

HEAVIEST SNOWFALL RECORDED HERE OVER WEEK-END

All standing snowfall records were shattered—it's a wonder any windows weren't shattered, too, with snowballs—by this fourth snowfall recorded this year. To top it off, a strong blizzard blew causing a youngster to remark "Look, mama, it's snowing sideways!"

While some hugged their stoves to escape the nippy wind, the kids around the block shouted and played in the snow. Even grown-ups joined in the throw-

ing of snowballs amidst the gay laughter of children's voices. Some who still remembered "when daddy was a boy," even went so far as to help the "next door" boy give the snowman, a "finishing touch."

Frozen over Baird's Creek and Block 29's, basketball court were taken over by children who put them into use for sledding purposes. Breaking the monotony of center life, snow fights were frequent. Occasionally a passerby

was the target of a stray snowball, but they laughed it off good naturedly.

Farming Division reported: Ground temperature hit a low 24 and a high 46 degrees on Saturday, while on Sunday a minimum of 26 and a maximum of 36 degrees was recorded.

Total snowfall for the two days was unofficially reported as 8 inches.

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Cornerstone Ceremony Marks Start of New Civic Auditorium

Braving the cold Saturday afternoon wind, Manzanar dignitaries held the cornerstone ceremony for the new civic auditorium at the site in firebreak 7-12 before a crowd of 300. The ceremony marked the official beginning for the construction of the \$15,000 edifice.

With Assistant Project Director Lucy Adams acting as mistress of ceremonies, the ceremony progressed smoothly as project Director Ralph P. Merritt gave his address and Kiyoharu Anzai, block managers' assembly chairman, spoke in response. The ceremony also included numbers by the Manzanar community band and a flag raising ceremony led by George Nishimura, high school student body president.

The auditorium is expected to be completed in three months and the high school is preparing for it by planning an opera for the first function to be held in the new structure, stated Dr. Genevieve Carter, superintendent of education.

The cornerstone ceremony was slated to be held on Feb. 12 commemorating Lincoln's birthday but was postponed due to adverse weather conditions.

State Congressmen Rap WRA Transfer

With the transfer of the WRA to the Department of Interior, the Los Angeles Times recently published comments of the Congressmen from California regarding the move.

Said Representative Poulson (R): "This move is just adding sugar coating to a bitter pill. Myer will still have the same ideas and the fact Mr. Ickes' has already shown disregard for the feelings of Californians by his previous gestures of hiring Japanese servants in his Maryland farm when Japanese disorders in California were flaring does not help us believe in his understanding of our problem."

Representative Phillips (R) said the move smacked of "deliberate evasion, and aimed 'I don't see they have done anything at all except evade the desires of Congress and particularly of the California delegation."

Representative Engle (D), said he was "not impressed at all by the juggling from one department to another."

Representative Sheppard (D), said he trusted the transfer would effect a "more practical and factual" handling of WRA camps "in a manner not governed by social concept."

House Considers On Denaturalization Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—An apparently hopeless drive to revoke the citizenship of disloyal Japanese-Americans was launched last week by the California House Members as debate opened on a bill allowing any person born in this country to shed his constitutional rights, reported Warren B. Francis, Times staff correspondent.

Although the bulk of Pacific Coast members were advocating "more teeth," the House seemed prepared to pass the bill, urged by Attorney General Biddle, which provides for expatriation only through name, unsolicited statements of allegiance to some other nation. Action was not completed on the measure and further consideration was postponed until this week.

Charges that the Biddle bill would authorize "star chamber proceedings" were hurled by Rep. Gearhart. Legislation providing for expatriation because of past statements or deeds would be constitutional, he insisted, because citizenship proceedings are civil, not criminal, in character.

"Citizenship should not be taken lightly and deprivation of citizenship should not be a star chamber matter. This bill gives more power than a good man should ask and a bad man should have," Gearhart said.

