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Japanese Return Will Not Create Serious Trouble-Myer

Goal of WRA to Close Centers by 1946 Those Left To Be Turned Over to FBI

Pointing out that there have been 67 war casualties among Nisei servicemen from the Seattle area, Dillon S. Myer, national director of the WRA, lashed out at a so-called "exclusionist group in Seattle," and predicted there will be "no trouble of a serious nature" when Japanese return here from the relocation centers, it was reported in the Seattle Times.

Myer said it is too early to discern the pattern of movement from the centers, but the movement east is substantially greater than expected.

Fire Damage Cannot Be Fixed-Powers

A blaze which originated in 34-11-G caused an estimated damage of \$40 to the building, \$15 for other government property and \$100 to personal effects, the local Fire Department said. The fire occurred last Thursday noon. Though the cause of fire is as yet undetermined, it is presumed that it was caused by a lighted cigarette.

S. Hirai, an occupant of the apartment, was treated at the hospital for burns received by the fire. J. Dot, another occupant, was not at home at the time of the fire.

No repairs can be made to the damaged building according to instructions received by C. H. Powers, acting chief of operations.

The statement from Powers follows:

"The following policy will apply in answer to your question concerning the replacement of the damage suffered by the fire in Bk. 34, building 11, apartment G, January 11.

"There will be no replacement of any facility on the project damaged by fire where it is possible to use other facilities not now being utilized. In other words where an apartment is made unusable by fire of other cause and another apartment is vacant on the project, residents will be required to move to the vacant apartment in lieu of rebuilding of damaged apartment."

Selective Service Classifications Given by Leaves

For the benefit of draft age men, the following are the Selective Service classifications, according to Mrs. J. Alexander, in charge of the local Selective Service:

- 1A—subject to induction.
- 2A—essential to civilian industry.
- 2B—essential to war industry.
- 2C—farming classification.
- 4A—anyone over 35 years of age.
- 4C—allies.
- 4D—ministers and theological students.
- 4E—conscientious objectors.
- 4F—physically unfit.

The alphabet "L" after any of the above category means limited service.

Any questions pertaining to Selective Service, may be addressed to Mrs. J. Alexander at the Leaves office.

It was also stated that if discharged veterans needed aid they should get in touch with the Veterans Administration in Boise. Also discharged men should report to Mrs. Alexander so that proper papers may be secured and sent to the local board.

Bronze Stars Won By Twenty Nisei

Bronze stars were awarded on Jan. 2 by Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers to 20 Japanese American soldiers in France, including one from Hood River, Ore., where the names of Nisei servicemen recently were removed from a war honor roll by the American Legion, it was reported in the Des Moines Register.

The men who received the awards, three of whom are missing in action from a battle near Bifontaine, France, October 22, are members of the 100th Battalion, Japanese American combat team, has been called "one of the most decorated units of its size in American military history."

Pfc. George Akiyama is the Nisei from Hood River.

Those missing in action were reported as Sgt. George Suyama, Helena, Montana; Pvt. William Yamaka, Ill.; and Sgt. Harry Kama-kawa, Olat, Hawaii.

Op. Shiro Yamaguchi of Seattle, was also among the twenty men who received the Bronze Star.

PSA MEETING
An important meeting of the Parent Soldier Association will be held next Sunday, January 21, at 7:30 p. m. at D. H. 23, according to Selschi Hara, president. Members are asked to attend.

88 Residents Apply For Coast Return

To date, 88 persons from Hunt have applied to return to the evacuated areas including Hawaii and Alaska, according to Dallas Nevell, assistant relocation adviser.

If there are any Hawaiians or Alaskans who have not been interviewed and wish to return to their former homes, they are asked to contact either Nevell or Morris Roth at the Leaves office.

Traveling Aliens Must Have Permits

Regulations of the Department of Justice require that all Japanese aliens must receive advance permission from the appropriate United States District Attorney to travel from their place of residence except in two cases, according to a WRA release.

The two exceptions to this requirement are: (1) in the case of an alien departing from a center on leave approved by the WRA, no travel permission need be obtained from the District Attorney and (2) in the case of an alien obtaining short term leave for the purpose of investigating relocation opportunities and then returning to the center, where more than one destination is involved, no travel permission need be obtained from the appropriate United States District Attorney to travel from one destination to another or back to the center if the alien's approved itinerary is adhered to.

In all other cases including travel from the destination specified in the leave either to another destination or back to a center, and regardless of the type of leave issued, whether short-term, seasonal, or indefinite, advance travel permission must be secured from the United States Attorney for the judicial district in which the alien is located.

In addition to obtaining advance travel permission to move to a new address, aliens are required to inform the Alien Registration Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia and the field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation mentioned in the alien's certificate of identification of the new address within five days after arrival. Aliens are also required to notify these offices of any change in employment.

Any person out on short term leave or day pass, and is unable to provide complete identification at the gate, will be issued a visitor's pass and charged two weeks round and board, according to J. Nicholas, assistant project director in charge of administrative management.

Kinoshita Family First to Return Since Ban Lifting

Believed to be the first Hunt family to take advantage of the lifting of the West Coast ban, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kinoshita, daughter Mary and son Charles, of 16-12-BC, who returned to Seattle Thursday morning, according to V. V. MacLaughlin, relocation officer.

They will be employed by Bishop Shaumessy, a Catholic priest of Seattle. Prior to evacuation, the Kinoshitas managed a hotel on Terry Avenue.

Their eldest son, S/Sgt. Francis Kinoshita, 21, who volunteered for the Combat Team was killed in action in the Italian campaign on July 9.

Three other daughters, Imelda, Mary Jane and Irene are relocated to Chicago, St. Paul and Peoria, respectively.

Evacuee Property Moves to Ad Area

Evacuee property and legal aid offices will be moved to the building west of the relocation office, H. W. Cox, evacuee property officer, announced this week. The offices will be open for business beginning Monday, Jan. 15, Cox said.

Ration board, permit section and the attorney's office will be housed in the same building.

FORWARDING ADDRESSES
All relocates are asked to be sure that their forwarding address is left with the local Post Office before leaving the center, according to H. H. Hilda, postmaster. It is an important procedure that must be observed if they wish to receive their mail, it was said.

15 Return To Coast On Short Terms

Since the lifting of the West Coast ban, 15 residents have applied for a short term leave to investigate relocation possibilities in their former home towns, according to R. Hughley, assistant relocation adviser.

