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Red Cross Fund Drive Starts Mon.

Sumida Announces Plans to Canvass Entire Project

Teams of issei and nisei appointed by the Block Managers will canvass the entire project from Monday, March 8, through Saturday, March 13, in a competitive drive to raise contributions for the American Red Cross war fund, Hiroshi Sumida, drive chairman, announced early this week. Both the Boy and Girl Scouts will assist with the campaign.

Giant charts posted on the outer walls of each of the community stores will record the daily progress of each of the competing groups of blocks. Vieing with each other for top collection honors will be Group I, Blks. 1 to 14, Group II, Blks. 15 to 30 (including the administration area), and Group III, Blks. 31 to 44.

All funds raised over and above \$200, according to Sumida, will be turned over to the national Red Cross organization.

"We intend to retain \$200 of what we raise to maintain a func-

Stafford Comments On Efforts Here

Commenting on the Hunt Red Cross Drive, Project Director Harry L. Stafford said: "It is a fine thing that the residents of this center want to participate in the tremendous job the Red Cross is doing today throughout the world to aid the stricken."

tioning Red Cross unit in the center, with a full-time, paid secretary who will coordinate the work of the various standing committees," he explained.

Donations of a dollar or more, it was stated, will secure full membership, with a membership card, sticker and a lapel tag, while a fifty cent contribution will bring the sticker and lapel tag. It was emphasized, however, that residents will receive a lapel tag designating the fact that they have "given," no matter how small the contribution.

Mrs. Yone Arai, temporary general chairman, requested all committees to submit reports by Wednesday, March 17.

WRA Staff Here Backs Bond Sale 100 Per Cent

The appointed personnel here has subscribed 100 per cent for the payroll plan for purchase of war bonds, with deductions from the 114 employees now exceeding \$3000 per month, it has been announced.

Several employees are pledging 20 per cent of their pay, and at least two are pledging 23 per cent for war bond purchases.

Work to Start on Coal Pits; Stafford Will Lead Shovel Crew

Representatives were named Friday from every block within the center to recruit volunteers to dig two pits in their block for the storage piling of coal. The pits will be 25 feet square and 1 foot deep. One will be located near the kitchen and one near the boiler room.

The foremen of each block crew will see a practical demonstration of how the pits should be dug when able-bodied male members of the appointed personnel grab shovels and wheelbarrows Monday

morning at 9:30 in Blk. 23. The staff members, including Project Director Harry L. Stafford, have assumed the responsibility of digging the two pits in Blk. 23.

There will be no admission charged to see this demonstration

Work on the pits in the other blocks will begin Wednesday. Tools will be furnished by the Public Works division. This division also will put in a floor of gravel after the pits are dug and will direct placing of the coal.

Shoe Ration Rules Given

The Project Ration Office, 23-4-D, which began taking applications for shoe purchase stamps and certificates on March 1 issued this week four rules to be observed by prospective purchasers.

The rules released by Shosuke Sasaki, head of the Ration Office, follow:

1. Shoe purchase certificates are valid for only 30 days after issuance. They should be obtained only when the immediate purchase of shoes is contemplated.

2. Shoe purchase certificates issued to one member of the family may be used by any other member of the family.

3. One shoe purchase certificate can be issued to each person residing on the project for the present shoe ration period ending June 15, 1943. However, if the person has War Ration Book I on file at the Ration Office, he will be given his Stamp 17, instead of a certificate.

4. Anyone still holding War Ration Book One is to turn it into the Block Manager's Office as soon as possible.

Schmoe Arrives, Accompanied by G. Hirabayashi

Floyd Schmoe, American Friends Service Committee representative, arrived here Wednesday from Heart Mountain on another visit to interview residents interested in relocation and job placement.

Accompanying Schmoe is Gordon Hirabayashi, former University of Washington student, whose case concerning constitutionality of the evacuation orders was recently heard in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Presently free on bond, Hirabayashi is assisting Schmoe in interviewing evacuees here.

Schmoe disclosed that the School of Arts and Sciences in Chicago has agreed to rent buildings for use as hostels where relocated evacuees will be able to reside until permanent homes are found.

Both Schmoe and Hirabayashi are staying at 23-4-C, and will be available in the afternoons. The two are expected to sojourn here an approximate two weeks.

Army Team Leaves Hunt

Lt. Stanley D. Arnold and Sgts. Carl E. Tuerk, Eugene F. Jendrek, and Akira Kato left Hunt Thursday after a visit of nearly three weeks, during which time they accepted applications of residents for service in the Army. Induction of Hunt volunteers probably will take place sometime during the last 10 days of March.

