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Our Cooperative Spirit
 Minidoka has always been proud of its cooperative spirit. And Minidoka has proved again that this cooperative spirit is not only in words.
 Last week end, a range fire, caused by lightning striking in the Jerome-Shoshone area, swept toward Shoshone and at one time threatened several homes in the south end of the town. Hunt volunteer fire-fighters immediately answered the call—21 on Friday and another crew of 28 on Saturday.
 John A. Keith, district grazer, commented: "We have received very fine cooperation from the Hunt relocation center, and we've never called on the Japanese American labor there without getting very good response. There's a lot of talk about the loyalty of these men, but when they turn out like this there's no doubt about it."
 Mr. Keith was not only referring to the wonderful cooperation of Minidokans in last weekend's fire. He was also referring to the many calls that the Hunt volunteers answered last year when the dry season makes this area dangerous to range fires.
 Last year 82 Hunt volunteers aided in putting down one of the worst fires in the history of this locality. This fire was in the Kimama country, approximately 60 miles from the center, claiming three lives.
 Still another fire which raged on 30,000 acres of sagebrush land near Minidoka Dam, 60 miles from Hunt was checked by 21 firemen from this center. Other calls were in the vicinity of Hazelton and Shoshone.
 Minidoka will back the pledge made last year that this center will cooperate in the fight against range fires whenever called. By fighting range fires, we are also bringing about better public relations with the surrounding communities.

In The Service: Past Week Sees Servicemen On Furlough Here; Many Visit Relatives

Former Hawaiian Spends Furlough at 36-8-C
 Expressing satisfaction in the manner that the whole of the Japanese American youths have met the draft situation, was S/Sgt. Jack Kawabe, formerly of Hilo, Hawaii, who was visiting his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Kumagai, at 36-8-C. Sgt. Kawabe, who has been attached with the headquarters company at Camp Savage for the past year and a half, was inducted into the army at Ft. MacArthur, near Los Angeles, California, on October 20, 1941.
 A graduate of Hilo high school in Hawaii, prior to his induction, he was studying at a local business college.
 Following his five-day visit, he left on June 29.

Sgt. Watanabe Visits Relatives At 10-9-D
 Dropping in for a one day visit with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hirai, 10-9-D, was Sgt. George Watanabe of Camp Savage, Minnesota. A pre-Pearl Harbor resident of Ogden, Utah, he was inducted into the armed forces at Fort Douglas.
 Prior to his induction, he was engaged in farming at Clearfield, Utah.

Camp Shelby Private Visits Sister Here
 Having the distinction of being one of the first inducted into the Selective Service Act of 1940, is Pvt. James Yamaguchi, who spent his first furlough here visiting his sister, Mrs. Watanabe, 13-2-E.
 Though at present he is stationed at the 442nd combat team at Camp Shelby, he has really traveled about since he was inducted at Fort Lewis more than three years ago. At various times, he has been stationed at Fort Townsend, Wash.; Camp Roberts, Calif.; the San Francisco Intelligence school, Fort Hayes, Ohio, and Camp Savage, Minn.
 A former resident of Bellevue, he is a graduate of Bellevue high school. Prior to his induction, he was working at a sawmill in a neighboring community.
 He left Hunt on June 22, following his four-day stay.

Cpl. Sato Visits From Orlando, Florida
 Taking leave from his post with the AAPTAC at Orlando, Florida, to visit his mother at their home, 19-7-B, was Corp. John Sato, who volunteered from Hunt for the combat team more than a year ago.
 Since being inducted into the armed services on May 1 of last year, he has received two promotions, receiving his last one in mid-April of this year. A graduate of the Camp Savage school, he has already received his basic training at Camp Shelby.
 Formerly of Sumner, Washington, he is a 1939 graduate of the local high school. Following his school, he immediately entered the University of Washington, majoring in physics, and was in his junior year when the war came.

There's More To Coast Return

The Salt Lake Telegram on June 22 editorially suggested that the quickest way to accomplish the objective of the War Relocation Authority was to permit the evacuees to return to their homes on the Pacific coast now and close up all of the centers.
 The Telegram editorial stated: "The original reason for moving the 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry out of the three coast states was to insure the security of this vital area, which, at that time, was directly menaced by Japan. But the area is not menaced any longer . . .
 "There simply is no longer any military justification for keeping those Japanese Americans whose loyalty is not in question out of the Pacific coast area. Then why not let them return?"
 We heartily back the Telegram in that the military ban on the coast be lifted so that loyal Japanese be permitted to return to their homes. However, there's more to this problem than the removing of the restrictions against Japanese in the coast states.
 When evacuation was ordered back in 1942 by the commanding general of the Western Defense area, the orderly movement of Japanese, both citizens and aliens, out of the Pacific coast states earmarked problems which must eventually be met. The evacuees have suffered both financially and socially.
 Relocation program has proved quite satisfactory in meeting the WRA policy of returning loyal Japanese to normal civilian life. New opportunities have opened to the nisei. Those who are able to take advantage of this program are leaving the centers.
 But there are those who will not be able to relocate due to various reasons. Some of these reasons are old age, financial and ill health. They would not like to become wards of the government, but find no immediate answer to their problems.
 If the problem was as simple as merely lifting the military ban of Japanese from the Pacific coast states and permitting them to return to their former homes, the WRA will find the solution to their objective by merely waiting for the banned areas to be opened. Unfortunately the solution lies not in the mere lifting of the existing coast ban. The problem has a deeper root to be considered. Careful study of each individual and family resettlement problems must be made before all of the centers could be closed and the chapter on Japanese evacuation completed in the annals of American history.
 The WRA family interview program which was conducted recently throughout the center is a definite move toward finding the answers to the resettlement possibilities.

