 11 drivers headed by Frank Crilly were sent to bring back half of the chosen equipment. After their return last week, another group left Monday morning to drive back the remainder and are expected to return tomorrow.

"We were constantly under rain most of the time," declared MacNair. "Mud in the lot where the vehicles were kept caused untold inconveniences."

### REPAIR PARTS

He stated that forty-three CCC trucks will not be used after the full quota arrives to this center. The Treasury Procurement Department will dispose of them, he said, and added, "We are hopeful of obtaining repair parts from the War Department for these additional equipments."

In a general inspection of the equipment with Mr. MacNair, a member of the Free Press noticed that all were of the olive-drab color and most of the equipment, mechanically and otherwise, are in good condition. Upholstery in the sedans were like new. Motor Pool representatives should receive credit for a job well done.

The cars will be available for center use as soon as the Repair Division makes a general check and tune-up.

## Magnuson Tells Of Possible Spy Ring

WASHINGTON, March 15—Japanese workmen employed at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard may have supplied the enemy fleet with the vital information which made the December 7, 1941 attack so successful, a house committee was told last week, disclosed the Examiner.

The possibility that the Japanese obtained their information on the disposition of the ships in the harbor and the weather from that source was suggested at hearings of the Lea committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission.

Representative Magnuson (D), Washington, remarked that there were "hundreds" of Japanese employed at the yard and any one of them might have been able and willing to keep the consulate informed.

ied but refuses to adopt legislation that could be subjected to a clear-cut constitutional test, Flynn reported.



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## ARMY LIFTS BAN MEETS CALLED

ARMY REPRESENTATIVES  
ARRIVES TO CONFER  
ON NEW ARMY POLICY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17—  
Revocation of exclusion  
orders on persons of Japa-  
nese ancestry was announ-  
ced today by the Command-  
ing General of the Western  
Defense Command in coordi-  
nation with the War Depart-  
ment.

The revocation order was  
issued by Major General  
Henry C. Pratt, head of  
the Western Defense Com-  
mand with the approval of  
the War Department.

In a notice to all con-  
ter residents, a proclama-  
tion from the Headquarters  
of the Western Defense  
Command in Presidio, San  
Francisco, California de-  
clared:

### PROCLAMATION

"The Commanding General  
of the Western Defense  
Command has today issued  
the necessary orders to  
terminate mass exclusion  
of persons of Japanese an-  
cestry from the Pacific  
coastal area. In the fu-  
ture only those individuals  
whose records indicate  
that they are potentially  
dangerous to the military  
security are to be exclu-  
ded.

### NEW SYSTEM

The new system will per-  
mit the great majority of  
persons of Japanese ances-  
try to move freely any-  
where in the United States  
that they may wish to go.  
The military authorities

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I come as the representative of Project Director  
Merritt. He asked me to advise you that he regrets  
that he can not be here, but as you know, he has been  
in the hospital and as his representative I come to  
give you further explanation of the good news--the news  
you had long been waiting for that was announced over  
the radio last evening.

The Secretary of War announced at 5 p.m. yesterday,  
Sunday, December 17th, the lifting of the exclusion  
orders on the West Coast. This order takes effect Jan-  
uary 2, 1945 and it simply means that all persons of  
Japanese ancestry, unless there are reasons in indivi-  
dual cases, can return to the West Coast effective af-  
ter midnight, January 20th, 1945.

At this time I desire to read a message from the  
Director of WRA, Mr. Dillon Myer. His message to you  
is as follows:

"The lifting of the blanket exclusion orders by  
the Western Defense Command is undoubtedly the most  
significant event since evacuation both in the lives of  
the evacuated people and in the program of the War Re-  
location Authority. To the great majority of the eva-  
cuees, it means full restoration of the freedom of  
movement which is enjoyed by all other loyal citizens  
and law-abiding aliens in the United States. To the  
War Relocation Authority, it signifies the beginning of  
the final phase of the relocation program.

"Our prime objective in WRA, as always, is to res-  
tore the people residing in relocation centers to pri-  
vate life in normal communities. The lifting of the  
exclusion orders makes it possible to broaden the scope  
of this program and put it for the first time on a com-  
pletely nationwide basis. Within the next few weeks  
WRA will establish field relocation offices at key  
points in the evacuated area and will extend assistance  
to those who have good reason to return. At the same  
time, we shall also continue our relocation offices and  
assistance for those who wish to locate in other parts  
of the country.