Minidoka has been reported to be out in front in completing the general registration of all residents 17 and older and in the volunteer program.

Applications for induction into the Army are still being taken by Employment Officer Joseph G. Beeson who will follow the same procedure as the Army team.

WAAC Officer Voices Hope For Nisei Enlistment

"Although the WAAC units are not open as yet to Japanese-American girls, I have reason to believe there is every chance of your joining the corps."

The speaker was tall, gracious Lieutenant Margaret Deane of the WAAC headquarters in Salt Lake City, who arrived at the center Thursday to estimate the extent of interest in the army's feminine auxiliary among Hunt's women residents.

Anticipating a whole series of questions regarding the highly publicized women's army, Lt. Deane explained that WAAC enlistees must be U. S. citizens between the ages of 21 and 45, who are physically fit and without dependents.

Married women are eligible, providing they have no children under 14 years of age, and a lowering of the age limit for enlistees is being considered, she added.

Enlistees, it was further explained, undergo five weeks of basic training, excepting special cases which call for training as long as (Continued on page 2)

Co-op Drive Tops Membership Goal

New Property Office Here

A branch of the Evacuee Property Office will be established at Hunt, according to an announcement received by Project Director H. L. Stafford from Russell T. Robinson, Chief of the WRA Evacuee Property Office in San Francisco. A representative will soon come here to be a member of the project staff. Through him, assistance will be provided in handling problems of management, operation and disposition of real and personal property or in settling claims held by evacuees. In this work the Evacuee Property Office representative will have the cooperation of the Project Attorney.

The decision to have an Evacuee Property Office representative stationed here came as a result of the uncertainty in handling outside (Continued on page 7)

Male Registrants May Make Changes

Male residents of military age who desire to make changes in their answers to questions 27 and 28 in the registration forms for voluntary induction and job placement may do so at the Leaves and Furloughs office before March 12, it was announced.

Clothing Allowance Payments Continue

Payment of clothing allowances for November has been continuing since Friday afternoon, according to an announcement by Disbursement Officer Walter Craig. Checks have been received here to date for residents whose last names begin from A through I only, Craig said. The checks must be claimed within 16 days after notification, he said. After 16 days, unclaimed checks will be sent back to Portland.

Residents leaving the center are informed that they should leave their new address at the Disbursement office before departing.

D. H. 44 Opens

D. H. 44 will be opened Sunday morning to accommodate the 300 residents of the block, the Steward Division, headed by newly appointed Project Steward Harry Sperber and Assistant Steward Yasaburo Kinomoto, announced this week.

2,318 Subscribe; Blks. 24 and 21 Are Big Boosters

With 90 per cent of the families in the center responding to the recent Co-op membership and bond drive, a total of \$20,097.00 has been turned in by the membership committee, Joe Yasumura, Co-op Educator, revealed this week.

Driving toward a \$20,000 center-wide goal, top honors went to Blk. 24 with a total of \$1371.00 collected by T. Yoshioka and K. Tada. Blk. 21 was next with a \$1241.00 collection under the captaincy of H. Hidaka.

The campaign netted a membership total of 2,318 residents.

Renzo Yoshimura, chairman of the membership drive, expressed great satisfaction with the success of the drive.

"I wish to thank the captains of the sections, and all of the block teams for their splendid cooperation in making our membership and bond drive a success," Yoshimura said. "I also urge every member to take an active part in the first general meeting to be held in each block in the near future and to help make our co-op organization one of the best by giving suggestions and voicing constructive criticism."

Ariz. Centers No Longer In Restricted Area

The boundary marking the evacuated zone in southern Arizona has been changed to put the Poston and Gila relocation centers out of the restricted area. Approximately 215 persons evacuated from the area now removed from the evacuated zone in Arizona will therefore be allowed to return to their homes immediately, according to Dillon S. Myer, director of the WRA.

The change moves the Arizona exclusion line approximately 60 miles south and excludes all of Pinal County and most of Maricopa and Yuma counties from the evacuated area.

Hereafter, evacuees visiting Poston and Gila will not need escorts unless they pass through evacuated areas en route.

The move was interpreted as another step toward re-establishing normal life to persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the west coast.

