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Now Is The Time

By V. V. McLaughlin

It is a human characteristic to put off making decisions, to hesitate, to procrastinate, to "wait and see" what is going to happen. Unfortunately it is also dangerous, for opportunity is fleeting and fickle. It must be seized and held when it presents itself, or the favorable moment is gone, perhaps forever.

Anyone who has lived and worked in a relocation center can realize why it is hard for people who have existed for almost three years under conditions which tend to sap their vitality and undermine their initiative to come to a decision concerning their future, even when that decision is inevitable. Of course there are problems, but none of them are insuperable. Some 7,000 Minidokans who were faced with the same problems, have already gone out to resume a normal existence, and many others are planning to go in the very near future. Yet there still seems to be those who through unreasoning fears, ignorance, or lack of moral fiber prefer to wait for the emergencies of an impossible Utopia or for some external force to compel them to action. That these persons are only thwarting their own interests and jeopardizing their future is self-evident. But if they, like their neighbors, can come to a correct evaluation of their situation, there is still time for them to make the readjustment to normal life. If they procrastinate, the opportunity which is held out to them today from all sides may vanish. Only some ninety days remain for decision. Now is the time.

Residents of Minidoka should take stock of the announcement of the center's closure by November 1st, for it means that after that date the present resettlement services—travel grants, shipment of property at government expense, financial assistance to the needy, and the like—will be no longer available. Moreover, they should realize that if many wait until the last days of the center to make their relocation plans, the congestion will make it impossible for the WRA staff to give as much help to resettlers as it could if there were a more gradual relocation movement.

Conditions necessary for the successful resettlement of Minidoka's people are better now than ever before. Never have so many job offers poured into the center. It is now possible to secure employment for every able-bodied resident, in most cases at higher wages than those earned prior to evacuation. Yet it should be realized that there may come a time when employment opportunities are neither so numerous nor so lucrative as they are now. Therefore this is the period when residents should establish themselves to safeguard their economic future.

Housing is and probably will continue to be a difficult problem, but in spite of all obstacles some 53,000 relocatees have found housing in all parts of the United States. Unlike most other people, resettlers have special assistance from government agencies and various organizations in their search for living quarters. There are, for example, hostels for their use in most large cities. Moreover, federal housing has been recently made available to them in Portland, Seattle, and Philadelphia, and other cities are certain to follow.

Public acceptance grows better each day. Reports from both Issei and Nisei resettlers indicate how exaggerated center rumors of prejudice and discrimination actually are. The work of the federal and state governments, church groups, citizens committees, and, most of all, the fighting Nisei still goes forward to smooth the way for those still to leave the centers. Evacuees now have a host of friends on the "outside," and they should certainly take advantage of this friendship while it is held out to them.

Travel from the centers to any part of the United States is yet possible, but is inevitable that the great transportation of troops and supplies across the country will make it increasingly difficult to facilitate the movement of people out of the centers to their new homes. I is therefore imperative that residents make use of present travel opportunities, before the situation becomes more acute.

For these reasons and for many others, it is vitally necessary that the resettlement of Minidokans proceed as rapidly as possible this summer. In the words of one of Minidoka's most prominent relocatees, "Sooner or later all evacuees will have to relocate. I advise them the sooner the better." Now is the time.

Officers "Hail Our Japanese American GIs"

(The extraordinary war record of America's most persecuted minority, who should walk with honor among us.)

By BLAKE CLARK and OLAND D. RUSSELL.

Before he went into the service, Oland D. Russell was telegraph editor of the New York World-Telegram, having previously spent several years in Japan as a foreign correspondent. He was public relations officer for the 442nd combat team during its training period and has followed its activities closely ever since.

Blake Clark, also in the armed service, was a professor of English at the University of Hawaii. He is the author of "Remember Pearl Harbor" and "Robinson Crusoe, U.S.N."

The following article appeared in the Reader's Digest

Eleven German soldiers, hands above their heads, came running out of an Italian farmhouse—and blinked in amazement to find themselves surrendering to cool, tough, Japanese-featured soldiers in U. S. Army uniforms. One prisoner asked Lieutenant Johnston, "These men—Mongolians, yes?"

"Mongolians, hell!" the lieutenant exclaimed. "Hasn't Hitler told you? Japan's surrendered; she's fighting on our side now!"

Actually, these U. S. soldiers were part of the 100th Infantry Battalion, made up almost entirely of American citizens of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii. The 100th went overseas in August 1943, and has since become probably the most decorated unit in the history of the U. S. Army. Its 1300 members have been awarded more than 1000 Purple Hearts, 73 Silver Stars, 96 Bronze Stars, 21 Distinguished Service Crosses, six Legion of Merit medals and 16 Division Citations. In 1944, the 100th was merged with the more recently formed 442nd Infantry Regiment, composed of volunteers who came largely from the ten Relocation Centers established after the Japanese evacuation from the West Coast.

These men entered the Army with out illusions. They realized that they had not one but two big battles ahead: besides helping to smash the Axis, they had to prove that Japanese-Americans were no different in attitude or loyalty from other American citizens. Their achievements once more demonstrated that democracy is stronger than race.

The 100th Infantry Battalion—"One Puka Puka" (Hawaiian for "One Zero Zero"), as they call themselves—landed at Salerno spearheaded the Fifth Army advance, held the front lines in Cassino 40 days, attacked at Anzio, and led the break through on Rome. After a year and a half overseas with the 34th Division, which claims more days in the line than any other American division, it fought for seven months with the 95th Division on the western front. This spring it was back with the Fifth Army in Italy; as part of the 442nd Infantry Regiment it led the American advance up the west coast.