Addition To 'Dimes' Drive Boosts Total

With the addition of \$18.75 from the appointed personnel, the recently concluded March of Dimes drive reached a total of \$157.79 for Manzanar, it was announced by Mr. Joe Shikami, president of the local Red Cross.

Mrs. Margaret D'Ille, counselor of the Community Welfare section, along with Mr. Shikami expressed thanks to the residents of this center for making this drive a success. The caucasian people who worked on the drive were: Mrs. Ralph P. Merritt, chairman; Mrs. James McNair, Mrs. Frank E. Hon, Mrs. Douglas Cowart, Mrs. Robert Stengel and Mrs. Ralph Feil.

Wire Break Causes Power Failure Here

Due to the high wind and sleet Sunday and Monday, a high tension wire at the local 319th M. P. headquarters broke Monday morning at 2:25 a.m., causing a power failure in Manzanar until about 5:45 a.m.

Project Director Ralph P. Merritt immediately notified Electrical Engineer Ralph D. Feil, who stated that the break necessitated his climbing the power pole at the break to make the necessary repairs. In addition, a crew from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light had to be called to re-use the George's Creek sub-station before the service could be resumed.

THREE MEN GIVE BLOOD TO 'UNIQUE' CANCER PATIENT

Tokijiro Hirohata, the "unique" cancer patient, for whom a recent center-wide hunt for blood donors was made, still was forbidden to receive visitors, but should he live he will have three persons to thank.

"Blood received by three persons has made it possible to give him the operation he so badly needed," block leader Asaji Katayama stated. "Now, he has a fair chance to live."

Fifty-six year old Hirohata is making a courageous and desperate struggle for life. His case was described as "unique" because even if his blood did match with prospective blood donors, past tests showed that his blood failed to blend. Reason for this unusual action was not stated by the doctors. Friends who knew of the seriousness of the aged patient's condition were suprised at the fight he was able to wage against what seemed like overwhelming odds.

However, only Hirohata himself knows the real reason why he is still alive. The block 8 cook continues to enjoy life because three good samaritans have generously offered their blood, even if they are total strangers to the critically ill man. One blood donor, Tsubo Kurakusa, Mess Hall 33, cook, of 28-4, collapsed at work after giving a blood transfusion, forcing him to rest for ten days. Black Fujii, 33-13-5, Mess Hall 22 cook, and another unnamed resident of block 33, were both getting along fine after having given blood.

"The residents here have been exceptionally generous in offering to act as blood donors," block leader Katayama remarked, "and chief Shinichi Asanuma and his workers at Mess Hall 8 where Hirohata worked, I am sure appreciate it tremendously."

Obtain Eleven Vehicles In Exchange For Old Trucks

Four men representing the Motor Pool Section as inspecting team of automotive equipment to be obtained for use in this center, returned February 12, after completing an intensive two weeks tour of three Army

distributing centers. James L. MacNair, equipment maintenance supervisor, stated that there were no available vehicles at Reno, but found six at Fort Ord and five at Camp Roberts. Of the 11 government vehicles obtained, six are 1½ ton stake trucks, one pick-up, one ambulance and three dump trucks. Another ambulance is expected from the Minidoka center soon, said MacNair.

Although the 11 automobiles do not fill the quota for this center, MacNair revealed that the Army is looking for other places where equipment may be obtained and should receive word from them when a suitable place has been found. "Until then, we just have to mark time," the supervisor added.

Forty-one old CCC trucks now in use in this Center will be returned to the surplus property list when the quota is filled.

Making the trip were James L. MacNair, equipment maintenance supervisor, Frank Crilly, assistant equipment supervisor, Earl Carter, heavy duty truck driver and Roland J. Sanger, acting warehousing and property officer.

James Young Hits Manzanar Policy

In a special interview with staff writer Francis Wayne of the Denver Post, James R. Young, former far eastern bureau director of International News Service, scored treatment of Manzanar internees.