Evacuee Help Counted On To Harvest '43 Beet Crop

Prospects for Coming Season Bright, Scalley Observes

With more evacuees expected to join the army of volunteer farm workers for 1943's beet thinning campaign than the number which helped in the harvesting of last year's bumper crop, prospects for the coming season are unusually bright, Ford Scalley writes in an article entitled, "Well, We Got the Beets Out," appearing in The U and I Cultivator, a quarterly published by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company in Salt Lake City.

"Many Japanese who came to beet-growing communities on a 30-day trial basis, have remained to perform year-round service. Others have returned to relocation centers, but are expected to re-enlist for farm work next spring. In some cases they will bring their families with them," Scalley writes.

In reviewing the 1942 season, the author points out that despite "all discouragements, between seven and eight thousand Japanese responded." The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company growers were fortunate in securing more than one-third of this total, he mentions.

Cooperation between the beet growers and the Japanese was remarkable, Scalley observes as he writes:

"Considering the magnitude of the work entailed in enlisting, transporting, and housing these thousands of volunteer workers, the degree of friction between employer and employee was small. Farmers generally showed consideration to their workers. Great efforts to live up to all terms of the contract of employment was made by employer and employee.

"At first tolerated as a necessity, thousands of evacuees were later accepted under mutually helpful arrangements as efficient workers."

"Past crises have demonstrated that farmers always carry their share of the load when they've got it to do. They'll do it again in 1943. You can count on that, for 'we need the beets to beat the axis.'"

Final Date Set For Receipts Exchange

The final date for exchange of cash register receipts for green stamps on purchase prior to Nov. 1, 1942, has been extended to March 15. In order to make it easier for all patrons, special clerks will be at the Blks. 6 and 40 canteens on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week to make the exchanges. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday the clerks will be at Blks. 14 and 30, the Co-op announced this week.

Girls in the Blk. 7 Nisei Club will sponsor a handicrafts class every Thursday night in D. H. 7. The instructor will be Mrs. Tama Sakai.

Two Who Escaped From Ariz. Center Arrested In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26—John Francis Kawasaki, 17, and his sister Cecelia Bernadette Kawasaki, 16, who escaped four days ago from the Japanese relocation center at Poston, Ariz., were arrested today by sheriff's officers.

The two, children of a Japanese father and an Irish-American mother, show little resemblance to Japanese. They said they had hitchhiked here in hopes of serving in the war, the boy in the army and his sister in a defense plant.

They were turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, whose local chief, Richard Hood, said they would be returned to Poston.

Sec. III Boys' Glee Club meets every Wednesday in Rec. 13 from 7:30, Mae Hara, music supervisor of community activities, announced this week.

WAAC Lt. Speaks To Hunt Audience

(Continued from page 1) six months, and may be assigned to any one of sixty-two fields of service.

In other words, the Lieutenant disclosed, WAACs may serve as administrative workers, nurses' aides, ground mechanics, laboratory technicians, or in 52 other capacities, depending upon individual abilities.

Although the WAAC is a non-combatant organization, enlistees may volunteer for overseas duty, she added.

Lt. Deane declared she was pleased by the response at the Topaz center where she stopped before coming here. She addressed a group of interested Hunt girls in Social Hall 6 yesterday afternoon, and was to have left this morning.

Puyallup Farms Under New Firm

Production Increase Program Laid Out

TACOMA, Feb. 26—Under the organization Farm Management, Inc., which has taken over about 650 acres of Japanese-farmed land, farmers in the Puyallup Valley are preparing to make those fertile acres produce as they never have before.

At least 80 per cent of the valley land will be under cultivation this year, estimated Roy Ingalls, vice-president. Harold Foster is president.

"Give us two years and people will forget that there ever was a Jap in this valley," said J. C. Nettin, treasurer.

A program to produce more vegetables than the Japanese produced last year includes plans for study of the soil so that all plots will produce the kind of vegetables best suited to the soil. Some of the land will be worked twice a season under planned rotation of crops.

"Melody for Three" Next Film Showing

The latest Dr. Christian picture, "Melody for Three," starring Jean Hersholt and Fay Wray, will be shown next week at the Co-op theaters.

This picture provides a story with a musical background and has for its locale not only the peaceful setting of Rivers Ends, but also the feverish scene of a Chicago broadcasting studio. Highlight of the film is the finale in which a 75-piece orchestra plays Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5 with a boy prodigy as guest soloist.

Spokane Civic Club Donates to Hunt

The young people of Hunt can look forward to spring and summer with the knowledge that they will have something to play with.