"Although the WRA is now entering the final phase  
of its program, the relocation centers will not be clos-  
ed immediately. All of them will remain in operation  
for several months so that all the residents will have  
reasonable and adequate time and opportunity for the  
development of sound relocation plans.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVACUEE RESETTLERS ENLARGED IN TEXAS

Texas was opened for greater relocation this week with the appointment of W. Homer Hill as relocation officer of that district, Walter A. Heath, relocation Program officer declared. Hill's office is being located in Dallas.

Jesse Lewis, relocation supervisor in the southern area reports that approximately 200 Nisei are now located in Texas and are well scattered throughout the rural sections of the state, as well as in cities such as Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth and Mission.

"There are opportunities present in Texas very similar to those existing on the West Coast with a decided advantage in transportation and nearness to markets with advantages in freight rates and possibility of air express, within a short time, for perishable products."

Lewis also said that "there is a shortage of manpower and because of this condition, businesses have had to curtail their output. Small businesses established now can go on after the war. Establishment of oneself in business now certainly has its advantages."

The southern area relocation office concluded by saying that, "Many businesses exist and may be had for the asking. Lumber mills can not meet their quotas because of labor shortage. There are many opportunities for the establishment of small businesses such as laundry,"

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## SECRETARY HAROLD ICKES URGES RESETTLEMENT TO EAST

With the lifting of West Coast restriction, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, in his message to residents of all centers, stated that he was proud "that our nation, during the progress of a devastating world conflict, can concern itself with the restoration of complete civil liberties of a minority segment of our population."

"Great majority of you have been, or soon will be restored the full personal privileges which were yours before military necessity demanded the evacuation. My own reaction to the lifting of the mass exclusion orders is one of deep satisfaction."

"I congratulate you upon the recognition you have received as a group and I want to express my heartfelt appreciation of the patience and understanding which the great majority of you have displayed as cooperative and law-abiding residents of relocation centers. Few groups in the population, outside of those in uniforms, have made a greater personal sacrifice than you have during the past three years."

"The one-third of your original group who have left the centers have proved to you that opportunity, acceptance and personal satisfaction may be yours in states other than those which were your former homes. More important to you, however, is the fact that these 33,000 men, women and children have proved to the nation that they, and you, may be quiet, law-abiding and useful members of a free society when given the opportunity."

"Still more important to you and to your future is

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### LEGAL AID TO HELP SUMITOMO CLAIMANTS

Residents with deposits in the Seattle Sumitomo Bank who have difficulty in proving their claims against the bank because of the loss of their pass books or certificates of deposit, are asked to contact the Legal Aid, 1-2-2.

A system has been worked out whereby such people can execute an affidavit about the loss of their pass books or certificates and such an affidavit will be accepted in lieu of the original pass book or certificate.

### TO WATCH RETURNEES

Both aliens and citizens of Japanese ancestry who return to the West Coast will be watched by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Attorney Frank Hennessey declared, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Alien Japanese who return to the West Coast will be subject to travel restrictions. Special Agent Nat J. L. Pieper of the San Francisco office said the work will impose an additional burden on his staff.



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## PROJECT ATTORNEY WILL GIVE AID IN PROVING SUMITOMO BANK CLAIMS

Checks in payment of a hundred per cent dividend will be mailed to all Seattle, Wash., Sumitomo Bank Creditors within the next 30 days, if they have properly proven their claims, according to an announcement from the Bank Liquidator Joe S. Utterback.

Utterback stated that residents who have changed their postoffice addresses since proving their claims, and who have not so advised him should do so at once in order that their checks may not be returned unclaimed. Otherwise, residents need not communicate with the bank since checks will be mailed to the last known address.

For the benefit of those who have not yet proven their claims, the bank liquidator advises them to do so at once so that they may be paid at a later date.

Utterback declared that for the benefit of those who have attempted to prove their claim but have not been able to do so by reason of lost savings passbook or certificate of deposit, he has been advised that he now is able to accept affidavits in lieu of lost passbook or certificate of deposit. Affidavits should be properly executed and forwarded to him at once together with the present address of the claimant.

Manzanar residents may make out their affidavits at the legal aid department, at 1-2-2.

