

# STAFFORD TO ADDRESS MEETINGS

Designed to further acquaint eligible Hunt males with the voluntary induction program, a series of meetings will be held on four consecutive evenings starting Wednesday, February 24, Philip Schafer,

## BLKS. 26, 28, 30 LEAD VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT HERE

Having the highest percentage of volunteers among eligible males in the blocks which have been covered so far, Blks. 26, 28, and 30 top the volunteer enlistment program honor roll, Joseph Bocson, Placement Officer, announced Monday morning.

Assistant project director, announced yesterday. All meetings will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

All Hunt males 18-37 inclusive are being sent individual notices requesting their presence at one of these meetings.

The speaker will be Project Director Harry L. Stafford. These meetings will afford local male residents a final chance to acquaint themselves with the army program for voluntary induction.

On the evenings on which the meetings are scheduled, the Boy Scout Drum and bugle Corps will parade through the blocks primarily concerned with the meetings.

The meeting schedule follows:

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24--Blks. 1-10, D.H. 5

THURSDAY, Feb. 25--Blks. 12-19, D.H. 15

FRIDAY, Feb. 26--Blks. 21-34, D.H. 28.

SATURDAY, Feb. 27--Blks. 34-44, D.H. 38

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## REGISTRATION

for February 22 to February 24 inclusive

Date	Place	Blocks
Monday, Feb. 22	D.H. 37	Blks. 35, 37, 38
Tuesday, Feb. 23	D.H. 39	Blks. 39, 40, 41
Wednesday, Feb. 24	D.H. 42	Blks. 42, 44

Residents who were missed because of absence due to illness or for some other reason should report for registering to one of the above registering places.

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## WHY A SEGREGATED UNIT? WAR SECRETARY ANSWERS

A question that has arisen frequently is "Why is a segregated unit being formed and will the combat team fight in the same battle areas with Caucasian troops?"

The Secretary of War has issued the following statement:

"It is only because the war department desires to aid the loyal Japanese-Americans that a separate unit is being formed. Millions of people are not familiar with

## COMMENTS ON ARMY MOVE FAVORABLE

WASHINGTON, D.C. Feb. 22 (Special)-- Strong editorial support of the War Department's decision to form a combat unit of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry for service in an active theatre of war is disclosed in a survey here of newspapers throughout the country. The survey reveals a large number of papers from coast to coast have commented on the War Department's action and with few exceptions the comments have been favorable.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican after tracing the circumstances leading up to evacuation, states that "the organization of such a (combat) unit for military service would surely create a good impression among the mass of Americans."

The Baltimore (Md.) Sun views the combat unit as "a valuable symbol of what we are fighting for," and "a visible, tangible denial of the German theory (cont'd. on pg. 2)

the Japanese-Americans. By forming an all Japanese-American combat team on a voluntary basis the American people will be presented with the incontrovertible fact that there are loyal Japanese-Americans who are willing to fight for the United States.

"If the volunteers were spread throughout the army their enlistment would attract little attention but the formation of an all Japanese-American combat team composed entirely of volunteers will help tremendously to convince those who oppose the Japanese-Americans. It is hoped that the Japanese-American combat team will become one of the outstanding units of the American Army. This combat team will fight with and as a part of a Caucasian force. The War Department has faith in the loyal Japanese-Americans.

"This is a splendid opportunity to demonstrate to the American people and to the War Department that Japanese-Americans have faith in America. The success of the program and the voluntary feature of induction will be a great step forward in the rehabilitation plans for Japanese-Americans."

# PRESS COMMENTS Editorial: ON ARMY MOVE

# NO TIME FOR CONFUSION

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that this is a racial war." The Sun also observes: "Ty-ranny is the enemy, and a liberty-loving Japanese may hate it as heartily as any other man. If he hates it, we can help him to strike a blow against it."

After reviewing General Delos C. Emmons' statement that American soldiers of Japanese descent in the Hawaii Department "have added materially to the strength of the Hawaii area," the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution says "There is no reason why loyal Japanese-Americans should not make excellent soldiers and...they should be granted the privilege of fighting for their country in her hours of greatest peril."