The following are those out on such type leave to the evacuated areas:

Judy Aramaki, Bellevue; Kay Yamaguchi, Bellevue; Kenji Ito, San Francisco via Sacramento; Tokichi Fujita, Seattle; Natsusaburo Tamura, Hood River; George Yamaguchi, Seattle; Mitsuyo Yamaguchi Seattle; Shiyoshi Ishikawa, Seattle; Tanyoshi Horike, Tacoma; Keihiro Yoshitani, Milwaukee; Oregoo, Tatsuo Dutch Watanabe, Milwaukee, and Ruth Watanabe, Milwaukee.

Those leaving today for Seattle on short term are: Myoichi Nishimura, Umeke Araki and Toru Araki.

Pfc. Matsudaira To Broadcast From Chicago on Jan. 23

A transcribed interview with Pfc. John Matsudaira, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Matsudaira, 8-5-B, will be broadcast over Station WIND 960 kilocycles, Chicago, at 1:10 p. m. on January 23, according to a letter received here.

This interview was transcribed by the Station WIND special events staff at Vaughn General Hospital.

Pfc. Matsudaira was seriously wounded in action while he was serving with the 442nd Central Postal Directory on July 10, 1944. He was returned to Vaughn General Hospital, Hines, Illinois in the fall of 1944.

Small Dining Halls To Close Feb. 28

The Administration will make effective at the close of business on Feb. 28, the closing of all dining halls serving meals to 125 or less persons, H. L. Stafford, project director, announced this week. His announcement came after the receipt of a teletype Thursday from J. H. Province, acting WRA director, which said in part, "Your request to postpone putting into effect the order affecting mess halls until March 1 is approved."

"Reduction of steward service workers will be effective as of Feb. 26. No further plans of steward service workers will be made during January and February except to maintain the present authorized quota of workers," Stafford said.

Residents to Study Center Closure

To discuss available information concerning the new government policy on relocation centers and the opening of the West Coast, a meeting of blocks will be held as soon as the minutes of the joint meeting, held January 4, are available, Yoshito Fujii, chairman, Community Council stated.

Other purposes of these meetings will include: To record questions, concerning the new regulations, which require clarification, and to recommend capable individuals from the block to participate in meeting the present problems revolving around the closing of the center, Fujii said.

Alaska GI's Forget Race Prejudice—PI

"Servicemen have learned to team up together in total disregard of a man's religious or racial background, and much less prejudice is found among them compared to our civilians at home," stated Dr. U. S. Mitchell of the National Conference of Christian and Jews, it was reported in the Seattle P. I.

Dr. Mitchell has just completed a tour which reached over 90 per cent of the armed forces in the Aleutians and Alaska.

"Furthermore, the men are exceedingly impatient with the folks at home who are demonstrating attitudes of intolerance," he added.

Dr. Mitchell said he found none who advocated discrimination against loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry.

"Emphatic displeasure was registered concerning reports of proposed legislation to prevent return of these citizens to their communities," he asserted.

"Our government authorities and law enforcement officials have declared the Japanese Americans to have been thoroughly cooperative and they have given more than their percentage of manpower to the fighting forces," Dr. Mitchell pointed out.

CENTERS TO BE CLOSED WITHIN ONE YEAR--WRA

Sec. Ickes Sends Word To Nisei Men

The following message was released by Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes on December 29, 1944 to all American soldiers of Japanese ancestry:

"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. 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.

"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 now 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 of the assistance that has been previously given. Federal and state welfare agencies will aid families that need special help.

"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 follow-countryman of Japanese descent. I send you my wishes for your safe return home, and for a future in America endowed with the happiness that you have so well earned."

No Shoe Stamps To Be Cancelled

WASHINGTON—Price Administrator Chester Bowles assured the nation there is "not a chance in a million" that any outstanding shoe ration stamps will be cancelled, according to a United Press report.

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Hunt Volunteers Awarded Citation

WITH THE 442ND COMBAT TEAM OF THE SEVENTH ARMY IN FRANCE—Among the 21 Nisei soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division who received a commendation for comprising the daring reconnaissance patrol which reached the Pisa airport in Italy were two Hunt men, Pfc. Henry T. Matsumura and Pfc. John S. Kakehashi, according to a release from the Seventh Army.

All of the patrol members were from Company G of the 442nd Combat Team, which is now fighting with the Seventh Army in the Vosges Mt. sector.

Both Pfc. Matsumura and Pfc. Kakehashi volunteered for the special unit from Hunt. Pfc. Matsumura's parents are relocated in Spokane while Pfc. Kakehashi's mother and brothers are in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

WRA Responsibility is To Care For Evacuees, Promote Relocation

Confidence that all W.R.A. centers would be closed within one year was expressed last Saturday by Solon Kimball in an address to the entire appointed personnel who met in mess hall 23.

Outlining the basic thinking in the Washington office, Kimball said that the W.R.A. is an agency of the Federal Government which has been charged with two specific responsibilities. The first responsibility was caring for the people who were evacuated from the West Coast as long as the West Coast was closed to them. The second responsibility of W. R. A. is to complete the job of returning or effecting the return of these people either to their homes on the West Coast or to other areas where they may wish to go.

Pickle Plant Closed on January 6

Effective January 6 the local pickling plant will be closed due to the lack of vegetables available for pickling purposes, according to the agriculture report. Pickling which might be done in the future will be done by the farm workers, the report said.

The sewing plant to date has produced 581 pairs canvas gloves, 25 carpenter aprons, 6 aprons and 2 canvas covers. These products are being used in agriculture, engineering, transportation, carpenter, hospital and steward divisions on the project.

According to the report 107 feeder pigs were bought during December. The hogs slaughtered for project consumption totaled 128, with a total poundage of 240 (128 weight).

Poultry butchered during December totaled 1820 with an average live dress weight of 6.15, the report said.

WRA Approaches Center Closure With Confidence

"It is with full confidence that W. R. A. is approaching the task of assisting residents of all centers to make adjustments in normal communities within a period of one year," Solon Kimball told the IRRIGATOR yesterday.

"This confidence is based upon the greatly improved understanding in the problems of the evacuated people by the American public," he said. "The outstanding record of Nisei in the American army has been a major factor in creating goodwill and understanding."

"It is the conviction of W. R. A. officials in Washington, in view of the employment opportunities existing in wartime, that now is the time to return to normal community life, rather than to wait for a less certain future. Washington also feels that, for the sake of the future of the children, parents should be willing to leave the abnormal life of a relocation center."

Kimball stated that this was the essence of his remarks last Wednesday at a meeting in the Ad Area with a group of Issei residents who had requested further clarification of W. R. A. policies. He said that the meeting was devoted to answering questions concerning plans for the closing of the centers.

Pfc. G. Miyaoka Receives Silver Star for Gallantry

Pfc. George S. Miyaoka of Sacramento, a rifleman with the Japanese American Combat Team, was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action, according to report from Seventh Army headquarters in France. It was reported in the Pacific Citizen.