The Japanese American Civic Club of Spokane this week sent

Pay Boost Due Beet Workers

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 26—A general wage increase will be given this year to sugar beet laborers, representatives of the federal department of agriculture told growers from Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Washington today.

The proposed increased scale is based on anticipated increases in the growers' income, cost of living for laborers, cost of production, and shortages of labor in some quarters.

Strife Flares Anew at Tule; Two Beaten Up

The arrest of 25 more Tuleans for the beating of two residents, victims in renewed protests against registration for job clearance and military service at the Tule Lake center, was reported early this week by Project Director Harvey M. Coverly, according to an AP dispatch from Klamath Falls, Ore.

Thirteen of the agitators who opposed the registration, including those responsible for the beating of two loyal residents were arrested late last week, according to Coverly. The group was jailed at Alturas, Calif., and were charged with assault, he said. One of the beaten men required hospital care.

Twelve others, accused of intimidating other residents against registration, were arrested Sunday and taken to the county jail in Klamath Falls, Ore.

Twenty-two residents, jailed at Klamath Falls after the first agitation over registration, were removed to an undisclosed location by WRA officials, according to the dispatch.

Deportation Move Rapped

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 27—Drafting a letter of protest Friday, the Oregon council of church women condemned the state legislature's memorials Nos. 8 and 9 as "un-Christian, un-American and undemocratic and an insult to the intelligence of the citizens of Oregon."

The council also considered letters of praise for members of the senate who voted against the "shameful" memorials which advised the deportation of all Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry and sought to bar them from the armed services.

A two-day conference of the council, which represents 30,000 women votes, was closed Friday night.

26 More Indefinite Leaves Issued

Twenty-six more indefinite leaves were issued this week according to the Leaves and Furloughs division.

Those who received it this week were:

Masao Kinoshita to Heyburn, Ida., Tadao James Shirahama to Billings, Mont., Elsie Chizuko Shimahara to Denver, Colo., May Mayko and Iwao Hara to Chicago, Ill., Betty Kaoru Yasunobu to Washington, D. C., Tsunetaro Sasaki to Jerome, Ida., Michiko Cora Ogami to Ft. Thomas, Ken., Mamoru Shiota to St. Louis, Mo., Tomo Hamamura to Lincoln, Neb., Jack Shibuya to Madison, Wis., Kiyo Kimura to Filer, Ida., Hi-meko Kibe to DeS Plaines, Ill., Noboru Tazuma to Lincoln, Neb., Masami Takanaga to Pocatello, Ida., Frank Gin Kunishige and Yoneko Tajitsu to Boise, Ida., Tom Akira Tsunemitsu and Sachiko Yagi to Twin Falls, Ida., Sally Sachiko Sugino to Salt Lake City, Utah, Joseph Masahide Kibe to Payette, Ida., Suzie Shizuye Okino to Rexburg, Ida., Esther Nakamura to Spokane, Wash., Kenneth Y. Kawafune to Meridian, Ida., Suzuko Robin Takemoto to Ogden, Utah, and James Shijiro Morikawa to Chinook, Montana.

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YOUR CO-OP

Editor's Note — Beginning with this issue a series of articles will be presented through this column giving the public general information regarding cooperatives and the Minidoka Consumers' Cooperative in particular. All questions should be directed to the Information Bureau, Minidoka Consumers' Cooperative, Hunt, Idaho.

The important fact about our cooperative is that you, the customers, own it. Your first concern is to provide yourselves with the best values at the lowest net cost. But co-operatives do not try to sell at cut prices thus opening themselves to attacks of cut-throat competition. The aim is to sell at the lowest prevailing prices. The savings then are returned to the customers in proportion to the patronage. Since patronage refunds are not subject to income tax, the refunds are distinctly clear net savings.

Following are answers to current questions regarding our cooperative. Please feel free to ask further questions in person or send them in on a penny postcard to the Minidoka Consumers' Cooperative, Hunt, Idaho.

QUESTION—When will patronage refunds be made?

ANSWER—Although our fiscal year ends March 31, the actual refunds cannot be made until sometime in May. The accounting must be fully completed for the entire period and verified by a certified public accountant and the patronage refund amounts figured for each customer after the stamps are called in. All this takes time.

QUESTION—Will the refunds be made in cash?