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune refers to the War Department's action as "wisely undertaken," and observes that "For the loyal citizens in those (relocation) camps, there should be freedom to participate in the war effort, either on the home front or in our armed forces."

Several other papers, it was observed, also made reference to the increasing opportunities for employment of evacuees in private industry.

Welcome news to a good many is the announcement that the latter half of the week is reserved for four special meetings to enable all residents eligible for volunteering to seek further clarification of the topic of the hour.

Although the first series of meetings that preceded the current registration of all adults did much to clear up the why and how of the volunteer program, there has been much demand for additional formal discussion. The source of the demand has not only been those nisei still "thinking about it," but those who have made their decision and signed up, as well. In both cases, the demand has been accompanied with expressions of dissatisfaction over the confusion which unavoidably attended the first meetings because of their heterogeneous, public nature.

The significant thing about the second series of meetings beginning Wednesday evening is that attendance will be restricted to male residents who are volunteer material. It is to be hoped that the composition of the participants at the discussions will keep irrelevant and confusing questions to an absolute minimum.

A further hope is that the meetings will result in other blocks passing up Blks. 26, 28, and 30 for top honors.

particularly war industries, as a solution for problems growing out of evacuation.

Among West Coast newspapers supporting the formation of the combat unit, the Portland Oregonian regards it as "Bad News for Hirohito," while the San Francisco Chronicle said the decision "will gratify all who have felt that the only proper test in their 'Japanese-Americans' case is loyalty, not racial origin."

## VOLUNTEERS MAY GET LEGAL ADVICE

Residents who have volunteered for military service may find it advantageous to seek legal advice with respect to arrangement of their property, Ralph J. Moore, project attorney, advised this week.

"In some instances, wills will be desirable and in other instances, the volunteers should execute deeds or powers of attorney," Moore stated.

### 志願兵募集に関し

### 連統講演會開催

スチフフォード氏出席

當連任所次長スチフフォード氏は昨日、今次の志願兵募集に關して一層詳細なる説明を行ふため、水曜日二月廿四日より四日間、毎夕連統集會を開催する事になつた旨、言明し、次の如く語つた。

一 集會は毎夕五時半より開會する

二 十八歳より二十七歳までの總ての所内居住男子に對して、個々に書面を以て右集會に出席する様を請する

三 集會の目的は所内居住男子に對して今次の志願兵募集計畫に就て最後の詳細なる説明を與ふるにある

説明はスチフフォード所長自ら之に當り

四 集會開催當日にはホワイスクウト喇以大鼓隊が集會開催處に於て行列を行ふ

五 集會日程は左の通り

時日 開催區 会場

水曜日(廿四日) 第一區より 第五區食堂

木曜日(廿五日) 第十區より 第十五區食堂

金曜日(廿六日) 第十七區より 第七八區食堂

土曜日(廿七日) 第二十區より 第七八區食堂

毎夕午後五時半開會

# イリゲータ

特別號

二月三十日

日系特別部隊を

何故編成するか

スナムソン長官の聲明

何故孤立部隊が編成されるか、而もこの部隊は他の白人部隊と同じ戦線で大奮戦するのではないかとの質問が頻りに持ち上るが之に対し陸軍長官スナムソン氏は尤の如き聲明を發してゐる。

別箇部隊が目下編成されつゝあるのは、他でもない、陸軍省側では、軍官忠誠なる日系米人に支援を授けたい以外に何物もないのだ。日系米人に就ては人は殆ど何の知識も無い。志願兵制度で、オールド日系戦闘部隊を編成する事は米國のために一死奮闘も辞さない日系米人があつるといふ明白な事実は、米人に見せつける事になる。若し日系志願兵が分散的に陸軍に服役すれば死と法