"It seems we Americans always forget and never learn," Young stated. "In this country today, while thousands of our boys have been brutally tortured and murdered and subjected to every indignity, we find that in our relocation centers, such as Manzanar in California, the same training of youth is going on that is practiced under Black Dragon society' direction of Japan. The program is disguised under American names, but the work is identical," he declared.

Inland Area People Urged To Help Nisei

Plugging the relocation program among the liberal-minded readers of Common Ground, two articles revealing the plight of nisei in their re-establishment into normal society was written in Common Ground by W. Margaret Anderson, editor of Common Ground, and Robert W. Frase, assistant chief of the WRA Employment Division.

Stated Editor Anderson, "There is a job for us—important, specific, calculable.

"It is the resettlement of our Japanese Americans—their dispersal resettlement out of the government camps where they are now detained into productive jobs around the country for their own—and America's—good."

AID SOUGHT

Furthermore she urges that the readers of the relocation areas themselves do their utmost to help in the resettlement program. Reporting of jobs at prevailing wages to nearest WRA relocation supervisor, and organization of resettlement committees composed of public minded citizens and social agencies for the assimilation of the evacuee was asked of the readers.

Frase, in his article, gave a factual account of the activities of the WRA in their resettlement program.

Japan Refuses To Resume Negotiations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—Japan refuses to resume negotiations for a third exchange of nationals even though her pretext for halting them—alleged bad conditions in Japanese relocation camps here—has been found groundless by neutral investigators, it was revealed last week by the Los Angeles Times.

The disclosure was made in the State Department testimony released by the House Appropriations Committee recently. Assistant Secretary of State Breckenridge Long told the committee that disturbances at Tule Lake relocation camp led Tokyo to break off the indirect talks for the prisoner exchange and to ask the Spanish Embassy to investigate.

The neutral Spanish diplomats made the investigation and reported favorably on treatment afforded internees, but the Japanese still refuse to resume the negotiations, Long said.

Assistant Director Explains Regulations

Introduced to the block managers assembly Friday by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt were Malcolm Pitts, field assistant director of the Denver regional office, and Harry Black, assistant project director in Tule Lake.

Mr. Pitts, who is in charge of the train movement for segregation, explained briefly train regulations which had been causing concern among the residents, according to the block managers. Among the questions put Mr. Pitts was one regarding taking food aboard the train. He explained that food outside of a little candy and some fruit would not be allowed, and cited two mild food poisoning on board segregation trains. He added that three good meals a day would be served a day; enough to satisfy any normal person.

Conditions to be expected in Tule Lake were explained in detail by Mr. Black. Relating the many details that have been provided for segregees from Manzanar, he stated that conditions, although not the best, were rapidly improving.

WRA Tule Policy Lax Criticizes Costello

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—According to the Congressional sources, a blistering report charging the War Relocation Authority with laxness in handling hostile Japanese evacuees at Tule Lake probably will be released in the near future coincident with House consideration of legislation punishing Japanese-Americans who have signified their loyalty to Nippon, reported Warren B. Francis, Times Staff correspondent.

The findings of a Special House investigating group led by Rep. (D) of Hollywood were said to be ready for submission to the House Un-Americanism Committee that is headed by Rep. Dies (D) Tex., but still must be formally approved by the three-man body which investigated the November riots at Tule Lake.

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Good-bye Now . . .

When the time comes for you to leave for Tule, let's face it like real men.

Naturally, it'll bring a lump to my throat, leave me at a loss for words, but who doesn't feel that way when he is losing one of the most precious things in life—a true friend? Our friendship isn't just an ordinary one—I mean the kind that begins at the amusement center during a beach outing or at a soda fountain between sips of malted milk. Ours all began under isolation and confinement.

Sure, it's easy to be a good sport when everything goes o. k., but it's not everyone can smile in the face of grief and disappointments that I've seen you endure. And, too, we did have lots of fun together, didn't we?