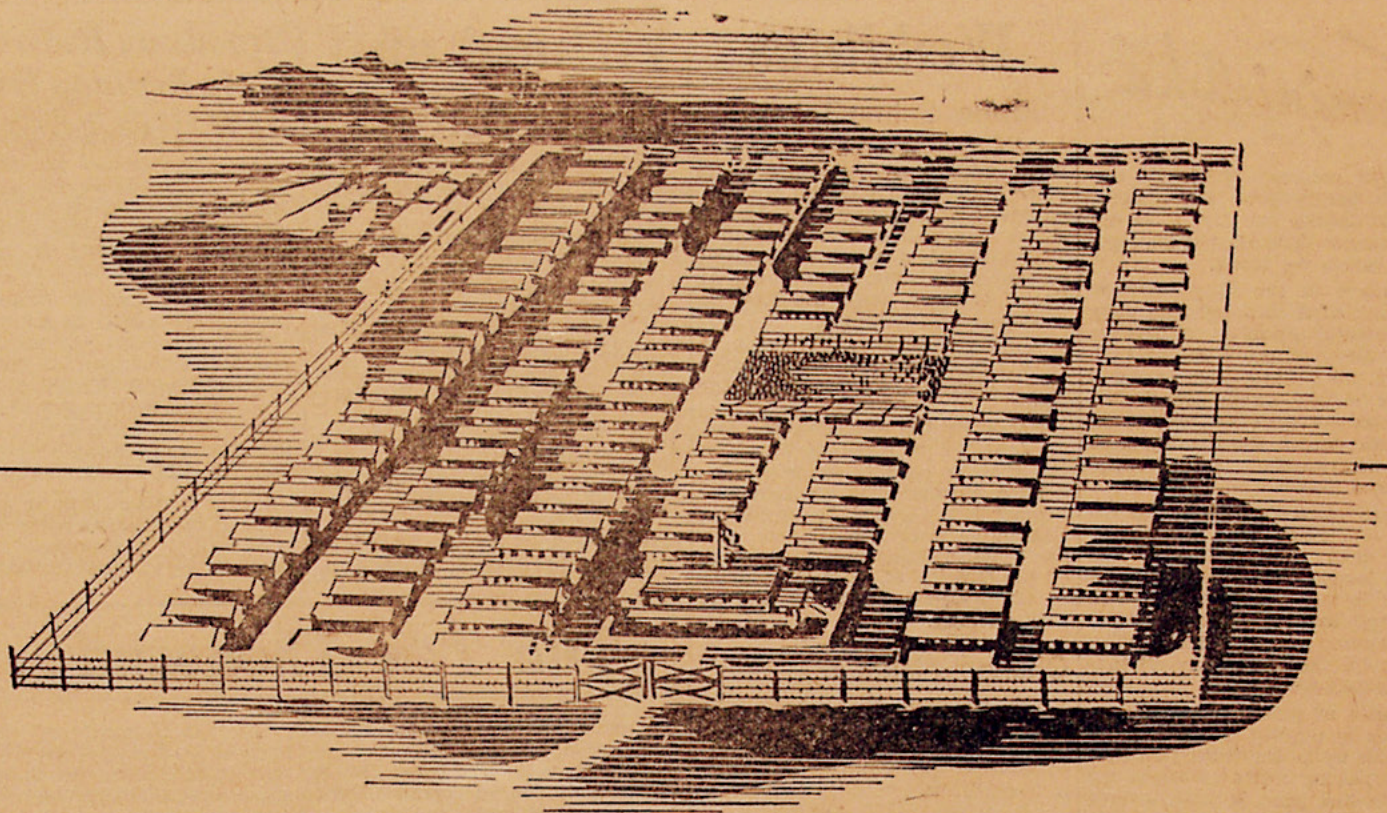
ANSWER—For the most part, yes. The Board of Directors may decide to issue part of the refund in Co-op bonds but the bulk of the refund will be in cash. Patrons who have not become members or those whose membership is not fully paid in, will have their refund applied toward a membership certificate. Any amount over that necessary to cover a fully paid up membership will be refunded in cash or if anyone wishes it will be applied on the purchase of Co-op bonds up to the \$20 limit provided for in the by-laws.

QUESTION—How much interest will I receive on the Co-op bonds?

ANSWER—Your Board of Directors will determine the interest rate but the limit has been set at 8 per cent in the by-laws. The current prevailing interest will usually be paid. No interest can be paid on the membership fees.

QUESTION—Will present rationing and possibility of subsequent rationing on other items cut down our sales so much that the stores may have to close or our business become a loss?