Liquidator Joe S. Utterback may be contacted at 710 Fourth and Cherry Building, Seattle, 4, Washington.

## U. C. WELCOMES RELOCATED NISEI

The executive Committee of the University of California student body recently adopted a resolution extending a welcome to relocated Japanese American students, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

The resolution which reaffirmed the belief that "individuals should be judged by personal merits" and expressed opposition to the "doctrine of racism" lacked one vote of being passed unanimously, according to Richard Bond, student body president as stated by the San Francisco Chronicle.

## War Chest Fund Aid Resettled Ohio Nisei

For the second successive year, Chest has underwritten the Ohio city's Church Federation to the extent of \$15,000, part of which goes for the community needs of resettled Japanese Americans.

The money will make available the services of the Director of Community War Work, as well as financial help to Yoshida Kodama and the Rev. John Yamazaki, who work with the Federation on relocation problems. Desk space and the services of a Nisei secretary have been provided for Mr. Kodama and the Rev. Yamazaki by the church group.

Coming to Dayton from Heart Mountain, Mr. Kodama specializes in job listing and community acceptance, at which he has had outstanding success. The Rev. Yamazaki, formerly of Gila River, devoted his time to visitation and promotion of Nisei and Issei cooperation.

## Police Ask Residents To Hold Noisy Dogs

Residents are asked to report all noisy dogs or cats which disturb the peace to the Police Department.

The Police Department stated that these animals, whether privately owned or not, should be taken to the block managers offices and retained there until they are called for by the police.

## JACL Opens Offices In San Francisco

With the lifting of the ban for all loyal persons of Japanese ancestry by the Western Defense Command, the National Japanese American Citizens League opened its offices in San Francisco, Calif., on Wednesday, January 3.

Teiko Ishida, acting national secretary of the JACL, who had been in charge of the New York City office is now in charge of the new office.

The main job of the San Francisco office will be to carry on the educational campaign to bring about a better understanding of the evacuation and the position of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. The JACL job will be to supplement the work of the Caucasian friends on the Pacific Coast.

When the staff is completed, assistance will be given to evacuees in their problems of readjustment upon their return to the San Francisco Bay Region.

## Warren Praised For Appeal To Public

California Governor Earl Warren recently received praise from eight organizations for his appeal to public officials to cooperate in the rehabilitation of Japanese Americans and resident Japanese aliens who will return to the coast as the result of the army's revocation of its mass evacuation order, the Los Angeles Examiner reported.

The organizations were the Church Federation of Los Angeles, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, the Free World Association of Hollywood, Friends of the American Way, Interracial Council of the Catholic Church, the Negro Interdenominational Pastors' Alliance of Pasadena, the Pastors' Union of Pasadena and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

## WEST COAST JOB OFFERS RECEIVED

With the revocation of the army exclusion order, the Relocation Office announced that job offers were being received almost daily from West Coast areas.

Residents who are interested in returning to the evacuated areas and who wish to secure these jobs should contact the Relocation office immediately at 1-4-2.

## Former Member Of Medical Staff To Serve With UNRRA

Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, former medical staff worker at this center is the first Japanese American woman to win her captain's bar and will serve with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency, according to the Pacific Citizen report.

Capt. Togasaki is a graduate of the University of California and of John Hopkins Medical College.

She served as bacteriologist for the city of Berkeley, Calif., and of resident physician at the Los Angeles County Hospital prior to evacuation.

She was one of the first doctors to arrive here to organize the medical department at this center, arriving on March 23, 1942.

On July 2, 1943, Capt. Togasaki applied for indefinite leave to Chicago, Ill.

The captain is the daughter of Kikumatsu Togasaki. A sister Yaye was recently commissioned a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Two other sisters are doctors, while two more are registered nurses.

## Ritz Brothers In Weekend Movie

The movie this week, "Never A Dull Moment", will feature the Ritz Brothers, Frances Langford and Mary Beth Hughes, and will be shown on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Also on the same program will be chapter eight of the "King of the Wilds."

Saturday night will be for residents in block 2 to 19 with admittance only by tickets while Sunday night will be for blocks 20 to 36 without tickets.

## Father Of Assistant Director Dies

William Wright Cozzens, 94, father of Robert B. Cozzens the assistant director of the WRA died in San Jose early Wednesday morning.