In all three years of the battalion's existence, there has not been one desertion or even an absence of an hour without leave. The men are proud of two cases of AWOL—reverse-wounded soldiers who got up from their hospital beds to rejoin their unit when it moved on.

The 442nd has an regimental motto on its coat of arms: a picturesque Hawaiian idiom of the camp game, "Go for Broke"—meaning "shoot the works." It sums up perfectly the all-out spirit which our Japanese-American GIs

have shown. Pushing forward all the way from Tarquinia to the Arno in Italy, they never lost a foot of ground gained. More than 90 percent won Combat Infantry Badges for exemplary conduct under enemy fire. Typical of many individual exploits was the feat of Staff Sergeant Kazuo Masuda, a former truck gardener of Santa Ana, Calif. His six-man mortar squad was halted by heavy fire from entrenched Germans. Masuda tucked a mortar tube under his right arm, grasped an extra steel helmet in his left hand, and dashed up a slope to a vantage point. Then he filled his extra helmet with dirt and anchored the mortar in it. Squatting beside his improvised emplacement, he wrapped his legs around the tube to hold it firm and opened fire. When his ammunition ran out, he went back for two more cases. He poured so many shells into the Germans that they had to withdraw.

Handling a bazooka is a two-man job, but not to 86-pound Private Masao Awakuni. One day his company ran into a German Mark IV tank which, supported by machine-gun and sniper fire, forced the Americans to take cover. Awakuni fired at the tank with his bazooka, and it headed for his hiding place in a ditch. Coolly he waited until it was within 25 feet. Then he fired again—and the tank burst into flames. Awakuni was pinned down by enemy fire for ten hours, was wounded by a machine-gun bullet before he managed to escape. His exploit won him the DSC.

Another hero, Calvin Shimogaki, earned the Silver Star by clearing a path through a mine field holding up the battalion's advance. When enemy machine-gun bullets knocked his mine detector out of his hands, Shimogaki crawled forward on his belly, searching out mines and trip wires with his bare hands. The slightest pull on a wire might have meant death. Using the path he cleared, the battalion continued its advance without a casualty.

The Japanese-Americans resent any attempt to set them apart from their fellow soldiers. They prefer to be called Americans, or if they must be distinguished, Japanese-Americans.

Soon after their transfer from Italy to the Seventh Army in France, the Japanese-Americans were taking part in a spectacular rescue of a "lost battalion" cut off in the forests of the Vosges mountains. It was a story of flaming heroism and tragedy. Their casualties were terrific.

"Jerry fought us from tree to tree for two and a half of the damndest miles I ever hope to travel," said an officer. "He had his best defenses on a high, steep ridge. We got him out of their with a bayonet charge. When our men hit the top of the ridge, I saw the Germans break and run for the first time in my life."

The lost battalion was cut off for a week. On the seventh day a lieutenant remarked: "I'll bet the 442nd is the first to reach us. I'd give \$1000 to see one of those boys." He didn't have long to wait that afternoon the Japanese-Americans broke through. The cut-off troops leaped out of their foxholes and embraced their rescuers. First to reach the beleaguered troops was Pfc. Mut Sakamoto. With the tremendous welcome he got, his throat clogged in sentiment and he could say was: "Do you guys need any cigarettes?"

These veterans of the war in Europe are not the only Americans of Japanese ancestry who have proved their loyalty in the armed services. The 17,600 who have enlisted are divided among the Army, Navy and Marines. They are in China and India-Burma theaters and on every Pacific front from Saipan to Okinawa. Here they are valuable not only as fighters but as interpreters.

Famous in the India-Burma theater is little Kenny Yasui, dubbed "Baby York" for his capture of 16 Japs. Calling out in Japanese learned at Waseda University in Tokyo, Kenny convinced the 16 who were hiding in foxholes that he was a Jap colonel. He lined them up for inspection, and had them stack arms. Then he marched them off with commands re-

membered from close order drill in Waseda ROTC.

In spite of the heroism and suffering of these young Americans, a few unreasoning individuals still attack them for exemplary conduct under enemy fire. In California, one honorably discharged soldier narrowly escaped death in his home when bullets fired through the window passed within six inches of his head. A member of Hollywood World War II American Legion Post 591 was refused his old job at the post office on racial grounds. In Parker, Ariz., a veteran of two years overseas with the 442nd Infantry, wearing the Purple Heart and three other decorations, and walking with a cane, was forcibly ejected from a barber shop; he had failed to notice a sign, "Japs Keep Out, You Rats!"

Yet it can safely be said that the Japanese-Americans have won their battle at home as well as abroad, for such discrimination has drawn hot censure from the public generally, and especially from service men. These Japanese-American boys have volunteered to fight for their country, and are officially rated among the best soldiers in the world. After this war they will walk with honor among their fellow Americans.

Issei Prohibited To Lease Property

STOCKTON, Calif.—In an unprecedented ruling, Superior Judge Marion G. Woodward declared on July 6 that aliens of Japanese ancestry do not have the right to lease of occupy commercial property in the State of California, the Associated Press reported.

The ruling was made in a suit brought by Enril Palermo, Stockton, against Stockton Theaters, Inc., a firm allegedly controlled by alien Japanese to break a lease signed in 1942 on a Stockton theater. Palermo's father who died in 1942 leased the property to the Japanese.

Judge Woodward's decision held that at the time the lease was executed it was permissible under a treaty then existing between Japan and the United States. He added that the treaty was abrogated in 1940 and since that time the lease was unlawful under the laws of California.