ANSWER—No. At present those rationed items that will not be sold in our stores are processed foods. You cannot secure or use ration stamps to buy items because the WRA is providing meals that are presumed to be adequate. Stamps or certificates are now being issued enabling you to purchase shoes at our stores or from the outside. If other essential items, not now furnished by the WRA, are rationed we will receive stamps or certificates enabling us to buy these rationed items and our stores will stock these items. The actual sales volume in our stores will not be reduced materially because of rationing.



YOU DON'T NEED TO WAIT ANY LONGER TO GET OUT

Every evacuee has been looking forward to the day when he could permanently leave the relocation center that has been his temporary residence, but not a real home, these long and tiresome months.

"Some day," he has said, "I'll leave here . . . to return to my former home, or to start over in a new and friendly community. Some day I'll be a part of America again . . . to produce or fight for it."

Well, that day has come to those who will take it. . . Here's how: Get yourself a job on a farm . . . to begin with. Sign up for thinning and blocking beets; that's one of the first jobs of the season.

Pick yourself a friendly community, where a variety of crops are grown. Then work through the spring and summer, taking the crops as they come along . . . returning to sugar beets in the fall.

HERE ARE THE REWARDS:

- 1 Freedom to work for yourself and your family at prevailing high wages (rates of minimum pay for beet workers are guaranteed by Federal order);
- 2 Adequate housing (the Federal government requires every farmer to supply this before his offer of employment can be officially approved);
- 3 A new chance to make friends for yourself and for all other persons of Japanese birth or ancestry;
- 4 A stepping stone to permanent year-round employment in agriculture, or industry;
- 5 Healthful employment . . . for yourself and for other members of your family, if you have one, even down to fourteen-year-old boys and girls;
- 6 An opportunity to produce more food for freedom, thereby helping America win the war and the peace to follow;
- 7 A means of earning money for an education or for profitable investment, now or in the future.



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are the best way out for the greatest number of evacuees. When you accept a beet contract, take one with the organization that pioneered the way for evacuee job seekers nearly a year ago; take one with an organization that can give you a wide choice of locations and climates.

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Volunteers from Idaho's High Schools and from Relocation Centers join hands to harvest the sugar beet crop in 1942.

SUGAR BEETS AFFORD EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR RELOCATION

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WANTS TO RELOCATE, IN FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES AND FARMING AREAS THROUGHOUT THE NATION, ALL TRUSTWORTHY PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY NOW LIVING IN WAR RELOCATION CENTERS.

THERE ARE MANY PRACTICAL AND PATRIOTIC REASONS WHY THIS SHOULD BE DONE . . . IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION AS A WHOLE AND OF THE INDIVIDUAL EVACUEE HIMSELF. SOME OF THESE ADVANTAGES ARE SELF-EVIDENT:

1. A shortage of manpower on farms and in cities requires the productive services of every employable person;
2. An immediate relocation in widely scattered areas of all trustworthy evacuees, whether citizen or alien, is the soundest and cheapest solution to the difficult war-created problem raised by the forced mass evacuation of more than 100,000 persons from Pacific Coast defense zones;
3. The benefits to relocated evacuees of voluntary acceptance of outside employment, especially in our farming communities, both during the war and after, are far-reaching and important.

On this point a current editorial in The Topaz Times says, in part:

"With an inevitable depression looming for all cities following the close of the war . . . it is one of the stable laws of economics that those who work on the land are less liable to be affected by business depressions . . . With resettlement gradually getting under way . . . we believe that agricultural opportunities on small farms . . . for evacuee couples and families should prove particularly attractive and practical."

As a pioneer advocate of these fundamental principles of FREE OPPORTUNITY for evacuees, The Amalgamated Sugar Company will again in 1943 bring to thousands of volunteer workers now residing in relocation centers, individual and family opportunities for profitable employment in scores of friendly intermountain communities.

And once again, thousands of trustworthy and loyal persons of Japanese ancestry will thus be enabled to contribute to the war effort by helping to produce this essential food . . . beet sugar.

Much of the "pioneering" work of setting up satisfactory relations between beet growers and evacuee workers of the intermountain territory has already been done. Adjustment, this year, will be much easier than last. Sugar beet growers and processors took the lead in this work a year ago . . . and are doing so again in 1943.

Many seasonal contracts to perform spring and fall beet labor result in year-round employment with beets and other farm products, such as potatoes, peas, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, hay, grain, fruits, poultry, dairying, and livestock of all kinds.

The best-growing areas of the West need your help, and you have an opportunity to improve your circumstances by volunteering for farm work at once. Write to the company or ask the placement officer in your center for full details.

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