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The Milwaukee Journal: Wisconsin Paper Criticizes Pearl Harbor League Aims

The following editorial criticizing the organization of the Remember Pearl Harbor League in the White River and Puyallup valleys appeared in the October 10 edition of the Milwaukee Journal.—Ed Note.

"A group of farmers and business and professional men of the White River and Puyallup valleys in Washington have organized a Remember Pearl Harbor League. It is designed to prevent the return to these valleys of any of the most un-American acts that have been committed since the attack on Pearl Harbor. It would be difficult to find a more flagrant example of race prejudice and of plain economic greed than this. And it is a disgrace to the nation that this group seeks to capitalize a patriotic American phrase to help perpetrate one of the most un-American acts that could be imagined."

In a recent list of 240 honored war dead from the Hawaiian Islands, at least 163 were unmistakably Japanese. They didn't just talk about Pearl Harbor, they died trying to avenge it. They died for the United States. Up to a few weeks ago, there had been memorial services for 43 Americans of Japanese ancestry whose next of kin are still forced to live in relocation camps because places cannot be found

Soldier's Letter Expresses Simple Everyday Affairs

The following is a letter written by one of Hunt's volunteers who is now serving overseas in the European Theater of Operations to his sister who resides here.—Ed. Note.

Dear S—: I am glad you liked the watch. Does it keep accurate time? I've been able to listen to the radio for about a week. One of our boys built a two-tube radio and it's connected to a wire that goes to everyone in the company. We take on earphones and lie in bed listening to the music. Some of it is American, but many times we catch German and Russian programs.

The weather is so warm that we run around in our underwear, and every afternoon we go over to the farmhouse to take a bath. The water is ice cold, but it feels good to wash off the sweat and dust and change underwear every day. This is about the best place we've been so far.

Tad K—, my tent partner, and I do about 14 or 20 minutes of exercise every night. It's cool when we go to bed, so we lie on our blankets and pump the bicycle or touch our toes and finish with pushups. It isn't hard, but takes up a little of our excess energy.

I work a little each day on my slit trench. The deeper it is the better I feel. Nearly every night we hear the German shells bursting, but so far not too close to us. Well that's "30." I'll write to mom as soon as the box comes. Tell her thanks a lot. The boys will be glad to help me eat it. Your brother, A—

Evacuee Return Favored by Socialist Candidate

Following is an excerpt from the Political Background column which appeared in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer recently and gives the views of Anne Fisher, socialist candidate for lieutenant governor of Washington:

"Already right in our own fertile valleys, the threat of a scarcity of economy is bearing the bitter fruit of racism. Socialism would bring abundance by producing for use instead of for profit, and no longer would the dominant white race feel compelled to exploit non-white peoples, calling them 'inferior' as an excuse."

"Regarding the return of the Japanese, Socialists do not dodge an issue when it is a political liability, and I stand back of my resolution passed unanimously at the Socialist convention."

"That the Japanese be reimbursed for economic losses caused by the evacuation, that those held in relocation centers be immediately permitted to return to their homes on the Coast, that their civil rights be fully restored and that they be guaranteed protection from mob violence."

Quarterly Census Roster Reveals Nine Octogenarians; More Women Than Men; Nine Year Old Alien

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY CENSUS ROSTER Center Minidoka For Quarter ending Midnight, September 30, 1944 I. AGE GROUPS BY SEX AND CITIZENSHIP

Table with columns: Age on last Birthday, MALE Citizen Alien, FEMALE Citizen Alien, Total. Rows include age groups from Under 1 to 88.

Total by sex & Cit. 1334 1763 1900 1524 6521 Total by Sex 3097 3424 6521

II. MARITAL STATUS BY CITIZENSHIP AND SEX

Table with columns: Marital Status, CITIZEN Male Female, ALIEN Male Female, Total. Rows include Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced.

Total by Cit. & Sex 1330 1907 1745 1539 6521 Total by Cit. 3237 3284 6521

Servicemen On Furlough—Whither Art Thou Bound?

Gradually the men of Japanese ancestry in Uncle Sam's armed services are becoming more and more articulate and most people are becoming aware of the things a Nisei GI dreams about when he is doing his stint in this man's army.

Included in one of these "suggestive" letters was a letter to the now defunct Community Activities division. In this letter the GI wistfully and prayerfully requests that all social activities planned for the Thanksgiving week might be scheduled with an eye toward their being able to join in the festivities with the rest of the center residents.

Because their furlough enables them to come to camp (home to them) for only two days, Nov. 21 and 22, they especially request that some activity might be planned to include these homesick GIs.

As one of the boys wrote "I can hardly wait to pass those stone gates again," the necessity of planning something for our boys becomes more imperative.

Since the suspension of the Community Activities division there are at present no form of organized group to plan anything on a center-wide scale or even an informal block-get-together. Clearly the only organization that will give assurance of substantial backing would be the USO. However, no organization will be able to succeed by itself. The help of every person is necessary for it is the individual which spells success or failure to any group.