"I hold in the absence of a treaty a Japanese alien cannot enter into a lease of commercial property in California," he said. "While the law may have been directed principally to the protection of agricultural lands, it also prohibits leasing of commercial property." The owners of Stockton Theaters Inc. are all residents of relocation centers at the present time.

LETTERS

This letter is reprinted from the Chicago Times:

Here in the Army there is no such thing as racial discrimination, but it seems as if some of the people back home have forgotten what our boys are fighting and dying for.

I am a veteran of almost 28 months overseas and was in combat from Salerno. In that time I have never heard anything but the highest praise said of the 100th Battalion of the 34th Infantry division, which is composed of Nisei or Japanese-American troops.

When I read about anti-Japanese incidents in the United States, it makes my blood boil. Some of those people should have seen Dachau, as I did, then they would understand why racial discrimination is wrong.

If I remember correctly, our Constitution grants equal rights to everyone, or aren't we going by the Constitution any more?

I only hope that this letter will strike home to those few who insist on practicing racial discrimination. I am sure that our government has weeded out those Japanese who might sabotage our war effort. So, Uncle Sam, let's do the just thing by the people of our great country. Let's all fight for and protect the principles of democracy which Americans have represented for over 150 years.

SGT. JAMES L. HOWE,
APO New York

COOP NOTICE!

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The Minidoka Consumers' Cooperative operated and doing business at the Hunt Relocation Center will be dissolved before Nov. 1, 1945. The Cooperative has set its "liquidation period" as of August 1, 1945 to October 31, 1945 inclusively.

ANY PATRON OR FORMER MEMBER WHO HAS PURCHASED REFUND STAMPS OR HAS IN ANY WAY CLAIM AGAINST THE COOPERATIVE, or

ANY MEMBER OF THE COOPERATIVE WHO HAS RELOCATED WITHOUT CLAIMING HIS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE REFUND OF \$5.00, or

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Washington Post Defends Nisei

This article is reprinted from the "View of Others" column which appears regularly in the Times-News, Twin Falls, Idaho.

"Nobody has asked where their grandpas came from," declares an editorial in Stars and Stripes. The army newspaper was referring to American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who have rolled up a fighting record in Italy which evoked the highest commendation from Gen. Mark Clark. Its editorial recited some of the achievements of the 100th battalion of the 442nd regimental combat team, composed entirely of men referred to as "Japanese-Americans." This battalion fought at Cassino, Anzio, through the Apennines, and then in France, where among other acts it rescued a battalion of the 36th (Texas) division which had been cut off by the Germans.

"That was a pretty tough assignment," the editorial said. "A pretty dirty job in the hands of the Americans whose families were being beaten up by the families of other American lads."

We think that this editorial ought to be read by the hoodlums in California who have been engaged in a campaign of planned terrorism against the Americans of Japanese descent evacuated from their homes after Pearl Harbor, and now, belatedly, authorized by the army to return.

We think it ought to be read by the law-enforcement authorities and the justices of the peace in California who have winked at this terrorism and exonerated the perpetrators of it. And, finally, we think it ought to be read also by the army authorities in California who could, if they had a real regard for civil rights, act effectively for the protection of the families of men who wear the uniform of the United States. Fascism is no prettier at home than abroad.—Washington (D. C.) Post.

442nd To Become Strategic Reserve

ROME—The United States 442nd Infantry Regiment, composed of Americans of Japanese descent who fought with distinction in Italy and France, will become part of the strategic reserve when it returns to the United States, Army Headquarters announced last week.

The announcement was made to correct a previous report that the 442nd—which will be one of the last American units to leave the Mediterranean Theater—would become part of the tactical reserve for the Pacific war.

The tactical reserve is held in close support for combat duty.

VITAL Statistics

RETHIS:

TADA—To Mr. and Mrs. Sadahei Tada, 5-2-E, July 1, a son.

KONDO—To Mr. and Mrs. Kuma Kondo, 14-11-C, July 11, a son.

SASAKI—To Mr. and Mrs. Mochi Sasaki, 35-11-C, July 11, a girl.

UYEDA—To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Uyeda, 31-2-A, July 12, a girl.

KAMADA—To Mr. and Mrs. Isao Kamada, 8-9-E, July 16, a boy.

DEATHS:

TAKEKOTO, MONJIRO, 67, 17-11-B, July 1.

YAMAMOTO, SADAMU, 56, 35-10-D, July 12.

NAGAMATSU, HIDEJI, 62, 19-5-E, July 17.

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Resettlement Report

Seattle Spotlight

Yoshiko Nakatsu paid the Area office a visit this week. She is in Seattle to make arrangements to get the family home at 216th St. and 24th Avenue South in order, and to seek work. She came to Seattle from Chicago where she had been employed by the WRA.

After residing for a while at the YWCA in Seattle with Nobu Ishida, Yoshiko and Nobu will make their home temporarily at the Baldwin Apartments, 13th Avenue and East Fir Street.

Miss Nakatsu is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nakatsu who are still at Minidoka. She has a brother, Corporal Joseph Nakatsu who was with the famed 442nd and is now with the 29th Infantry in Germany. Her sister Aiko, and another brother Sam, a discharged veteran, are both employed in Chicago. Aiko at the Globe Feather and Down Company, and Sam at the Precision Parts Company.

Mr. Yoshie Takatsuka and his family, who have been at Minidoka, returned to their former home on Vashon Island during the middle of June. Their son, George, is awaiting induction into the Army. The family has found employment on the large Hand berry ranch on Vashon Island. They reported that they felt rather disturbed at first but found they had no reason to feel that way and have met practically all their old friends. Their reception has been pleasant.