The report said that a German machine gun nest was holding up the advance of Miyaoka's company and he volunteered to knock it out.

The citation added:

"Pfc. Miyaoka was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on July 18, near Colle Salvetti, Italy. When L Company was halted by two machine guns less than 100 yards away, Pfc. Miyaoka volunteered to go forward and destroy the machine gun position.

"Under steady machine gun fire a machine pistol and supporting sniper fire he crawled within 20 yards of his target. He demoralized the enemy by throwing a fragmentation grenade into the nest and shot and killed three of the enemy, wounded one and captured one. After sending the prisoner to the rear he personally bandaged the wounded enemy. Pfc. Miyaoka's action cleared the way for the advance of the company. His determination and conspicuous bravery in the face of imminent danger reflect credit on the armed forces of the United States."

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Hinkle Cox, evacuee property officer. (Continued on page 4)

Nichols, Mann Attend Parley

J. H. Nichols, Assistant Project Director in charge of Administrative Management, left for Denver last Sunday with Howard Mann, property officer, to attend a property and warehousing meeting at the Adams Hotel.

The meeting consists of officials from the W. R. A. Office in Washington, and two representatives from each project. Nichols and Mann will return to Hunt tomorrow.

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Us Little People

America is full of little people. Perhaps they are not little in physical stature but they are little people—common people—in that their names do not make newspaper headlines across the nation in a blaze of fanfare and noise, and the nation's press does not breathlessly wait for the deathless and vital words that might drop from their lips.

These are the people who make up this country. These are the people for whom Lincoln in his immortal Gettysburg address said, "... that the government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." These are the people whom we must learn to know better, for these people are like the majority of us—just common, little people—people who are shouldering the burdens of war, who are praying for the safety and return of their brave men who are fighting so valiantly and bravely in this war, who are working and doing their utmost that this war might end soon.

The things that these little people are thinking about should be very easy for us to understand because we, too, belong in the same category, have the same problems and the same worries and a common bond which makes us laugh and cry at the same things. These are the people with whom we shall come into contact with. And we shall be able to understand each other because once almost three years ago now, we used to mingle with them without fear, without prejudice, without suspicion.

We read so many things that have been written since the outbreak of the war and many of the things have not been pleasant experiences for us to either bear or understand. Nevertheless the years have crept up on us and current events foreshadow a future in which we, as citizens and law-abiding aliens will once again take our places in America's society, and be able to live normal lives.

And behind the shoutings, ravings and rantings of the misguided few, who would have us believe that there is no place for us in America, stand the solid citizens—men and women who make the real America. Because they do not make so much noise and because they do not stir up so much dust and confusion, one is led to believe that the vociferous few are in the majority. However, when a crisis occurs, we begin to realize that America is still O. K. As in the present situation since the rescinding of the West Coast ban, some of us are frightened by the news stories that appear with surprising regularity in the coast papers concerning the hostility of the residents there. We are frightened and sometimes rather hurt and baffled by these stories, because once upon a time we used to know these same people. But upon closer scrutiny, we must admit that we still have friends on the West Coast. People who sincerely believe that we should be given a chance. In most cases these solid citizens are pulling for us and because they are so silent does not mean that they are not thinking friendly thoughts of us.

Also as some unscrupulous characters would have us believe, is the fact that the returning veterans will be unfriendly to us. It is common knowledge among the residents that the majority of us would rather have an unexpected meeting with a war veteran rather than with some home-front super patriot who might unexpectedly "fly off the handle."

And as the days draw closer to the time when we must bid our final adieu to our wartime home, we must become more and more aware of the type of people with whom we must live in harmony and friendship. And the sooner we realize that we must reciprocate the friendly overtures of the little people, the sooner will we be able to re-integrate ourselves back into the normal stream of life again.

During our trying times, we have had many friends, people who had never known us, people who were strangers to us, who were pulling for us and anxious to see that the right must prevail. And now, thanks to our fighting Nisei in Italy and France and in the Pacific areas, we are being given a chance to back up the claims made by these little people that we are loyal and law-abiding people.

Oregon CIO Backs Japanese American Unclaimed Checks Rights, Privileges

In a letter published by the Journal, Stanley Earl, secretary of the Oregon State CIO Council, declared: "We insist that all the rights and privileges due the Japanese Americans as citizens be religiously adhered to, and we shall oppose all attempts to infringe on these rights," it was reported in the Pacific Citizen.

Earl declared that the CIO wanted to express its policy in the Japanese American controversy raised by the Hood River post and a group of Greshamites.

"It would be well for these people who advocate these anti-Christian and un-American ideas to show some of the patriotism exhibited by the Japanese Americans fighting for the democracy these people are ignorantly trying to destroy."



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Pasadena Group Comments on Coast Ban Lift

PASADENA, CALIF. — The Friends of the American Way made public this statement on Dec. 17, the date on which the lifting of the mass exclusion orders was announced:

"We are relieved that America will no longer banish people on a racial basis."

"To our returning Pasadena neighbors, we offer friendship and help in finding housing and employment."

"To the Army and to local law enforcement agencies, we promise every assistance in apprehending criminals who intimidate or harm these loyal people."

FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN WAY
/s/ Wm. C. Carr, Chairman

Negroes to Fight Over L. A. Church

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

"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 Rev. Julius Goldwater, Buddhist priest acting as attorney for the owners, who served notice to get out, to take the next step.

First attempt of returning Japanese Americans to oust the Negroes and regain possession of Little Tokyo—a move to evict the Providence Baptist Church from the Los Angeles Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, was made last week and immediately gave indication of becoming a court battle.

Following disclosure that the church and 75 Negro war workers now housed in the temple, was given notice to vacate the structure, Dr. L. B. Brown, pastor of the first Baptist Institute, announced that the church group has retained an attorney.

"We have made a \$7,200 down payment, thinking that we were purchasing the temple building, and we have \$25,000 to pay down," Dr. Brown said. "We are not opposed to the Japanese returning, but we believe, since many of our people are war workers engaged in work vitally essential to the war effort, that we are entitled to certain considerations. We are not opposing the government in its plans to relocate Japanese Americans here, but we do want our rights as American citizens."

Pacific Veteran Proud To Serve With Nisei Men

POCATELLO—A Marine who attended elementary and high school with Nisei and fought in their company in the Pacific, last Tuesday declared that "too many service men who do not know the Nisei do them injustice by identifying them with the enemy," reported the Salt Lake Tribune.

The Marine, who said he could not be quoted by name because of the duty he served in the Pacific, was in the Eniwetok island engagement. "Two Nisei Marines, a staff sergeant and a buck sergeant were with our commanding officer right through the whole fight. They were really good men and I was proud to serve with them," he said.