Hunt Volunteer Returns For Visit
 One of the famed 206 volunteers from Hunt, Sgt. Bell Shimada, returned to his familiar wartime home last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shimada, 42-9-E. Sgt. Shimada, who is currently assigned with the AAPTAC (Army Air Forces Tactical Center), at Orlando, Florida, arrived here on June 26.
 Since his induction on May 13, 1943, he has been promoted three times, receiving his sergeant's stripes during April of this year.
 A former Seattleite, he is a graduate of Franklin high school in the class of 1939. Following his graduation, he spent three years at the University of Washington, majoring in fisheries.
 He returned to his post from this, his second furlough, on June 30.

Spriggs New Head Of Grade Schools
 James Spriggs arrived here on Monday, July 3, to take over the duties as the principal of the elementary schools. Huntville and Stafford, according to Arthur Kleinkopf, superintendent of education.
 Spriggs has spent the past ten years as principal of the Roosevelt elementary school in Pocatello, Idaho. He will replace Mrs. Nancy Bauman, who was the acting principal upon the departure of Miss Ethel Fitzsimmons, on May 15.

UNITED NATIONS FACTS
CHAMPION OF THE COMMON MAN!
 WALTER NASH, NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST MINISTER TO THE U.S. GUIDED NEW ZEALAND'S GREAT SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM THROUGH PARLIAMENT



UNITED NATIONS CAPSULE!
 WIND COMMANDER RAMSBOTTOM-ISHERWOOD, A NEW ZEALANDER FLYING A BRITISH PLANE, WAS DECORATED BY STALIN FOR SHOOTING DOWN GERMANS IN RUSSIA!



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 NEW ZEALAND MEN UNDER 40 IS IN UNIFORM AND THEY'RE FIGHTING ON EVERY FRONT

American Principles: Thoughtlessness or Ignorance Asks Buhl Herald Editorial

In this newspaper, last week, there appeared a news story about the probability of the Buhl hospital closing, and about two Japanese girls who were working there becoming discouraged and leaving because of the treatment received from some of the townspeople.
 Saturday morning, your editor received a very polite telephone call from one of the girls advising that they were leaving for personal reasons and that they didn't want the townspeople to think that they had not been treated properly. What a broadminded viewpoint, especially when your editor happens to know that they were not treated as they should have been, and the Japanese girl finally admitted as much, when faced with the actual knowledge.
 Regardless of their reason for leaving, the fact remains that they did not receive the treatment they were entitled to as Christian Japanese Americans. It is known that on one other occasion, Japanese American boys left Buhl for that reason, very definitely.
 It hardly seems possible that anything of this kind should, or could happen in a community that surely considers itself Christian and American. Are such Japanese Americans any more responsible for our difficulties with Japan, than German-Americans or Italian-Americans are responsible for our difficulties with those countries? This government, which includes we who are protected by it, has hundreds of Japanese Americans, German Americans and Italian Americans in Uncle Sam's uniform, and we're glad to have them.
 Can it be possible that anyone living in, or near, our fair village is so thoughtless, or uneducated, that they do not know that the only real 100 percent Americans are the American Indians? The writer knows of no other nationality that claims this country for its home-land prior to the landing of the Pilgrims. If we have grown so proud or hateful so far that we can't welcome any and all AMERICANS, with good records, to our community, then let's give the country back to the Indians and let them start killing off "us foreigners" again. It must be remembered that the Indians once resented the coming of the pilgrims, but our forefathers persevered.
 When we put up with some people who flatterly refuse to salute the American flag—the flag under which they seek and accept protection, in many ways—how can any individuals in a community be so narrow about people of another color, who are trying to do their best, and who have not been proven grateful or unloyal?
 This editorial will not correct the evil because it is very unlikely that the loafers and busybodies that indulge in such extorted ideas of patriotism read much of anything, and probably wouldn't understand anyway. BUT, judging from the numbers of cars parked around our many churches on Sunday, there should be enough good Christian citizens around here to make our community safe, pleasant, and livable for any and all AMERICANS who behave themselves. And, that doesn't mean that any great influx of ANY ONE NATIONALITY of people is advocated.—Editorial, Buhl Herald, June 15.