Mr. Hiroshi Senba, who recently relocated here from Detroit, Michigan, is now living at 1526 South 43rd Street, Tacoma, Washington. Prior to evacuation he was an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company in Tacoma.

T. Kay Horike, just recently returned to Tacoma after visiting his wife and parents in Minidoka regarding relocation plans, is living at present at 171-7 North Cedar.

James Inouye and Tomatsu Nagai of Route 1 Box 260 returned a short time ago to Olympia where they have been accepted into the Oysterman's Union, an affiliate of the Teamsters Union, A.F.L., and are working for their former employer, Mr. R. E. Klontz, manager of the Olympia Oyster Investment Company. They expect to have their families with them within a short time.

Tommy T. Yamane, formerly of Heart Mountain, but who has been out on seasonal leave, has returned to Tacoma to be with his brother, Kazuo, who operates the Everglade Apartments at 1509 1/2 South Tacoma Avenue.

Reverend and Mrs. Selich Niwa and sons, Carl and Francis, arrived back in Tacoma last week from Chicago where they have been residing during the past two years. Prior to evacuation, Reverend Niwa was pastor of the Japanese Methodist Church. He is again taking over the pastorate of that church, now called the Fawcett Avenue Methodist Church. Their first undertaking will be to establish a hostelry for the accommodation of returning evacuees.

While in Chicago Reverend Niwa was an instructor of Japanese at Northwestern University. His classes consisted of United States Army Officers. His son, Carl, recently received a medical discharge from the Infantry and plans to enroll as a pre-medical student at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, at the opening of the fall term. Their younger son, Francis, who has been attending high school in Chicago will enter his senior year at Stadium High School in Tacoma this coming fall. The Niwas are making their home at the parsonage located at 416 South 19th Street, Tacoma, Wash.

Kimiko Fujimoto, who has been attending college in Michigan, has completed her school year there and has returned to Tacoma to be with her mother and sisters who are operating the Capital Cleaners in Tacoma, Washington.

Sgt. Joe Ichikawa dropped into the Seattle Area office July 11 while on his furlough. Sgt. Ichikawa, who had been in Assam, India, for 21 months, got back to the United States June 4 and later reported to Fort Snelling, where he was given his furlough.

He has been visiting Minidoka Relocation Center where his parents Mr. and Mrs. Nisaburo Ichikawa and his young brothers Roy and Jack are still living. His wife Shizuko and daughter Judy, aged 1 1/2, are living in Minneapolis.

The Sergeant had many interesting tales to tell about his experiences in India. One of the amusing anecdotes was his description of his lucky escape from the India battle phases without either injury or malaria, only to suffer minor abrasions from a bicycle fall on his visit at Minidoka.

Marshall Field III, millionaire publisher and philanthropist, on a tour of the West Coast spoke July 9 before an inter-racial dinner meeting at the Olympia Hotel, on the American Council on Race Relations, of which he is chairman.

He remarked that his purpose here was to probe greater racial tolerance. He said, "I am interested in the white man and what kind of a fellow he is. I want the white man to know tolerance through education and through the elimination of the fear of competition. The Japanese is an American citizen and therefore entitled to just as much right to discharge his civic responsibilities and to get the benefits as anyone else."

Another uniformed visitor to the Seattle area office this week was T/S George Natsuhara, formerly of Auburn, Washington, who is on his last furlough prior to graduation August 18 from the Ft. Snelling language school. His parents, Chiyokichi and Sen Natsuhara are still living at Minidoka with his sister May. His married brother Frank, brother Jack and married sister Sekiko are living at Nampa, Idaho. His sister Tomiko resides at Nyssa, Oregon, and his sister Maryjo is studying nursing at Rochester, Minnesota.

George's mother and brother Frank have been in Auburn to look over the situation with the idea of returning there. Formerly they had a general farmers' supply store in Auburn.

FRESNO—Pvt. Wasco Ando, formerly at Gila, arrived here recently from Camp Walters, Texas. He is visiting friends and relatives before leaving for Ft. Meade, Md., where he is to report. Wasco was inducted into the service last February.

Hostel To Open

In Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh—The small band of residents in the 36th Ward, who are protesting the opening of the Quaker Home here as a hostel for the Japanese Americans have done the Japanese Americans a favor.

The three daily papers in Pittsburgh, the CIO Industrial Union Council, and various city service clubs have all been outspoken against these protestants. Approximately fifty letters have been written to editors of the three papers—every letter in favor of the opening of this hostel, which has been loaned for the use of evacuees.

As a result of this newspaper publicity additional contributions have been made for the upkeep of the hostel, even though the money has been subscribed and the campaign for donations closed.

"I have never seen democracy work better than in Pittsburgh," Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, began, "where the man-on-the-street with not apparent background of our problems saw the issues clearly defined and voiced his objections to the super patriotic cries of those who would encroach upon our civil liberties."

We are quoting two excerpts of typical letters that have been sent to the editors of Pittsburgh papers. "My head is bowed down with shame," says one resident, "for those Northside people who have organized opposition to their fellow citizens of Japanese descent moving into the neighborhood."

Write another Pittsburgher, "Your stands in the past in behalf of minority groups have long deserved the support of all Pittsburghers interested in seeing democracy work in everyday life."

The City of Pittsburgh, it appears, is overwhelmingly in favor of this hostel project. It is expected that the situation will be settled very shortly and your center paper will be informed. Relocation officers interested in this district should write to Howard E. Marshall, Relocation Officer, 429 Fulton Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.