Mr. Cozzens was a native of Yubet, California and one of the pioneers of the Salinas Valley. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Annie Boyer Cozzens and five sons.

Funeral services were held yesterday.

## Heavy Earthquake Shock Reported In Southern Inyo

An earthquake shock, reportedly one of the heaviest felt in the area for some time, shook Southern Inyo county Saturday, December 23, according to the Inyo Register.

The paper stated that three lighter tremors were felt immediately after the heavier quake.

Residents in Lone Pine, Keeler and Darwin reported feeling the tremor, the paper declared.

It stated that no damage was reported.

No report of the earthquake was disclosed here in Manzanar.

## INTERIOR SECRETARY ICKES HAILS FIGHTING RECORD OF NISEI SOLDIERS

"I have gained deep satisfaction, which must have come to you as well, from the announcement by the Western Defense Command that the West Coast mass exclusion orders have been lifted," declared Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes in a message to all American soldiers of Japanese ancestry.

### Leaves This Week

Indefinite	5
Seasonal	0
Short Term	1
PERSONS ON LEAVE	
Indefinite	2458
Seasonal	28
Short Term	12
Residue	5547

### TO HOLD MEET

American Principles and Fair Play Committee is sponsoring a coast-wide conference of all organizations interested in aiding the return of the evacuees to their former homes, the Pacific Citizen declared in a news release. It added that the conference is to be held in San Francisco on January 10.

All phases pertaining to the return of the Japanese Americans to the Pacific Coast will be discussed.

### Tell Of Merger

In order to increase the variety of services to district relocation offices in the Middle West, the Chicago and Kansas City Area Relocation Office were merged on December 14, 1944 and the combined offices will be located at Chicago, the Department of Interior disclosed.

"Improved services to resettle will result from the merger since offices which did not previously have the advice of specialized area personnel in such fields as community adjustment and agricultural placement will now be served by a larger, more highly-trained area staff.

The advice of these experts will be especially valuable in assisting the larger families in the centers to plan for successful relocation and for joining family members already relocated," it stated.

## SAN JOSE NISEI AERIAL OBSERVER EARNS BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY IN FRANCE—For demonstrating outstanding officer ability in actual combat as an aerial observer for his field Artillery battalion, S-Sgt. Arata Kimura, formerly of San Jose, Calif., earned his field commission as second lieutenant.

Member of a Field Artillery battalion of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, he won his combat appointment while serving as an aerial observer with the air liaison section, flying 61 missions during the great Allied drive from Rome to the Arno River in Italy. During 83 hours and ten minutes in the air, he made general observations of the progress of the attack and of enemy positions and concentration, conducted base-point and check-point registrations of fire, directed counter-battery fire and shelling of opportunity targets and records the effect of prearranged firing.

Advances When his battalion was in direct support of the Infantry Regiment after which the Combat Team is designated, during the attack on Lorenza and Luciana, Sgt. Kimura located enemy concentrations and directed such effective artillery fire on them that the Infantry was able to advance and occupy strategic positions.

During another action, in support of the 442nd Infantry while it was crossing the Arno River, Sgt. Kimura took over for an officer observer who was evacuated to a hospital. He flew 13 sorties in five days, not only conducting the fire of his artillery but also of several other Field Artillery battalions in the

"This action is a well-earned recognition of the loyalty which the great majority of evacuee people of Japanese descent have displayed in the severest test that any group of Americans has ever had to face. It is a victory of faith in the principles of real Americanism, and of unflinching patriotism which has been so well exemplified by thousands of valiant American soldiers, from the mainland and Hawaii, whose parents came from Japan. You have fashioned a magnificent record of service to your country. All good Americans are proud of you," he stated.

He added, "The removal of the exclusion orders forecasts an end of the need to provide the refuge of the relocation centers for thousands of loyal and law-abiding people who are free to live wherever they desire to make their homes in the United States. It is for their own best interests, and for the interests of all Americans of Japanese descent, that they should leave the centers as soon as possible. I am fully aware that departing from the centers will involve difficult readjustments for some people, but they will be given ample time to make them and the War Relocation Authority will continue to give all the assistance that it has previously given. Federal and state welfare agencies will aid families that need special help."