Are You Proud Of Yourselves?
 Commenting editorially on the recent unwarranted action on the part of five Buhl youths who "invited" several Japanese on the downtown streets of Twin Falls to fight and maimed two of them, the Buhl Herald on June 29 carried the full news story on its editorial page, adding the following brief sentences:
 "Wonder if the parents are proud of these five 'teen age boys?' Wonder if the boys are proud of themselves? American isn't."

Former Pastor Replaces Booth In Ohio Office
 CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Harry Elwood Titus has been appointed as relocation officer in charge of the Cincinnati district office, Robert M. Cullum, Cleveland area supervisor announced on June 27. Dr. Titus, a 56-year-old former Methodist pastor who until he came to WRA was actively engaged in religious, social and educational activities for the Dayton, Ohio, Church Federation.
 Dr. Titus succeeds G. Raymond Booth, who has been head of the Chicago district office. In Dayton, where he handled the relocation of about 50 evacuees as a sideline, Dr. Titus supervised several groups whose responsibilities included Negro-Caucasian relations in the community; supervising a center for war-working women; and assisting in migrant war workers in housing and other problems of settling in a new community.
 Cincinnati has had unusual success as a place for family units to resettle and better than 40 percent of the more than 400 persons of Japanese ancestry there are members of family units. Dr. Titus said he would work on increasing that percentage, according to Cullum.

Large Gray Bag Left At Main Gate
 A large, gray-colored suitcase which was left at the main gate has been turned over to the internal security division this week. I. S. officials expressed hope that the owner would claim it at their offices, 22-11-GH, as soon as possible.

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The West Coast Issue: Salt Lake Telegram Editorial Urges Return of Evacuees

That there no longer is any military justification for keeping Japanese Americans whose loyalty is not in question out of the Pacific Coast area and that they should be permitted to return to their homes, was voiced editorially by the Salt Lake Telegram on June 22.
 With the announcement of the closing of Jerome relocation center at Denson, Ark., the Telegram advised that all of the relocation centers be closed, except for the one at Tule Lake, Cal., where some 16,000 Japanese are segregated as enemy aliens, self-declared disloyal U. S. citizens, those who have indicated a desire to return to Japan, and their immediate families.
 "From the standpoint of national security these must be kept under some kind of guard. As for rest, the presumption is that they do not menace the nation's welfare. Many of them have already been released and have settled down in various parts of the country. Most of those still in the centers (not including Tule Lake) want to return to their homes and businesses on the Pacific coast and therefore are not interested in relocation elsewhere.
 "Why not let them return now and close up these expensive centers?"
 "The original reason for moving the 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry out of the three coast states was to insure the security of this vital area, which, at that time, was directly menaced by Japan. But the area is not menaced any longer. The nearest Japanese forces are thousands of miles away from our Pacific coast and Japan has its hands full countering our attacks to such an extent that any attack against the Pacific coast is beyond her power. Our situation is so much improved that military restrictions in Hawaii have been relaxed.
 "There simply is no longer any military justification for keeping those Japanese Americans whose loyalty is not in question out of the Pacific coast area. Then why not let them return? Their homes are there. That is where they want to live. If any supervision or safeguards are still thought necessary, certain restrictions on their movements and activities can be maintained. The fact that five-sixths of the Japanese on the Pacific coast lived in six counties in southern California, and undoubtedly would return there, would simplify such supervision.
 "The objective of the war relocation authority has been officially declared to be the release of loyal Japanese as rapidly as possible and the closing of the centers. It is a sound objective—and the logical and quickest way to accomplish it is to permit the evacuees to return to their homes on the coast now. Why not do it?"

Berman Assigned To Newark Office
 NEWARK, N. J.—Appointment of Edward V. Berman, former relocation officer of the Inter-Mountain area, as relocation officer in charge of the newly opened relocation office in Newark, the city in the industrial and agricultural state of New Jersey, was announced by Harold S. Fister, WRA relocation supervisor for the Middle Atlantic Area on June 26.
 Berman is well acquainted with the east through his former long residence in Pennsylvania and has become thoroughly familiar with relocation problems through having aided numerous evacuees to resettle in Montana, Idaho and Eastern Oregon since joining WRA nearly two years ago, Fister said.
 Through his former associations in Hawaii as labor relations worker, Berman has many friends or are close relations of friends he made there serving in the 100th Battalion.
 During the two years Berman was working in the Inter-Mountain area he was assigned to work for seven months at Hunt as a relocation counselor working in cooperation with the center's relocation program officer. Berman thereby familiarized himself with the needs and interests of both Issei considering family or individual resettlement in the east.

Diploma Covers
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Last Year About This Time.
 July 10, 1943—Officially opening the Baptist and Methodist summer assemblies, a group of 40 boys and girls left the project for the Sawtooth National forest.
 July 10, 1944—With the cream of Hunt talent in their pitching and giving their all, and emcee master Tura Nakamura clutching the mike, the Fourth of July evening program held on Center Field was marked off on the books as another success.
 July 12, 1944—Summer schools at both the Huntville and the Stafford Elementary schools will be instituted, Richard Pomeroy, superintendent of education, announced.

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