Pictured above are the members of the Minidoka Senryu Club. One of the oldest organizations at Hunt, the club each week has enlisted the Japanese section of the IRRIGATOR with poems and wit.

Mary Otomo

Announces Troth

The engagement of Miss Mary Otomo, eldest daughter of Mrs. T. Otomo, to Hiro Uchida, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Uchida, 2-9-B, was announced on June 24. The betrothal was announced at a dinner party at the Normandy House in Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Otomo is formerly from Los Angeles and now relocated in Chicago.

Hiro Uchida is well known among the athletic circle, having participated in various sports in both Seattle and Hunt. He is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Seattle.

Those attending the affair were: Scotty Sakamoto, Tetsu Shota, Mary Yamaguchi, Dorothy Sakaida, Nancy Egawa, Dorothy Matsumoto, Mitsuko Murao, Shiz Murao, Richard, Tayama, Frank Tsuboi, Howard Ohubo, Iku Amatsubo, Yosh Uchida, Kay Kurosaka, To-ahiko Mikami, Pat Shitama, and Mrs. T. Otomo.

Hamasaki-Oki

Are Married

At a double ring ceremony, Miss Kimi Hamasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamasaki of 7-9-B, became the bride of T/S Bob Oki, son of Mrs. S. Oki of 8-2-B.

The bride wore a white gown, with a satin bodice and a net skirt with a finger-tip veil. She carried a bouquet of orchids and carnations. Miss Betty Koda was maid of honor, while Tad Okamoto served as best man. Barbara Oki, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, usher, Yukio Suzuki, and the flower girl was Yuki Harada. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Terao on July 14 at the Buddhist Church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Oki are graduates from the Broadway High School in Seattle, Washington.

Stag Dance

Blocks 1 and 8 will sponsor a stag and stagette affair at Bk. 1 mess hall Sunday, July 22, starting from 8:00 to 12:00 P. M.

Come on you dance loving people and have a good time. You're only young once. Refreshments will be sold. Boys will be asked to help defray the expenses.

SONG SHEETS

New songspiration sheets "dex" Mon, Tues, Wed, 8:15 p. have been compiled. Those gatherings where these song sheets are desired are asked to contact the Community Activities where arrangements will be made to have the sheets ready or new ones made, Marcelline Uyeji stated.

RELOCATED

WASHINGTON:

SEATTLE: Ippai Takechi, Chotara, Shizu Abe, Shunichi Kano, Kamejiro, Shima, Michiko Shioyama, Yoshi, Gail, Tom, Gordon, Louis, Owen, Fred Hirai, Toki Na-

SADA: Shizuko, Ruby, Marilyn, Aoki, Sada Shitama, Shoburo Isenata, Yuki Handa, Shizu, Norio, Chizuko, Kikuchi, Kinouke Yanagihara, Hichi, Kichinosuke Tanaka, Bunta, Shika Hara, Umajiro, Shigeko, Hatayue Imanishi, Tori Haahimoto, Yoshiko Hashizumi, Nouchi, Kazuo, Masako, Kazuo, Nobuo Yutani, Saburo Kondo.

SPOKANE: Motomaro, Taneyo Sato, Minoru Uchida, Asayo, Aiko, Susie Heyamoto, Shigeo, Fujita, Susumu Kawahara, Fukuza, Matsuyue Takahashi.

AUBURN: Barbara and Lee Takemoto.

PULLMAN: Masu Okazaki.

OLYMPIA: Tamotsu, Yukie, Yasumi, Hiroko Nagai.

OREGON:

PORTLAND: Jim Masao, Hatsuue Yoda, Jiro Kariya, Kiuchi Zakoji, Masako Onishi, Shigeto, Yamano, Tokichi Tsujimura.

YSSA: Hisee, Teruko, Yukio Tanabe, Motokichi Ekimoto, Teichi Odol.

ONTARIO: Kikue Kimura, Set-suko, Richard, Gary Okino, Keith Oda, George Morihito.

ILLINOIS:

CHICAGO: Henry Nomachi, Shiz, Saezo, Miyo Hayashi, Tom, Fujie Kanatani, Jim, Terry Akagi, Kayo, Ichimatsu Hayashi, Shiyu Tsuchikawa, Tetsuo Kurose.

EVANSTON: Sumiko Kubo.

COLORADO:

FT. LUPTON: Haru, Ben Kawashima.

DENVER: Haruye Ida, Midori Ida.

MINNESOTA:

MINNEAPOLIS: Kaneji, Tsuyoshi, Tetsukawa, Yo, Euchi Tanaka.

IDAHO:

TWIN FALLS: Natsuko, Isao, Miyeko, Reiko, Sharon Shirou.

EMMETT: Jimmy Hata.

WENDELL: Hanyo, Frank Sato.

CALDWELL: Suma Murakami.

BOISE: Minoru Yoshihara, Kimi Yagi, Kazuo, Ronald Mimura.

UTAH:

SALT LAKE CITY: Otome, Betty Hasegawa, Sholchi, Toyo Shimizu, Shottaro, Tsune, Grace Gojio, Hanako Nakagawa.

OGDEN: Motoichi Yamauchi.

OHIO:

CLEVELAND: Kyotaro Kura-hara.

IOWA:

DES MOINES: Jufiro Nakamura.

SIOUX CITY: Tori, Toki Saito.