He concluded by declaring, "This message is addressed to you with full confidence that you will continue to enlarge upon the splendid record of America's fighting Nisei, which has been so effective in demonstrating that Americanism is not a matter of race or ancestry and in winning the respect of all good Americans for their loyal fellow-countrymen of Japanese descent. I send to you my wishes for your safe return home, and for a future in America endowed with the happiness that you have so well earned."

vicinity, which were working in close coordination with the Japanese American Infantrymen.

Outstanding Qualities "The superior manner in which S-Sgt. Kimura performed the duty normally performed by an officer; his aggressiveness, thoroughness and knowledge of field artillery technique; his outstanding qualities of leadership and sound judgement, all contributed to the successful operation in which the 442nd effected a crossing of the Arno River," his recommendation concludes.

Lt. Kimura is now actively engaged in the Seventh Army drive to expel the German invader from French territory, continuing his excellent aerial observation work for his Field Artillery Battalion.

### Berkeley Graduate

A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, with a degree in Mechanical engineering, he holds a private pilot's license and has had some experience in commercial aviation.

Son of Mrs. Tsuji Kimura of Heart Mountain, Wyo., Relocation center, he lived in San Jose, Calif., before the evacuation.

Lt. Kimura is believed to be the only aerial observer officer of Japanese ancestry in the United States Army.

### Await Claimant

A package is awaiting Tomuye Kisuma from Western Manufacturing Co. of San Francisco, Calif. The addressee is requested to call at 1-15-3 with proper identification.



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## HON GOES TO POSTON

Fire Chief Frank E. Hon, who has been with the Manzanar Fire Department for the past two and a half years, will leave his post for his new assignment at Poston, Ariz., Relocation Center, on Friday.

Replacing Hon is Poston fire chief Joseph Fien who will arrive late this week to take up his new position. Fien is also a retired member of the Los Angeles Fire Department, having served more than twenty years.

Fire Protection Officer Hon expressed his appreciation to the residents of Manzanar for their cooperation and friendship and said that "through their (the residents') cooperation, the fire loss amongst the evacuees has been less than \$100."

He added, "May I ask that you give Fien the same help and cooperation that you have given me heretofore. Fien is thoroughly qualified in fire protection work and I can recommend him very highly."

### HEATH SPIKES RUMORS ON SAN JOSE INCIDENT

Current rumor that a Japanese family in San Jose was recently killed is unfounded, according to an announcement from Walter A. Heath of the Relocation Office.

He stated that contacts have been made with the WRA office in the San Jose area which replied that no such incident had occurred there.

The relocation program officer said that such rumors will continue to flourish and asked the residents to ignore them since "if incidents such as these occur, the relocation office will make them public immediately."

### WARN RESIDENTS ON WRA BOUNDARY RULING

Manzanar residents are reminded to remain within the boundary and not to go up to the mountains. The WRA ruling states that any person caught outside of this camp, will be automatically placed on indefinite leave and will not be permitted to return. They will also forfeit rights and privileges connected with Indefinite leave.

### COOPERATION SOUGHT ON GARBAGE CAN USE

Residents are asked not to mix edible foods with non-edibles when they put their wastes in the garbage cans, stated Assistant Construction Superintendent Herbert F. Thorne. **HOGS DIE**

He stated that this request is not being made to impose additional hardship on the residents but because of the fact that hogs are dying as a result of eating the non-edibles which are being carelessly mixed with the edible foods.

The assistant construction superintendent disclosed that non-edibles such as egg shells, tea leaves, coffee grounds and in some instances, ground glasses, have been found mixed with the edibles.

"There are two garbage cans in each block. One (Continued on Page Two)

### YOUTH CENTER-USO TO OPEN SATURDAY

The long awaited Youth Center and the United Servicemen's Organizations will have their gala opening with music and entertainment on or about January 13 at Mess Hall 14, announced Aksel Nielsen, Community Activities supervisor.

The canteen will be shared by both the USO and the Youth Center. A 20' x 30' USO club room will be provided to servicemen and women while the remainder of the canteen will be used by the Youth Center and operated by the CACA. This will contain booths and tables with enough floor space for dancing.

### CAFETERIA SERVICE

A cafeteria-style service with such items as noodles, sandwiches, doughnuts, pies, coffee, hamburgers, hot dogs, soda pops, ice creams, chocolate, and milk on the menu will be established.