California Group Asks for Tolerance

VISALIA—Common sense, tolerance and an understanding of rights of American citizens must be exercised by law enforcement agencies and the public in dealing with returning Japanese, Walter C. Haight, District Attorney, cautioned members of the Tulare County Peace Officers Association in an annual meeting, held last week according to the Los Angeles Times.

Emotional impulses must be curbed from the beginning and rough shod methods of discouraging resettlement of American Japanese citizens would retard making the best of a complicated situation, he said.

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Does courtesy pay in these times? On observing the various activities in the center of the characters on Hunt's stage are indeed food for thought. The theater crowd that trok faithfully to the Rec. halls to see the current movie attractions are "one rowdy bunch" as someone said. In this case the saying "women and children first" does not hold water at all—and the same goes for the early morning convoy riders. The toughest, strongest and long-winded individuals always wind up with the "bests" in the eyes of the casual observer. Neither does "first come, first served" apply in these cases. However, there are certain people who retain some of the courtesies common in society and usually these are the ones who are left "holding the sack."

In the case of the convoy riders, these polite one are always the ones who are hanging on precariously to the convoy truck because they just happened to be polite enough to let some one else on first. The seat-grabbers are comfortably seated and busily engaged in their private doings and vaguely look around to see what's holding up the parade. One wonders what will happen when these "firsts" find themselves in a situation where a semblance of courtesy and politeness are essential to ones being accepted in society. Perhaps they hope to shed their uncouth actions as a snake sheds its skin, but they say even the reptiles go through a little agony in order that they may be able to emerge with brand new skins and perhaps a better outlook on life.

From the patient's viewpoint, this is very discouraging and by the time the doctor's polite request one to say "Ahhhhhh" either the patient is sicker or is so tired he doesn't care what happens. Of course, from the doctor's and nurses' viewpoint, everything appears in a different light. But as the tired and glazed eyes of the chronic patient looks around, he cannot help but see the amount of the work with which the project medical workers are doing. One wonders how they can do so much with so little—and though thanks should be given our hospital workers in a collective bunch one cannot help but make a few reservations and given special thanks to those particular ones who go out of their way to make the patient's life as pleasant as possible and who will add that extra special "something" that turns a dark rather caustic and sometimes uncomplimentary remarks about the scenic points of Idaho. Only when

one is about to leave does he begin to emerge from his cocoon of his own making and begin to observe the various natural objects that make Idaho a state of peculiar and individual beauty. One begins to see the bright bold colors of an Idaho sunrise or sunset, the clarity of the skies, the vastness of its deserts and the fertility of its farms.

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Lifting of Ban Hot Issue Among California Groups

Rodney L. Brink, staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor and former Boisean writer of the pro and con groups in California in regards to the Army's revocation of the mass exclusion order. The following is the by-line story which appeared in the Idaho Statesman, January 6:

LOS ANGELES—Public opinion is making itself emphatically vocal in California regarding the return of Japanese Americans to their Pacific Coast homes.

Not unanimously, but with authority, Vox Populi is saying: "They shall have fair treatment. Law and order must prevail. Their rights as American citizens shall be protected."

A strong statement has just been jointly authorized and issued by these widely representative organizations: Church Federation of Los Angeles; Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play; Free World Association of Hollywood; Friends of the American Way; Intercultural Council of the Roman Catholic Church; Negro Interdenomination Pastors' Alliance of Pasadena, and Pastor's Union of Pasadena; Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

The statement follows: "We commend Gov. Warren for urging all public officials to assist in bringing about cheerful and adequate compliance with the Army's revocation of its mass evacuation order directed against American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident Japanese aliens."

"We likewise commend and will support the position of all other public officials seeking to maintain the principles of democracy in this state.

"This episode is a test of the people of this state. We are confident that by their American attitude and conduct they will demonstrate to all nations that democracy has validity and vitality even in time of war, and will thereby contribute in a most important way to the ultimate success of our armed forces."

The forces opposed to the return of the Japanese to the coast are still organized and still vocal, also, but their expressions of opposition have taken a different tack. Denunciations and even threats which were heard in the period before the Army revoked its Japanese evacuation order of 1942 have changed

now to pleas to the evacuees themselves not to return until the war is ended. The pleas are made on a basis of national security and the safety of the individuals concerned.

A meeting of organizations which have long and vigorously opposed return of the Japanese was held recently. Represented were Native Sons of the Golden West, Americanism Educational League, Women of the Golden West, United Philippine War Veterans, Sino-Korean People's League and the "Ban the Japs" Committee. Some of the older and better-known of these organizations opposed Japanese residence here long before the war, and doubtless will continue such opposition after the war.

Even this strongly anti-group, in formal statement, asserted that they "recognize the necessity of maintaining law and order under any and all circumstances... recognize the inviolability of citizenship rights under our constitution, but also recognize the necessity in wartime emergencies to curtail temporary unlimited expression of those rights for mutual security and common welfare."

The statement mentioned the possibility of the landing of Japanese saboteurs from submarines, the probable alerting of vital military districts, the difficulties in securing housing and employment at this time, the intense opposition to Japanese tenancy in certain farming districts.

"These present," said the statement, "urge upon Japanese planning to return careful consideration of these facts, with hope that they will voluntarily remain away until the war is ended.

At the meeting of the organizations opposed to Japanese reentry, mentioned above, appeared a spokesman from the other side of the question representing the Church Federation of Los Angeles and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches, Dr. E. C. Farnham.

Dr. Farnham made a strong declaration on behalf of his two organizations, in support of the Army's decision to permit return of evacuated Japanese. He said in part:

"We hold that as Americans, they are entitled to a place of dignity and opportunity, and that it is possible to give them such a place in the life of our commonwealth just as much as to any other people."

"Now that the evacuation order has been discontinued and these people will soon be free to seek a place of normal abode and activity, we urge that all civic and community leaders, the press, and all citizens and particularly those of Christian confession take a positive stand for a true demonstration of Christian and democratic principles.

"We should not countenance the thought of disorder or violence, nor give encouragement to it by suggesting its inevitability, but we should rather encourage order and good will by making clear the principles and duties of American citizens.

"We should give ourselves resolutely likewise to the solution of problems of housing, employment and social adjustment."

Nisei Captain Pictured in PM

The New York PM carried a three-column, by four-half inch picture of a Hawaiian-born Nisei receiving the Silver Star while recuperating in a hospital. The picture was entitled "Honor for a Japanese American," and the caption read: "In retreat ceremonies at the Peninsular Base Section Medical Center in the Naples area of Italy, Col. Lee D. Cady offers his congratulations to Lt. Howard Y. Miyake, a Honolulu-born Japanese American who received the Silver Star for his gallantry in action."