NEW YORK:

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Soldiers recently visiting the project on their furloughs are: George Iwakura, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Taketo Omoto, Camp Crowder, Missouri; John Takizawa, Fort Lewis, Washington; Henry Terahita, Walla Walla Hospital, Washington; Walter Nakashima, Camp Carson, Colorado.

Tad Nakachi, Joe Ichikawa, Grant Katsuka, Kazuo Watanabe, Minoru Ogasawara, Joe Hamanaka, Tomio Horita, Shunji Ito, Joe Hayashi, Kazumi Makino, George Mamiya, Harry Omasa, Bob Imal, Michi Matoba.

Minoru Azuma, Kenny Arita, Frank Yokoyama, Masao Kinoshita.

Jack Murakami, Hiroshi Hosokawa, Shigeru Kuchi, Osamu Iwasaki, Shosaku Shiozaki, Saaki, Sam Sakaguchi, Hiroaki Hosokawa, Kaname Fujita, Kazume Fujita, Owele Tsuchikawa, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Monday night hostesses treated the visiting soldiers with a waffle party. Those present were: Yasuko Koyama, Hilde Kunigi, Chickie Shibuya, Rose Omasa, Mitzi Murakami, Kay Iga, Frank Yokoyama, Minoru Ogasawara, Yoshiko Yokoyama, James Mayeno, Jack Murakami, Tomio Horita, and Henry Terahita.

PAPER DRIVE

Through Tautomu Fukusama the Hunt Girl Scouts received the result of the outcome of the paper drive which was held May 5-13. The net of 4,280 pounds of waste paper was collected with the co-sponsorship of the Hunt Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. This netted \$27.82. Half of the total amount was divided with the Cub Scouts, who donated that amount to the Y. M. C. A. in Block 31 to help their program.

The total amount of the waste paper collected from the Snake River district netted 113,831 pounds. It was pointed out that the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts held tenth place out of the 30 different divisions competing.

PERSONNEL

During this week the following members were added to the appointed personnel staff: Dorothy M. Bettinghouse, Clerk Typist in Relocation; Mrs. Virginia G. Martin, Clerk Steno in Welfare; Nelda I. Smith, Clerk Typist in Relocation; and Mrs. Edna R. Wormington, Clerk Typist in Relocation.

Among the resignees are: Ernest J. Kibby, Helen P. Newell, Luree L. Hughes, Verna V. Howell, Edna B. Howell and Jessie K. Koontz.

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Minidoka Since 1942 Has Seen Exciting Times

Week By Week In the IRRIGATOR
Here Is a History as It Was Recorded

It was hot. It was dusty. But the Minidoka IRRIGATOR, to become eventually the best of project newspapers, held its head high. "Our goal is the creation of an oasis." On that keynote the IRRIGATOR was born September 10, 1942.

The project still reverberated with the sounds of hammers putting the final touches on the project buildings when the first edition of the IRRIGATOR appeared. The builders had been here since early summer. The first evacuees had moved into unfinished barracks in August. Now it was September and the deary, forbidding, flat expanse of arid wilderness was becoming the home of 10,000 people. For the confused 10,000 who had moved here plans were already under way for self government, education, welfare and religion. Schools were scheduled to open October 1 and a 16-wing hospital building was only awaiting equipment to go into operation. Block managers had been appointed on a temporary basis, the post office was about to open and the first of two fire trucks was delivered to the fire department.

It did not take long for the residents to settle down to community life. The community store in block 6 sold \$7,400 worth of merchandise in the last 10 days of August and already 250 had en-

On September 21, 1942, the newly organized government units issued free clothing to firemen, hospital personnel, outdoor laborers and dining hall helpers. Other residents were assured by George Townsend that clothing grants in the form of scrip would be issued in the near future to all persons who were working and their dependents.

As project employment got underway, a board to hear all grievances of workers was being organized. The need of such a board was demonstrated through the volume of grievances which had flooded the placement office in the preceding six weeks. For those residents who were involuntarily unemployed, unemployment compensation was established to cover minimum essentials for themselves and their dependents. Apparently though, unemployment and the booming business of the Block 6 canteen was too much for seven boys who broke into the store and took \$5.00 in cash and about \$50.00 worth of merchandise. They were arrested five days later.

Small boys were giving trouble by building dams in the canal near Block 42. This elicited a warning by Senior Engineer Joseph P. Baeca that the building of such dams would raise the level of the canal above the temporary banks and possibly cause a minor flood in nearby blocks. By this time the project was already distributing new athletic equipment for the diversion of big and little boys.

Self Government

"Some form of government is essential to the well being and progress of the community. It is important to the colonists that this be government—of the people, by the people, and for the people." This was Project Director Stafford's message to the residents on September 25 and already preliminary steps were being taken to set up the machinery of self-government.

All residents, 18 years of age or over met in their respective dining halls to vote for two representatives from each block. These representatives were in turn to recommend to the Project Director seven from among their number to serve as the council organization commission.

STUNTING MODEL PLANE ROARS OVER GOOGLE-EYED RESIDENTS. Said the IRRIGATOR: "Hunt's uninformed populace was startled out of its Sunday afternoon complacency when a tiny monoplane roared out of the sky at a 70-mile-per-hour-clip over the community five different times to gyrate over sky-crane necks or hedge-hop over the dusty terrain." The plane was the creation of Roy Morihoro, 20-year-old University of Washington student and 1941 Pacific Northwest gas model champion. Weighing 1 1/2 pounds, the plane was powered by a one cylinder engine and was controlled by two long piano wires attached to the elevators. (Roy Morihoro was to fall mortally wounded in Italy on April 14, 1945).