As a center where it is reputed that the most men have responded to Uncle Sam's call, it behooves us to do something about this letter from our GIs.

The majority of us are content with just sitting back and wondering when something or other would be done for the boys. The familiar saying "why doesn't somebody DO something" is becoming too common.

Instead of sitting around wondering the whys and wherefores it is our duty and certainly to the youths of the center a source of pleasure and recreation to pitch-in and do a little organizing.

A tentative attempt at organizing is being done by the Area A girls in trying to form a "charter group" of the USO. Surely it isn't too much to ask the girls and others who have relatives serving in the army of Area B to at least make an attempt to organize their own branch of the USO. In this way both areas might be able to combine and really put over a social or dance which would not only give recreation and fun to the visiting servicemen but also to youths of the center.

Our boys never ask or wait for someone else to "do something about it," they take it in their stride and perform whatever duty they must do if not excellently, then to the best of their ability.

Pasadena Chronicle: Editorial Lashes Out Against Prejudice, Upholds Equality

Quoting Amendment XIV, Section 1, of the United States Constitution, the Pasadena Chronicle wrote an editorial on the return of Esther Takei to attend school on the West Coast. The Chronicle is edited by Carl Palmberg, a veteran of this war. It is published by the associated students of Pasadena Junior College.

The editorial in part follows: "To Californians the matter of race prejudice has always been a thorn in the flesh. After the transcontinental railroad had been completed, the Chinese laborer soon found his economically inspired welcome overthrown. Since then, the 'Yellow Peril' has obsessed the minds of many stalwart citizens of the curiously named 'Golden State.' Now that China is our ally, the Japanese immigrant and his American-born family have featured prominently in California nightmares."

Now a, racial issue has struck Pasadena in general, and Pasadena Junior College in particular. That there should be any issue at all—any question of the right of an American citizen of whatever ancestry to attend a public school—constitutes a dismal commentary on the political enlightenment of California's citizens."

However, there is a brighter side to the situation. The ministers of Pasadena, a majority of students at Pasadena Junior College, and members of the Board of Education have been consistent in their demands that the law be upheld in regard to the constitutional rights of Esther Takei, American citizen of whatever ancestry, and equal treatment for the people of this minority, as of all other minorities."

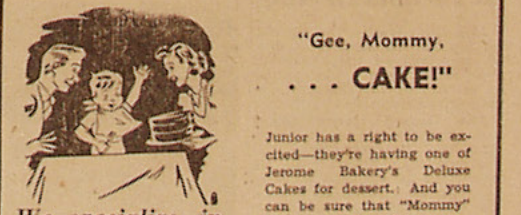
Last Year About This Time

NOVEMBER 26, 1943. Because of the arrival of Tule Lake students and the lengthening of harvest, schools have extended registration. Final plans are now being made for the art exhibit through Sunday, November 25 to 28, the Community Activities art section stated this week. The model apartments located in Bldgs. 22 and 29 are not open for public inspection as previously announced, because of the unanticipated arrival of new residents from Tule Lake, stated C. W. Abbott, an example for the entire state housing superintendent.

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THE MINIDOKA Sports IRRIGATOR

With football on the march again this week we are re-capping some of the results of the games that were played last Saturday throughout the nation.

Army's unbeaten football horde replaces Notre Dame this week as the kingpin in the collegiate world in the opinion of the sports writers polled by the Associated Press.

The gridiron tussles during these past months has brought to the public eye many of the Nisei stars in the gridiron world. The Drake University Bulldogs undefeated in four games this season boast probably the lightest regular full back in college football this season.

Making a circuit of football playing in other relocation centers via their newspaper shows that in most of the centers, tackle football has already been organized.

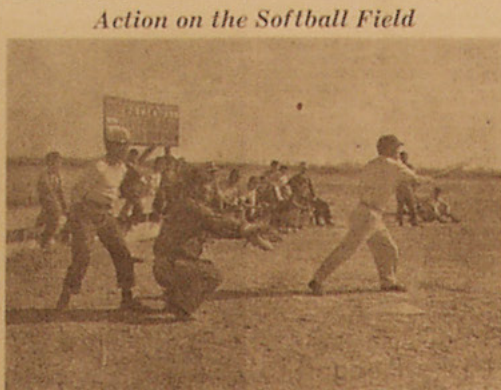
On the other hand here at Hunt, most of the youths are wondering, "When are we going to receive a piece of the gridiron pie, if any?"

They tell me the highest brand of "casaba tosin" as played by the Nisei lads on the coast is exhibited around in Bay Area District, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and near that region;

While in California, we have seen many football games played by the local boys and had the opportunity to witness that classic Rice Bowl game between the stars of Japanese and Chinese boys in Sacramento but we can never come to convince ourselves that the caliber of their plays are superior to that of the North.

Well, we firmly and emphatically believe that the boys from up North could give stiff argument to any region that might claim the honor.

Several hundred Hunt softball fans witnessed one of the most rip-roaring battles of the season on the Blk. 33 diamond last week as the Section VII team emerged in the eleventh inning with a neat bit of hit and run play which downed the Section V ten.