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Miss Mardi Gras Presented Tonight; Proceeds Go to School "Memoirs"

"Unbelievers" they called us. But who could we believe it if it never came to us? The Oulji, of course.

Every time we sat in at a seance, shoes removed, card table in front, the fingers lightly resting on the table, we were never favored with the entrance of the highly touted and unmercifully puffed Oulji.

But always, a few minutes after we leave the room, the old boy came. So we resigned ourselves to a lonely life in the ethereal world. We wuz jinxed, that's what.

The other day we were banging away in the "den" and suddenly the reportorial room next door became strangely quiet. Used to a general uproar, we walked in to investigate the root of such a phenomena and were rewarded with the sight of the "Chief" and a reporter working a Oulji Board. Here, therefore, any mention of the supernatural, we considered an insult to our intellect. But if seeing was believing, that was it. That wooden disc was moving up and down spelling out words and sentences. They asked Oulji if we believed in it. The disc shot to a definite "No" with alarming alacrity.

But we had to try it. We sat down, laid our finger tips lightly on the pointer, asked a question, and by cracky, the thing began to move. Neither of us were moving it. We swear it, really, we swear it.

He, or she, or it... (it never answers when we ask about him) spelled out where we were going to relocate when, where some of our friends are.

He told us who and when we were going to get engaged and married. It was embarrassing because we happened to know a couple of names that were spelled out.

On the other hand, it spelled out totally strange names. In one particular case, it spelled out a name unfamiliar to everyone except two of us. It was the name of a former editor of the Rohwer center newspaper. To where, it answered Arkansas. It was right, only we knew he was now relocated. We asked if he was visiting, and the disc said to "yes." Then we asked where he relocated. The thing spelled out Chicago. To the Rohwer Outpost staff, we ask, "Was the Oulji right?" And to B. S., we'd like to inform him that he might not know it, but the Oulji says he'll marry a pretty girl working in our office.

According to our potent friend, the center will close in September, and the war will end on Dec. 24, 1947. It answered "Shilani" to a question we asked in Japanese, and told us that a member of the party was smoking Camels at the precise moment. It often avoids the issue by saying, "Don't know," and "Could be." He informed us that he didn't like a good friend of ours because "He is full of hot air."

We asked about the past to test him, and asked the future. And on most counts, he was correct.

To the skeptic, we say that block boys, as wary and skeptical as any gang, were converted because they had to believe what they were seeing and feeling.

There might be an element of the law of averages and coincidences, and it may have something to do with the subconscious. But whatever it is, it's weird and uncanny just the same.

Taking their cue from the highly successful Mardi Gras of last year, the Hunt High School student body is sponsoring their Second Annual Mardi Gras this week, Jan. 12 and 13 on the campus grounds. With the entire proceeds going toward the last school annual, all classes, clubs, and organizations have been planning their concessions and booths weeks in advance.

Last night, as the first night of the Mardi Gras, was hailed as a huge success. With emcee Lucius Horiuchi at the mike, the talent show drew a capacity audience.

Miss Mardi Gras Crowned

Supplies replenished, (as much as wartime restrictions will permit), the student body is prepared to chalk up another success tonight with the crowning of Miss Mardi Gras II as the climax.

Contestants for the coveted title include the Misses Naoko Anzai, Akko Haga, Toshi Heyama, Shiz Herita, Reiko Miura, Teruko Murakami and Porky Noritake. Voting will be based on the penny-a-vote system. Miss Mardi Gras will be presented tonight at the dances held in Dining Halls 21 and 23, from 8:30 to 12 p. m.

Bids for the dance are being sold by the committee members. Refreshments will be sold at the affair.

Raffle Draws Customers

With a beautiful 32-piece china set as the first prize, a big lamp as the second, and a big dresser mirror as the third prize, the Raffle is scheduled to wind up to its climax at the dance when Miss Mardi Gras will pick out the winners. Aside from the top three prizes, at least six more gifts-of-choice are waiting for the lucky winners, it was said.

Concessions and booth include A Fish Pond, Ring Toss, Penny Pitch, Ice Cream Parlor, Bingo, with record albums and chickens given away, Dart Games, hot dogs, pop corn and peanuts.

Heading the entire affair with numerous committees working under them are Renzo Enkoji, chairman; Art Horiuchi and Thomas Tsutakawa.

Previously relocated evacuees are NOT eligible for any type of assistance if they are merely planning further movement to some community outside of evacuated area.

In the last week's IRRIGATOR it was written that "relocated evacuees are eligible for assistance if they are merely planning further movement." However, it should have read relocated evacuees are NOT eligible.

He told us who was going to be Miss Mardi Gras, but we aren't committing ourselves to avoid stuffing of the ballot.

We saw it... we worked it. But still, there HAS to be a scientific explanation somewhere... there HAS to...

We'd like to point out an error inadvertently made in last week's paper. We mentioned in "High Wind" that five members of the Christmas Decoration Contest Committee were Buddhist. We know now that all six of them were, which makes it doubly interesting.

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Movie Schedule

"FOUR JILLS IN A JEEP" starring Kay Francis, Carole Landis, Martha Raye, Mitzl Mayfair, Jimmy Dorsey and his Orchestra, and Dick Haymes, playing in a musical production built around their overseas trip to entertain the boys.

"ROAD SHOW" with Adolphe Menjou, Carole Landis and John Hubbard. Gay with girls, goofy with gags.

RECINEMA

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Center Population Total 7388 on Jan. 1

A total of 435 visitors were registered on the project as of January 1. The center population on that date totaled 7388, according to Marian Covington, project statistician.

In regard to the census taking of December 31 she issued the following statement: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of this center for their cooperation during the quarterly census taken last Saturday night."

here and there

When "Aldrich" Hirano, one of the many "kodomo" of "C" Co. was asked what he thought of the Rohwer girls, he cast forth this pearl of wisdom: "Women are the downfall of men!" At his age, too. —Camp Shelby News (171st Battalion SEP.)

Sunday Church Activities

HUNT BUDDHIST
(All Services Conducted By the Rev. H. Terao)
ADULT SERVICES: Saturday and Sunday, Recs. 36 and 13.
POSTPONED, YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEVOTIONS: Sunday—Rec. 13—Classic Music: Appreciation, Mendelssohn Violin Concerto—10-11 a. m. SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rec. 13—11-11:45 a. m.

ST. SHINRAN'S HO-ONKO
Jan. 15, Monday, D. H. 33, 7 p. m. Jan. 16, Tuesday, D. H. 12, 7 p. m. The Rev. Terao will be the speaker on his topic, "The Faith of St. Shinran."
All Bussels are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Convoy will be scheduled from 6:30 p. m. at all Internal Security Sub-Stations.