It wasn't long before the show people of the project got underway. A Shital troop started a seven day tour of the dining halls the last week in September and Entertainment Supervisor George Okata, promised that if this goes over "we'll have more of the same type of program as often as possible."

By October 1, 21 students had left Hunt to continue their college education.

Rumors

It didn't take long for rumors to get started at Minidoka. One of the first was that "Congress has adopted a bill abolishing citizenship status of Nisei." As it was often to do again, the IRRIGATOR printed the facts and squelched the rumor.

A food poisoning epidemic broke out in block 34 hospitalizing more than 60 people. Rumors to the effect that the epidemic was a minor form of typhoid fever were

discounted by Dr. L. M. Neher, Senior Medical Officer. "It has been traced to the pickle barrel and steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of the matter," Dr. Neher said. Meanwhile, however, more than 160 colonists had been hospitalized and 106 placed under observation for intestinal flu.

By October 10 more than 1700 residents had left Minidoka for nearby beet and potato fields. The exodus, strangely enough, had Placement Officer Harold James scratching the bottom of the barrel for project workers.

While the project was awaiting the arrival of WRA Director, Dillon S. Myer, Project Director Stafford announced plans to take Myer under an airplane trip over the project.

The first movie was shown on Columbus Day, 1942, in dining hall No. 5. It was "Ride 'em Cowboy" starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello.

Myer arrived for a two-day inspection tour of the center on October 16. In accordance with a new policy announced by WRA October 1, he said, "25,000 or perhaps more than that number may eventually be relocated from the 100,000 or so residents at the relocation centers."

A report on the internment camp at Lordsburg, New Mexico, was given by a resident who had just visited his father there. "Soft ball games seemed to be the major diversion of the internees at the camp," he said. Author of the report was Henry Goshu, who later was to become celebrated throughout China, Burma and India as "Horizontal Hank" Goshu.

The Motor Pool

The project motor pool, which was during the life of the project, to be the center of much dissension and strife, got into the news late in October. Roy Olsen, the



Before 1942 was out Minidoka had a growing number of newly weds. Many of the romances began in the assembly centers, more were to burgeon on the desert land of Idaho.

motor pool supervisor, said that a survey had been taken of all divisions to determine their needs and the remaining cars had been pooled for the use of all internal organizations. He added that the cars might be requisitioned for necessary trips by phoning or calling at the motor pool, located near the warehouses and that the cars would be assigned. "A trip ticket recording the purpose of the trip and the necessary mileage, signed by the person requesting the transportation is necessary whenever an auto or truck is issued," he said.

Mrs. Yae Kato, 46, a camp resident on seasonal leave was killed by a beet truck near Filer. One of the truck wheels passed over her body, crushing her pelvic bone and inflicting internal injuries. She left a husband, a son and a daughter.

The Fair Labor Board met for the first time as a body late in October. Frank Kinomoto was chairman.

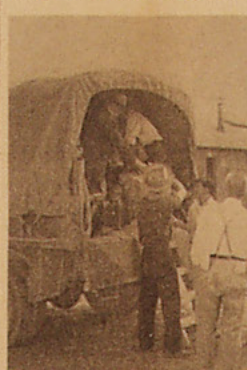
The question of how to deal with the apprehension, detention and trial of residents who might commit felonies was decided when A. E. O'Brien, acting project attorney and Kenneth Barclay, assistant chief of internal security, met with officials of Twin Falls and Jerome counties. The IRRIGATOR announced that persons charged with fines would be confined in the Jerome County jail unless released on bail pending their trial and cases would be tried at the District Court in the Jerome County Court House.

Ray Best, Transportation and Supply Officer, announced that residents could send for privately stored goods at Seattle and Portland without special WRA permission. The coal situation was almost solved when the army gave priority to Minidoka.

"Heroes"

The IRRIGATOR editorially saluted the "coal crew heroes" who

had volunteered to shovel, load and haul the coal into the community. Issei residents' objections



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were voiced to weekly movies on the ground that admission should be free and that regular shows once a week were too frequent.

George Townsend made a trip to Seattle and Portland and returned with 2,000 folding chairs, 14 pianos, four organs, 90 kindergarten chairs and various other supplies donated by Buddhist and Protestant churches.

The Heart Mountain Sentinel appeared as an 8-page tabloid size printed newspaper and Engineer Baeca announced plans for the construction of an airport expressly for camp use to be located one-half mile to the north of Block 29.

After five weeks as Assistant Placement Officer, Ken Nishimoto landed a job with WRA in Washington.

The Commanding Officer of the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Savage, Minnesota, began recruitment of Nisei and Kibei, while the military police at the center were planning construction of barbed wire fences to outline the center limits beyond which residents could not go between sunrise and sunset. "We'll enforce this regulation in the severest form if necessary," Capt. W. E. Dorland of the Military Police declared. Four Nisei soldiers were spending their furloughs in Hunt.

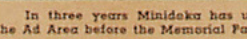
Fair Labor

Getting down to "cases" at its second regular meeting, the Fair Labor Practices Board con-

demned individual recruiting of evacuee labor for outside farm work as "a practice open to many abuses," and recommended that the Project Administration take immediate steps to eliminate all activities on the Project bearing any resemblance to a labor contracting agency.

Lorne Huyeke, Housing Supervisor, left Hunt to join the Federal Housing Administration in Washington.

The long awaited beauty shop opened early in November in



In three years Minidoka has undergone subtle changes. Here is the Ad Area before the Memorial Park was built.

Block 30 and the newly formed Federated Christian Church Council made plans to coordinate all religious activities on the project.