"A large crowd is anticipated and the success and existence of the center will greatly depend on the conduct and co-operation of the patrons," Nielsen added.

He requested that in behalf of the co-sponsors, (Continued on Page Two)

### BASEBALL MANAGERS TO HOLD MEETING

All managers and captains of the baseball teams are requested to attend an important meeting to be held on Friday, January 12, at 14-15 from 7 p.m.

The main discussion of the evening will be on the coming hardball league, stated Athletic Director Roy Takenaka.



## Open Speaking Class

First meeting of the course in Public Speaking will be held on Tuesday evening, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. in 16-9-2, announces Adult Education Director Gladys C. Schwesinger.

Classes will meet regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays thereafter. Adults who are interested in taking this course are invited to be present at the opening evening whether they have previously registered or not.

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## Leaves This Week

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Seasonal	0
Short Term	29
PERSONS ON LEAVE	
Indefinite	2469
Seasonal	20
Short Term	38
Residue	5521

## NAME LYLE WENTNER OF ROSS AS NEW ASSISTANT PROJECT DIRECTOR

Arriving New Year's Day, Mr. Lyle Wentner, former Man-in County Superintendent of Recreation, immediately assumed the duties of Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management. This office was left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Lucy Adams last October 31.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Mr. Wentner brings to the project wide experience in the recreational, education and welfare fields.

In addition to his activities as County Superintendent of Recreation, Mr. Wentner has headed the adult education program of the Marin Junior College and for a time, principal of the Healdsburg High School. For four years Mr. Wentner was a member of the University of California's department of Physical Education.

Mr. Wentner also served as assistant manager and project services advisor of the Vallejo Housing Authority, dormitory units.

Mr. Wentner's wife and three children reside in Ross, California.

## Reveal Return Of Five Japanese To Los Angeles Area

### REVEAL RETURN

LOS ANGELES—Two more permanent Japanese American residents returned to Southern California, bringing the total to five since the effective date of the Army's decision to rescind regulations excluding persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast, announced Paul G. Robertson, area supervisor for the WRA.

Manzanar Relocation contributed a "first day" contingent of two permanent residents to Southern California.

One, Ruby Mitsuko Hori, 19, graduate of Roosevelt High School, returned to live with friends while she finishes her education at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The other, Frank Kageyama, will live in Pasadena and will be employed on a guayule research program at the California Institute of Technology.

These residents are the only persons to return to Los Angeles (Continued on Page Three)

## Resident Describes Treatment At Coast

Friendly receptions towards evacuees in the West Coast were reported by Manzanar residents who have returned to the center from short term leaves, reports relocation program officer Walter A. Heath.

George Hatanaka, who returned after a trip to Stockton, Calif. to inspect his property reported receiving friendly reception from his Caucasian neighbors.

Heath stated that all Caucasians in Stockton had encouraged Hatanaka and his group "to remain" and offered them help to get started. The president of the local branch of the Bank of America is one of these and offered to assist in the financing of farming ventures.

The relocation program officer reported that all property appeared to be in good order, according to reports of the people who had visited the coast and that no where did they meet difficulty of any kind.

"They ate in first class restaurants, stayed at a good hotel and went to a picture show all without meeting rebuff of any kind, Heath said.

He added that the only warning note was sounded by a few Caucasians who felt that some of the Filipino residents might not be friendly and might not be willing to relinquish farm property leased from Japanese Americans.

## Justice Department To Head Tule Lake

WASHINGTON—The Department of Justice is expected to take over and operate the Tule Lake, Calif., Segregation Center in the near future, the Pacific Citizen revealed.

At present there are approximately 18,700 persons at the center.

## Justice Department Assails Hood River

WASHINGTON — The Hood River, Ore., Post of the American Legion was assailed again for removing the names of the Japanese American soldiers from its county war memorial. This time, it was the Department of Justice post of the American Legion who declared that "it was contrary to the ideals of 'Americanism,'" the Pacific Citizen stated.

The Justice Department Legionnaires pointed out that some of the Japanese Americans whose names were erased were now fighting overseas and added that the action was also "inconsistent with the doctrines of democracy and contrary to the principles of the American Legion."

## Sound Advice Given To Returning Nisei

Nisei who are still within the draft age should not return to their homes in the West Coast with the local draft board, declares the Japanese American Citizens League in advising both Issei and Nisei to carefully study their own problems before making any move to return to the coast.