SHINSHU BUDDHIST
CHILDREN'S SERVICES: (9:30-10:30 a. m.), Huntville, Rec. 35, Rev. Sugimoto. YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEVOTIONAL: Rec. 25, Rev. Sugimoto. HO-ONKO SERVICES: Rec. 13, Rev. Sugimoto, Jan. 13, (Sat.—taiya), 2 p. m. Jan. 15 (Sat. O-ahoya) 7 p. m. Rec. 35, Jan. 14 (Sun O-taiya) p. m. Jan. 14 (Sun. O-ahoya) 7 p. m. Rev. Sugimoto.

Miss Fite Returns

Miss A. Liddle Fite, counselor of the social welfare section, returned to the project last Saturday, January 6, after a three weeks visit to Pennsylvania, according to E. Huberman, assistant project director in charge of Community Management.

Kiyoko Teshima Takes Vows With Roy Hashitani

Dressed in traditional white attire with fingertip veil and carrying a corsage of gardenia and orchids, Miss Katie Kiyoko Teshima exchanged nuptial vows with Roy Hashitani on December 29. They were married at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. McCallister officiating.

Mrs. Hashitani is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Teshima, 30-1-A. She is formerly of Portland and was graduated from Lincoln High School and Girls Polytechnic. Mr. Hashitani is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Hashitani of Nyssa, Oregon. He was formerly a student at Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Charming little Gail Suga acted as flower girl and Florence Sakamoto was maid of honor. Joseph Komoto acted as best man and ushers were George Suga and Paul Takeuchi.

Mrs. Thomas Nishitani sang two solo numbers.

Later a reception was held for friends and relatives at Campbell's. The couple is now living in Nyssa.

Ft. Snelling Nisei Help Deliver Coal

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MICHIGAN: Detroit: Frank Sasaki.
MONTANA: Butte: Kazuo Tsujimoto.
NEBRASKA: Sidney: Kimiko Takeuchi, Bobby Takeuchi, Judith Takeuchi.

Maryknoll Parents Sponsor Tea For Fr. Tibesar

The Maryknoll Parents Association is sponsoring a farewell social in honor of the Rev. L. H. Tibesar, M. M. tomorrow at 2 p. m. at 22-11EF. Father Tibesar is leaving for his new post in Chicago. The public is invited to attend this affair.

Miss K. Suyematsu Reveals Betrothal

Coming as a pleasant surprise to many of her friends, the betrothal of Miss Kimiko Suyematsu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Suyematsu, 44-5-D, to Tom Kamo of Jamieson, Oregon, was revealed at a gathering of friends and relatives last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Suyematsu is a former resident of Bainbridge, Washington, and a '39 graduate of the Bainbridge High School.

No wedding plans have been made.

Ft. Snelling Choir Presents Many Programs Over Air

Included in the 125-voice Fort Snelling MIS choir which was heard in a nationwide and overseas broadcast during the Christmas week were the following Hunt-Hos: Pfc. Saburo Akiyama, Minor Azuma, Kei Fujikado, Yutaka Fujikado, Masaru Horiuchi, Kay Ito, George Okita, Roy Okabe, John Okamoto, Hideya Kumata, Michael Matsudaira, James Mayeno, Tadashi Nakauchi, Saburo Saito, Shig Tanagi, Ken Tanaka, Shig Watanabe, Tetsuya Yoda, and T/5 Shigeru Hara. WAC Pvt. Alice Shimoyama was also included in the choir, according to a story received here written by Peter Ohtaki, MIS News correspondent at Ft. Snelling.

The choir was heard several times during the holidays having appeared in a 15-minute transcribing "This is the Army" program, originating in Minneapolis, and again featured on Christmas Eve with a half hour of carols and Christmas services. The West Coast Broadcasting Company re-broadcast the program to stations on the West Coast. Pvt. Ohtaki writes.

The all-Nisei choir, formerly all-male, now has an addition of seven Nisei WAC sopranos. It is supervised by 1st Lt. Peter Yamazaki and directed by officer candidate Cpl. Joseph Running. Lt. Yamazaki is formerly from Los Angeles, Calif.

HUNT TALENT SHOW TO BE BROADCAST OVER KTFI MONDAY

Hero Nishimoto MC's Program, Singers, Orchestra Featured

As a result of a radio audition held on Wednesday afternoon at K. T. F. I. in Twin Falls in which 15 residents of Minidoka participated, the project launches a weekly radio series under the direction of Hero Nishimoto, beginning next week.

The purpose of the program is to introduce the Japanese Americans and their talents to the American public, Nishimoto said. With that purpose in mind he is planning a fifteen minute variety program of orchestral numbers, songs, and occasional dramatic skits which will be heard on K. T. F. I. each Monday at 3:00 p. m.

Among those who were heard at the audition and upon whom Nishimoto will draw for forthcoming shows are: Mary Nakata, Jack Teraoka, Nora Hoashi, Sach Uyegaki, Porky Noritake, and Kaz Kubo. Members of the Orchestra are: Ted Shimano, Dorrie Abe, Sally Makashima, Amy Iguchi, Joe Owaki, George Kaku, Kit Kitayama, and Yosh Ogata.

Luncheon Planned For Next of Kin Of War Casualties

A luncheon will be served Sunday afternoon, January 21, at D. H. 23, for all mothers and wives of soldiers missing, killed or wounded in action. It will be an invitational affair.

Entertainment and refreshments will be furnished.

Sally Shimanaka Elected to Club

BEREA, Ky.—Miss Sally Shimanaka, Berea College sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shimanaka, 42-10-F, has been selected as a member of the Twenty Writers Club on the Berea campus. The Twenty Writers Club is a literary endeavor conducted on a competitive basis. Members are selected by virtue of manuscripts which they submit, and the club is open to both students and faculty.

New Counselor

Arriving on the project on January 1 was Miss Betty Creusere, recently appointed junior counselor for the Social Welfare Section, reported E. Huberman, assistant project director in charge of Community Management.

Miss Creusere is reported to have had considerable experience in social work at Detroit, Michigan, and will hold office in the Social Welfare office in Block 22.

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THE MINIDOKA Sports IRRIGATOR

Paging through the various other relocation center newspapers, we find that the other centers are at the present indulged in various casaba leagues; and the high schools are engaged in interschool competition. The gymnasium at this project has not as yet been completed due to the unfortunate circumstances that had existed. With disappearance of the cold weather, the Minidoka slush and mud has again become a reality in this center. How, may we ask, are the students enrolled in the various physical education classes ever to enjoy the luxuries of playing on the maple court instead of the out-of-door courts? While the rest of the project high schools are indulged on the maple floor, we are wondering if the gymnasium will ever be completed.