It's a hit! M. Ota, popular manager of the Sec. III softball team makes a hefty cut at the old horsehide.

Section IV Oldsters Cop League Championship Winning Team Undefeated in Last Three Games, Sec. V. Placed 2nd

With a climax that would justly determine any champion the Section Old-Stars League finished a very successful season last week-end.

Coming through undefeated in their last three games the Section IV oldsters were able to cop the league's coveted top spot by holding Section III to an 8 to 1 decision on Saturday.

Section V, although finishing in second place, was defeated by Section VII in a heart breaker that lasted all of eleven innings with the final score being 12 to 10.

Battling it out until the very last to determine the third and fourth place positions, the Section II and Section III outfits finally compromised for a third place tie. Although Section III lost to Section IV on Saturday they were able to defeat Section II on Sunday and

Sec. VII Wins In Thrilling Game

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Highlighted with spectacular catches, long hits, brilliantly executed plays and some head-up baseball together with the usual quota of errors, the game continued into four extra innings, making fans and players alike forget the tension of barb-wire-fence life and almost the dinner bell.

Sunday Church Activities

CATHOLIC CHURCH: Sunday Mass 8:30 a. m. 22-1-E. Catechism class as usual for children, following Mass 22-1-E. Benediction 7:30 p. m. 22-1-E.

MONDAY: Genkokai 2:00 p. m. 22-1-E. Vincentians 7:30 p. m. Bk. 8.

SATURDAY: Confession 5 and 7 p. m. 22-1-F. DAILY MASS: 6:50 a. m. 22-1-E.

FEDERATED CHRISTIAN: Sunday school classes will meet as usual in each section. Morning Worship Services: 10:45 a. m. Rec. 8.

SHINSHU BUDDHIST: Nov. 4 (SAT.) Rec. Hall 13, 7:30 p. m. Rev. Sugimoto, Nov. 5 (SUN.) Rec. Hall 35, 2:00 p. m. Rev. Sugimoto.

HUNT BUDDHIST: Shinshu Adult Worship Nov. 4 (SAT.), Rec. 26, 7:30 p. m. 9:30 p. m. Young People's Devotional Nov. 5 (SAT.) Rec. 13, 10:00 a. m.-11:00 a. m.

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Father Daisuke Kitagawa Writes of Nisei Integration

This article entitled "Pertinent Question" was written by Daisuke Kitagawa, formerly of Tule Lake and now with the United Christian Ministry to Japanese Americans, sponsored by the Minneapolis Church Federation, Minneapolis, Minn.

From the standpoint of the total population of Japanese and Japanese Americans in America, relocation has not been nearly half completed. In view of the fact, however that a great majority of able and vigorous Nisei have already left the relocation centers, it might not be too far from the truth to say that the relocation program has reached its second stage with the emphasis shifted from mere relocation to permanent resettlement.

What is INTEGRATION? In reference to resettlement it has been repeatedly pointed out by many leaders, both Nisei and Caucasian, religious and civic, that its ultimate aim is "integration," but as to what integration is or ought to be there are several different ideas. It is highly important for all resettlers to have some definite concept of integration if their resettlement is to be truly successful.

No one in America today can live the life of a mature person unless he is aware of the fact that he is a part, integral and indispensable in however a meager way, of America and of the world. Japanese cannot be an exception. His problem is a problem of an exception. His problem is a problem of the nation. In his trying experience of evacuation and the painful effort of relocation and resettlement one can and must feel a growing pain of America herself.

SPIRITUAL ISOLATIONISM: We must denounce the kind of attitude which might be called spiritual isolationism. We must also be aware of its subtlety. When we think of our own welfare and forget that of others we are spiritual isolationists. When our concern does not go beyond "how much I get paid for my work," "what sort of housing I could get," "what sort of fun I could have out of city life" or "how much I could save a month," and never take into our consideration the undeniable fact that what we do and how we behave cannot but reflect on the welfare of other Nisei, we are again spiritual isolationists.

Council Protests Method Used In C.A. Suspension

Due to the suspension of Community Activities for reasons of reorganization along more efficient lines by Project Director H. L. Stafford, the Community Council when approached on the matter of forming an advisory council on re-creation made a comprehensive study of the action, it was reported this week.

According to a memo sent by the Council to Project Director H. L. Stafford, it was pointed out that terminated C. A. workers had no recourse to the regulations of the Fair Employment Practice Board, because the terminations were ordered by the project director.

Since the Council had not been consulted prior to this date it had not protested the action at a earlier date. However when the Council was called upon to help in the formation of an advisory council and it felt that discussion on this matter could not proceed without first clarifying the matter of termination.

Therefore the Council came to the conclusion that the manner of the suspension of the C. A. Staff is not a matter of principle alone. Workers should have some assurance that they will not again be suspended as a group without (a) adequate reason, (b) opportunity to appeal such suspension as provided by WRA regulations because smooth reorganization of a section is bound to be obstructed by the arbitrary suspension of workers.

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