規を惹かない。之に反し、純然たる志願兵のみで日系戦闘部隊を作れば、日系米人も納得せしむるに大なる効果がありう。日系部隊を米陸軍中の顯著なる一部隊たらしめたいとは、當面側の念願である。勿論同部隊は白人部隊の一部分とし、隊伍を共に実戦に参加するものがある。陸軍省は忠誠なる日系米人に對し信頼を抱いて居る。

今次の志願兵募集たるや、日系市民にとり、彼等が米國家に信頼を抱いておると、小事を、他の米人及び陸軍省に對し、明示する事に絶好の機会である。志願兵募集の成果は、日系人の復帰計畫進行に一天進捗を見せる事であらう。

### 登録日程

二月廿二日より同廿四日に至る期間の登録日程は尤の通り。

### 場所

登録區  
 北島支店 第九會堂 廿九 四四一  
 北島支店 第九會堂 廿九 四四一  
 北島支店 第九會堂 廿九 四四一  
 北島支店 第九會堂 廿九 四四一

未だ登録出来なかつた者は右日程のうち何れか(出張)必ず登録は完了せよとせよ。當局側は注意してゐる。

### 各紙の論調

今次陸軍省が計畫中の日系戦闘部隊の編成に關し、全米各有力紙は夫々、社説に於て、其折衷を述べてゐるが、その論調の通りである。

レバリーカン紙(ワシントン)  
 且、其事件は後に展開された四回の情勢が、西部沿岸に於ける凡ゆる種類の日本人を一階級愛を以て救ふたのは、甚ま己を得ぬ事であつた。

其の後太平洋戦の發展推修が、西部沿岸地域に於ける注意を、其程度軽減せしめた結果、憲法が再び顧慮せられる様になつた。今や政府關係各局は既に日本人に關する非常時緊急政策を抛棄しようとする努力がある。

陸軍省の日系部隊編成計畫並の立案は、既に米國民衆の間に良好なる印象を與ふるであらう。

### 有力なる日系部隊の出現が期待される

コンスケケケン紙(ワシントン)  
 日系人部隊が訓練された既には、戦線に於て最高價値を發揮する有力なる戦闘部隊となるべし、疑ふ餘地がない。

布哇の軍政知事エモンズ陸軍中將は、これ等日系市民が今日まで受けた役割は容易なるものでなかつた事を指摘して、彼等は最も困難な事情の

ケラート紙(ハートランド)  
 陸軍省今次の言明は、過去一年餘、陸軍省日系市民に於ける苛酷なる訓練を緩和せしむる政府の意圖を示すものと受け取らるべきである。轉任所に

ある日系青年を以て戦闘部隊を編成しようとする陸軍省の決定は、忠實なる日系市民を平常生活に復帰せしめようとする全過程を促進するものがある。

米國は、現時より、愛國と忠誠は人種如何の問題ではなく、精神の問題であるといふ事を示す事に依つて利益する所があらう。

下に稱讚に値する立派な行動を執り、多額の公債を購ひ、又努力を援へて我々の共同防衛を助げんと述べて居る。

ケアヤ紙(ワシントン)  
 陸軍省今次の決定は、戦時下の米國の最も困難なる問題を解決する閉鎖となるかも知

れぬ。若し人種の如何が軍隊服役の障壁となつたとして、ば次に論理的順序として忠實なる日系市民を非軍事的事務にも再び参加せしむる事とならう。

### 本紙一部五仙

本紙英字面は既報の通り、米軍省より、瓦礫、クレーン、版、活字刷りとなす讀者諸氏にまみえらる事となつたが、所内各部門に於て、無料に配送される事は従前と異ならない。但し所外に於ける購讀は郵税を全分郵五仙を申し受ける事となつた。購讀は七三二一四Hの本紙事務所又は第七十或は第七の西キヤンテンで申込まれた

日系人部隊を組織して戦線に戦ふ機会を與へようとする陸軍省當局の決定は、既に正當なるものである。

今月曜日職業紹介部チーフフリンソンの語る所によれば、第六七十八世の三區が今日までの所、軍役志願申込みの最高率を示して居ると。