With a dearth of activity stagnating the Hunt sports front for the last few months, we're now turning our attention to a number of chit-chats for our column.

Item No. I . . . The Fort Snelling quintet have already knocked over one of the strongest rivals in that region, the Naval Air Station, in an exhibition game. The MIS men also pulled through in their first league encounter by defeating a team from Minneapolis, 39-31, this week.

Johnny Okamoto, formerly from Southwestern College and an all-star from Seattle, has been shifted into the starting roster as a forward, and he is the team's big scorer. Also a recent addition on the roster is Arthur Kaihatsu, Hollywood high school star and an ex-UCLA man and former Athletic Director at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.

Item No. II . . . One of the most popular students at the University of Connecticut is Kay Kiyokawa, the star pitcher for the varsity baseball team there. The way he took the mound whether on the losing or the winning side made the fans and the students cheer for him. Upon the close of the season, the team presented him with a baseball, and the girls of the campus autographed it for him.

Item No. III . . . Three relocated students at the Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa, were members of the football squad the last season. Drake University had a successful season this year with only two defeats marring their slate.

Members of the squad are: (1) George Kita, senior from San Diego, who was used this season mainly for defensive work. Though a regular linesman, he was shifted this last season to the position of fullback to utilize this blocking as a blocking back. A three year letterman at Fresno State in California, he is one of the best tacklers on the squad. (2) Jun Oishi of El Monte is a substitute tackle, needing only weight to qualify himself for the first string berth. (3) Kay Ito of Portland, Oregon, is the other member of the team.

Item No. IV . . . Looking back over our shoulders at the sports of 1944, we find that few of the nisei ruled sports during the past year. In basketball the Utah University quintet copped the National Collegiate A. A. title. One of the key members of this squad is Wat Misaka, the speedy ambidextrous forward and guard. Wat isn't very tall, but deadly on his one hand push shot, being equally effective with either hand. In swimming there is Keo Nakama, the captain of the Ohio State swimming squad for the past year. Last year he copped both the 400 and the 800 meter free-style title.

Item No. V . . . With the fading of the football season, we would like to summarize the bowl tilts that were played throughout the nation on the New Year's Day. Beaten four times during the year, yet rated as one of the strongest teams in the nation, Duke University added weight to this paradox when it drove from behind to edge out the unbeaten Alabama, 29-26, at the Sugar Bowl . . . highlight of six major New Year's Day classics.

Two of the games were one-sided, an unusual feature to these annual struggles for gridiron supremacy. Southern California team protected its clean slate and adding another victory to their Rose Bowl bid by humbling unwhipped Tennessee as expected, 25-0. This was the Trojan's eight consecutive Rose Bowl triumph. Oklahoma A. and M. waltzed over Texas Christian in the Cotton Bowl by a score of 34-0.

Two upsets were scored on the New Year's Day when Tulsa, rated a three-to-six point underdog, downed Georgia Tech, 26-12, in the Orange Bowl. The West All-Stars rallied to nip the favored East All-Stars, 13-7, in the Shrine game. Player of the day was Bob Fenimore, 18-year old Oklahoma Aggies' running and passing star, who scored twice that day.

Bainbridge Review Carries Letters on Evacuee Return

To The Editor:
I have read your forum for and against this Jap situation and I am definitely not a Jap lover, but until Pearl Harbor I never gave them a thought one way or another. I noticed that most of the people who write in favor of the Japs' return haven't anybody over there taking it on the chin. Of course that is human nature. It is always all right if it is the other fellow's hard luck.

Now, as things are, what do you suppose those boys that will be lucky enough to come home are going to do when they meet them? After all, the boys have been taught to hate them, otherwise they wouldn't be able to kill them. It is going to be awfully hard for those returning boys to start loving them after all this. I have already heard remarks about what some of them are going to do if they ever meet them, but that remains to be seen.

However, I received this letter from a Jap boy I have never seen and in fairness to both sides of the question, you are at liberty to publish this letter and let your readers take it at its face value for what it is worth.

MRS. BETTY WELFARE, Eagle Lake.

(The following is the letter which Mrs. Welfare received from Sgt. Kenneth F. Shimbo, a Japanese American soldier, formerly of Seattle, and who has seen service in the Pacific war area.—Ed. Note.)

Dear Mrs. Welfare:
I met your son, Joe, on my way up here and we spent a lot of nights talking about places and those days that I spent on Bainbridge Island. He was looking swell and I think he is really in love with the Navy. I would say he is happy in the service.

Yes, we had good sailing. It was too bad I had to leave him. When I left him I promised I'd write to you so now that I have a little time I thought I'd drop you a line.

Over here the life is a little tough but I'm taking it like a good soldier. There are little towns scattered all through the country but it's nothing like back home. It might be a little larger than Winslow but I think I'd rather be there than anywhere else. I imagine a lot of changes have taken place over there, but I sure miss that country that you're living in.

Just the other day I was standing by the road and the sights I saw really convinced me that this war is nothing like the war they are fighting back in the States. I've been out this way over a year and a half but this was the first time I found out what war was in the raw.

I saw kids coming in from the front on stretchers. Some of them looked like kids that should be going to a school if it were back in the States. Some looked like kids with straws between their lips looking over a growth of wheat in the middle west; some looked like kids that were jerking sodas in the corner drug stores. Yes, they all were kids, doing a man size job out on the front. There they lay on stretchers in front of us and I've seen full grown men with tears in their eyes, because they couldn't do anything for those in front of them. There were a lot of us looking the whole thing over and I doubt if there was anybody that didn't have their teeth grit tight and tears in their eyes. That was war in the raw, and believe me I forgot all about going home until this thing is all through.

There were a lot of things that passed through my mind, and one of them was about all those Japanese people that were evacuated from the Island. I don't know very much about the whole thing since I was in the Army at the time, but I've read a lot about the suffering they have gone through. I am not the one to say if it was right or the wrong but they were people just like anybody else. I've talked a lot to those boys. Some of them were the ones that were coming in on the stretchers. They will all say that they are fighting this war so America will be just what it was when they left it.

I'm out here, but being a Japanese American I have a hard time. But I am fighting it out like the rest of them. I can't say or write about the nature

of my work but I am with all the boys out here, going through. I hope in the near future I can address my letters to F— and other friends on the Island with Fort Blakely as their post office. I only hope that all these things the boys are going through out here will be fully paid for after the war. I am hoping that I can forget all about the war and have a good home on Bainbridge Island.

Well, the time is getting short and there is a lot to do out here before the sun goes down, so I'm saying I wish I can hear from you. But for new left me remain. Sincerely yours,
SGT. KENNETH SHIMBO,
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San Francisco, Calif.