The Fair Labor Board's trouble shooter, Dyke Miyagawa, returned from the national conference of the C.I.O.'s Cannery and Agriculture Workers union at Chicago and declared "a successful execution of WRA's relocation policy will come only after a long, hard pull."

Residents watched with mingled feelings the appearance of a barbed wire fence which Capt. Dorland said would eventually encircle the entire center limits to serve as "a line of demarcation from sunset to sunrise."

IRATE WOMEN STORM SCHAFFER—Official Quakes as Coal Shovelers Spurn Females. "There wasn't the slightest indication, whatsoever,

er, in the air, not even a warning, of what was going to happen. Typists were typing, statisticians were



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statisticians, and officials were loafing," the IRRIGATOR quipped.

"So when the door opened, and one woman came in, nobody batted a mascaraed eyelash. Then another woman slid in. So What? Then another. And then another. And still another. Hey, what is this? One by one the gentle-souled creatures filed in, filling the way like Van Camp sardines, 67 strong."

"And so it came about that tall, pretty-boy Schafer first draped his unbuttoned shirt over the wrathful females ready to break full vengeance on the poor man.

The "ringleader" stated her purpose. Well, he said. The women cheered in. Unhuh. Calling his dynamic personality to the fore, Schafer exuded all his charms, but failed to undermine the women's purpose. He stood there, pleading with them, showing his dimples, flustering his eyelashes, flashing his smile, to no avail.

"He made vague promises. The women stayed. He made half-way promises. The women stuck. "And THAT, in short, is how the people of Block 6 got their promise of plenty of coal."

More Coal

However, Hunt's fuel situation took a turn for the better that week with the arrival of eight car loads of coal which were unloaded immediately and distributed to alleviate the shortage which had existed since the cold weather.

Howard Mann negotiated a contract with the Consolidated Coal Company of Denver, Colorado which allotted an additional 10,000 tons of coal for Hunt coming at the rate of four car loads a day.

An Issei-dominated Co-op Board decided to junk the movie shows, bringing vociferous protests from the Nisei residents.

An arts and handicrafts exhibit sponsored by Community Activities was attended by 4,111 people.

James Y. Sakamoto and Milton Maeda, official delegates of the

relocation program.

Clarence H. Hurst, Fiscal Accountant, announced that the November pay roll had been completed and that \$53,361.26 in cash and checks would be paid out to Hunt workers.

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Federated Christian Church School: 8:00 a. m. Primary—Rec. 2, 23, 40. Jr. Inter.—10:12; 23-2 EF; 32-2 E.

Worship Services: 10:45 a. m. Rec. 8—"The Second Mile." Miss Alice Gwinn.

Rec. 36—"The Barabbas Theory of the Atonement." Mr. Snyder.

Youth Fellowship. 6-8 p. m. Social Hour. 8 p. m. Discussion led by nthei Fuluyama.

The Minidoka mass choir elected officers and the coal supply was still critical.

Minoru Yasui, a Nisei, who had tested the legality of evacuees in the courts, wrote a letter to the IRRIGATOR from his prison cell. "A former Minidokan who had been assisting in the legal preparation of the project charter of self-government, Yasui urged that Nisei evacuees take due and proper procedures for the "formal preserva-

tion of your fundamental rights and liberties as American citizens."

Noboru Hashimoto, a 21-year-old Kibei was marched off to the Jerome county jail for allegedly brandishing a butcher knife and threatening the cooks at dining hall 16 during the special dinner on Thanksgiving Day. He got a 30-day sentence.

Three more couples joined Hunt's growing newly wed populace when Mooka Kanomitsu was wed to Yoshio Yamamoto. Hank Kiyoshima was married to Hank Mano and Sachiko Ochi married to the Rev. Kodaira. Indefinite leaves were granted to three Hunt girls to marry men in the army.

Sewage

The U. S. Army Engineers promised that Hunt's sewage disposal plant, long delayed by the lack of material, would be completed by December 15.

Adult Education classes were increasing and a survey just before Christmas showed that 75 students were registered for needlecraft, 59 for bookkeeping, 144 for Americanization, 87 for floral arrange-

ment, 101 for shorthand and 83 for typing.

The IRRIGATOR got out its big type to announce the discovery of the body of Takaji Abe, 54, who had been missing for three days. He had left the project in search of greasewood and was not seen again until he was found by Hiroshi Miyagawa who wrote an IRRIGATOR exclusive about the discovery.

While Minidoka was rolling smoothly along towards its reputation as "the model project," the IRRIGATOR reported a "reign of terror" instituted by a group of pro-axis, Japanese sympathizers at Poston who overthrew the local council and terrorized workers.

And from Manzanar came news that martial law was declared as a result of a mob uprising led by pro-axis sympathizers in which one Japanese was killed and nine others wounded.

A 1000-acre farm was planned for Minidoka and a Japanese language library containing more than 1,000 volumes was opened in Block 23.

Two weeks before Christmas, 75 boys of high school age were clearing off a lot in Block 21 to build an ice skating rink and the Army Engineers decided that the sewage disposal plant would not be completed until January.

Block 44, the last to be completed for occupancy, was opened in the middle of December.

Chief Ketaat 14.

Relocation

Thomas W. Holland, national chief of the WRA employment division with headquarters in Washington, told an IRRIGATOR reporter that the speed with which relocation is carried on will depend on the "vigor with which evacuees, the WRA and others interested" tackle their respective phases of the relocation program.

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11:05 p. m.	10:30 p. m. via Jerome

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Leaving Shoshone for Hunt: 12:30 p. m.
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