It states that evacuees, now in essential work, who return without obtaining releases from their employers, will not be able to obtain new employment to qualify for deferment. Under such cases, the local boards would have the right to immediately induct them into the armed forces.

"Even in the cases where the evacuee is returning to his farm, it would be advisable to contact the local board to ascertain the status he may be able to obtain before making move. This precaution may be avoid considerable hardship in the event the local board is not friendly," the league advises.

It warned the Issei that the contraband provision which was revoked by the Western Defense Command does not apply to them and that they are still subject to the restrictions of the Department of Justice which prohibits them from having short-wave radios, cameras, and other contraband.

Issei are also warned to be careful in complying with the travel regulations because of numerous defense installations and factories on the West Coast. They are told first to obtain permits from the United States district attorney before traveling more than five miles and to obtain (Continued on Page Four)

## Negro Church Ready To Fight Removal

The Providence Baptist Association Board of Managers, a Negro group leasing the former Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles, promised a "fight to the last ditch" against a notice to vacate the church property the Los Angeles Times said.

"We're standing by our guns," A. Brigham Rose, attorney for the board, said after a meeting with the managers. He said it was up to the Rev. Julius Goldwater, Buddhist priest acting as attorney-in-fact for the owners, who served notice to vacate, to take the next step.

## NEW WASHINGTON REGULATIONS AFFECT CENTER VISITING PERMITS

Effective this month, with the lifting of the exclusion orders, new visiting regulations were enforced, according to word received here from Washington.

"There shall be no further transfers of evacuees from one center to another except upon specific approval of the director. Visits between centers shall be restricted to emergencies and to cases in which the center relocation divisions at the respective centers have been unable to work out a satisfactory relocation plan and such a visit is approved by them as necessary to complete and carry out such a plan", the regulation stated.

## Rev. Mather Heads Pennsylvania Office

CLEVELAND, Ohio—The Rev. Howard E. Mather, who is active in civic, industrial, labor and religious affairs in Pittsburg, has been appointed relocation officer in charge of the Western Pennsylvania Office in the city of Pittsburg, announced Robert M. Cullum.

Through continuously in charge of a pastorate in Pittsburg, the Rev. has held numerous important positions. He was most recently employed in the Labor Division of the Pittsburg War Fund and before that was in the Personnel Division at the Farrell Works of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation.

He has studied at New York and Drew Universities in this country and at the Intercollegiate University in London, England. He has at one time or another taught in high school, edited and published two New York State weeklies and been a member of the Detroit Conference on Social problems and the Dayton, Ohio conference of social workers, in which he was active in intercultural problems.

He has three sons in the armed forces: one an infantryman in the General Patton's Army in France; a second, a fighter pilot in the Third Fighter Command; and the third, a marine in the South Pacific.

## Stockton Teacher Offers To Aid Nisei

Retaining her interest in the Nisei group, Elizabeth Hamberger, Stockton High School teacher and one time sponsor of a Japanese American club there, has offered to help in any way she can, announced George Hatanaka, who recently visited the Stockton area.

## Omaha American Legion Accepts Nisei

Corporal Tachio John Ando, who recently was given a medical discharge from the Army, became a member of the American Legion Post No. 1, Omaha, Neb., according to the WRA release.

Corporal Ando was born at Joliet, Mont., where his family is engaged in farming. He entered the service on October 29, 1941, was assigned to the Coast Artillery and received his training at Camp Wallace, Tex. His overseas assignment was in the Caribbean area.

At the present time, Corporal Ando is recuperating at the Veteran's hospital at Hot Springs, S. D., and states that the attendants are doing everything possible to restore him to good health, and that he is receiving every consideration by the hospital staff and the townspeople of Hot Springs.

With reference to his becoming a member of the American Legion, Corporal Ando stated: "I joined the American Legion

## Postpone Date For Commencement Of Youth Center Here

Announcement was received by the Community Activities Division that the Youth Center, which was to have opened today, will not be ready until next week.

Reason given was that the necessary goods and materials have not been obtained.

The center will be located at Mess Hall 14 where redecorations have been underway for some time.

When ready, the center will have a cafeteria-style service with several types of food on the menu.

Only children over the age of 15 years will be admitted.