To rectify an error on the part of the IRRIGATOR and to avoid further confusion we reprint below a letter which appeared in the Dec. 23 issue of the IRRIGATOR.—Ed. Note.

The Review:
Have just been reading a copy of your Bainbridge Review in the Seattle Public Library.

It is indeed a pleasure to realize that there is someone who will so courageously and staunchly stand up for the rights of the Japanese ancestry people in America, against those selfish and un-American groups and individuals who would deprive those loyal to America, to their rights.

Much time has elapsed since the war began and predictions that young people of Japanese ancestry would attempt deeds of sabotage to hinder the war effort have been unfulfilled, or no sabotage or disloyal activity has been perpetrated by any of the many thousands who have been evacuated and without exception they have merited the trust and confidence which has been placed in them.

I believe that those who are the best qualified to understand the character of others are those who have known them on an equal status and I have found through years of acquaintance and friendship among these people that inherent in them are the virtues of honesty and integrity and indwelling devotion to America and American ideals.

Long ago I came to the conclusion that we Caucasians, though holding ourselves aloof from those of Japanese ancestry, on the false assumption that we are superior, are otherwise responsible for the unjustified suspicion that some among us entertain as to the loyalty to America and American ideals of these lovely people.

If you consider that all or any part of this letter is suitable for printing in your reader's column, please do so. I am mailing you also "Nisei In Uniform." I wish that everyone in America could read that "Nisei In Uniform" for it would have a profound effect on public opinion and cause many, who are now antagonistic through ignorance of the facts, to perceive what these fine boys are contributing to their country, America.

ALBERT D. BONUS,
Seattle, Washington.

Dayton, Ohio Fund Goes "Over Top"

DAYTON, Ohio.—For the second successive year, the Dayton Community War 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 Ischido Kodama and the Rev. John Yamazaki, who is with the Federation on relocation problems. Desk space and the services of a Nisei secretary have been provided for Kodama and the Rev. Yamazaki by the church group.

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

29 Nisei With Seventh Army Receive Decoration

WASHINGTON—Twenty-nine Nisei soldiers of the 442nd Combat Team who were credited with the rescue of the Lost Battalion of the 141st Regiment in France recently were decorated on the battlefield recently by Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 36th Division, according to the Pacific Citizen.

Posthumous decorations to eight other Japanese Americans who were killed in effecting the rescue were also announced by Gen. Dahlquist.

Gen. Dahlquist announced: "We have only the utmost admiration for you and what you have accomplished. No finer fighting, no finer soldierly qualities have ever been witnessed by the U. S. Army in its long history."

Gen. Dahlquist credited the Nisei regiment with gaining all its objectives through some of the most difficult terrain in the world.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means to express my sincere thanks to my friends and neighbors for their kindness and gifts given to me upon my departure for active duty in the army.

Pvt. Mickey Tamiyasu
16-12-F

CARD OF THANKS

May I take this means to express my grateful thanks and appreciation to my friends and neighbors for the many kind gifts and send-off given me upon my departure for active service in the army.

Pvt. Morio Terayama
44-6-E

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this means to express our sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to us during our residence here. We have gone back to Seattle, Washington.

Mary and Charles Kinoshita
16-12-B

Classified Ads

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SALE—Christmas Souvenir Pictorial Editions are still available at Irrigator office, 22-7-DEF, and at all canteens, for 10c per copy.

Lechner Charges Calif. Forced to Accept Japanese

Charging that the WRA plan for setting up the 26 relocation centers in California is a part of a deliberate plan "to force California communities to accept the Japanese," Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of the American Educational League and other groups opposing the return of the Japanese Americans for security reasons, sent new protests to Congress, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The WRA, Lechner charged, has a "secret order to unload internees—many of them indigents—on California from various relocation centers."

"They will be given six months to come back to this State where the taxpayers of California will have to support them," Lechner asserted.

Co-op Requests Addresses of 12 Relocatees

Anyone knowing the present addresses of the following are asked to notify the Co-op membership department:

Harry Samato, formerly of Rec. 41; Theodore Takahashi, formerly of 42-3-F; Ajiro Shimizu, formerly of 37-4-B; Kiyu Nagasaki, formerly of 19-10-E; Fred Tatsumi Masumoto, formerly of 42-11-B; Naichi Endo, formerly of 12-1-B; Tokuzo Hatanaka, formerly of 26-8-B; Katsutaro Shinto, formerly of 42-4-B; Frank Sunada, formerly of 15-11-F; Kiechi Takigawa, formerly of 1-2-D; Kaoru Yamada, formerly of 29-9-B and George Yoshida formerly of 29-8-E.

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ficer, stated that when evacuation was taking place, the option of putting goods into government warehouses was exercised by only 20 percent of the people. Later, after the people were settled in the centers, they began to ask the government to put their property into government storage or bring it into the center. He said that approximately 25 percent of the property will never be located, due to the fact that many private storage places have been broken into and goods taken out or destroyed. He said that, from now on, there would be no pickup of goods in government warehouses, except in the case of excluders or where it would handicap the relocation of the evacuee.

Dorothy Cram, medical social worker, spoke at length about aid from outside agencies. She stated that every case must be considered on an individual basis since aid differed by communities, and eligibility is the determining factor in most cases.

Concerning the schools, Arthur M. Kleinkopf, superintendent of education, said that the teaching staff had a moral obligation to finish out the school term. Juvenile delinquency and disinterest will increase in relation to activities we are forced to discontinue, therefore it is up to the teaching staff to maintain the best educational program possible.

Project Director Stafford closed the meeting with an appeal to all appointed personnel to "stick by their guns" in order that the administration would not be faced with the problem of orienting uninitiated personnel in the problems of evacuee appointed personnel relationships.

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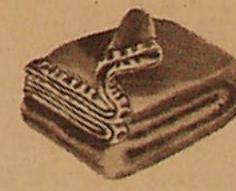
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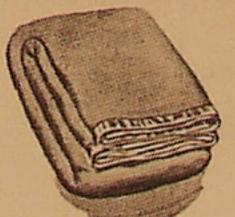
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12:10 p. m. (Sat only)	11:20 a. m. (Sat. only)
1:30 p. m. via Jerome.	4:30 p. m.
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Leaving Hunt for Shoshone via Jerome: 11:30 a. m.
Leaving Shoshone for Hunt: 12:45 p. m.
Connection to Hunt at Jerome: 7:30 a. m., 6:45 p. m., and 11:00 p. m.
Leaving Hunt for Eden and Hazelton: 8:00 a. m. and 7:20 p. m.
Connection to Hunt at Eden: 8:45 a. m. and 8:20 p. m.
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