I'll never forget your kid sis's wedding—the happiness it brought you—the outdoor shows we took in as we shivered in our P-coats—the concerts under the stars—the wish we made together as we watched a shooting star—the "treat" you gave the gang by serving toast with "real" butter and, too, I'll never forget the little things—the picnics near George's Creek where we can see the snow—the outdoor card sessions even if the dust did start to blow afterwards.

You and I do know, that we'll miss each other a great deal, won't we? I suppose we're no different than many others. We are normal people who like hometown gossip, kid the neighborhood girls about their "heart throbs," and repeat the Manzanar rumors. All that is past and gone, I guess.

The segregation program was a task—but now it's over—over in the sense of placing one group of people here and the others there.

However, even if you are on the "other side of the fence," memories of folks like yourself shall remain with us at Manzanar throughout eternity.

Sometimes I found slang more expressive. Other times I can put my feelings best on paper. However, this is the first time both slang and writing fail me utterly. I never was much for fancy talking, so only my heart can tell you what feeling is going on inside. All I can say now is, "bye now—and be good!"

Pastor Will Counsel 'Bronzeville' People

Residents of "Bronzeville"—the one-time "Little Tokyo" of Los Angeles—will have the counsel and advice of the Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, former pastor-director of the church of the

Good Shepherd in Chicago and now in charge of the Pilgrim House, 120 North San Pedro street, the Examiner stated recently.

Pilgrim House was formerly a community church for the Japanese who lived in the district before they were evacuated in 1942.

IN APPRECIATION—

My sincere gratitude to all my friends who have made my stay in Manzanar a memorable one. Thanks for everything as I depart for St. Louis, Missouri.
Kenichi Kurihara
6-2-4

IN APPRECIATION—

As we depart for Tule Lake, we wish to take this means to express our thanks to friends and neighbors for the kindnesses extended us.
Masaru Nakamura and family
21-6-1

IN APPRECIATION—

We wish to employ this means to express our gratitude to the people of Manzanar as we entrain for Tule Lake.
Yurao Kobata and family
12-13-5
Mitsuyo
Toshiharu

IN APPRECIATION—

May we take this means to thank all our friends for the gifts and many kindnesses on our recent marriage.
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yonai
32-3-1

RKO Studio Assures Nisei Of Fair Play

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 19.—Concern expressed that RKO's forthcoming production of Alan Hynd's "Betrayal from the East" would contain an indiscriminate attack upon persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States were allayed last week in a statement of an RKO official, William Gordon, the Pacific Citizen reported.

Contained in the final chapter of Hynd's book, an expose of Japanese espionage in the United States, is an argument against the federal program of resettlement of Japanese American evacuees outside the WRA camps, the author questioning the loyalty of the evacuees involved.

NO CONFUSION

"We expect to adapt the subject so that there will be no confusion of purpose or individuals as seems to inspire your apprehension," Gordon wrote to Priscilla Beattie of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in Pasadena. "Specifically, the characters who motivate and activate the story are in every case demonstrated and deadly enemies of our country. As you are no doubt aware, loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry are among the most eager of our citizens to emphasize the fact that it was and always has been the professional—if oftentimes quiet and secretive—Japanese agent who operated against this government. Therefore, the true translation of this story into pictures, which is our hope, should allay any fears you may have. The picture will not be the contemplation of a problem but the dramatization of a fact."

AN EDITORIAL

About Time

Something about the atrocious thought of having to arise (just) in time for a 6 a.m. Pacific War-time breakfast going this week that makes some people feel petulant about the much-argued daylight saving system.

To habitual early risers, a matter of an hour either way makes no cantakerous tyro up from the wrong side of the bed. To perennial night prowlers the application of the daylight saving time has been a God send for an excuse. He can stay up until midnight or 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. with the thought that that hour, respectively, is only 11 a.m. or midnight, or 1 a.m. But he cannot get over the nostalgic thought in the morning that if only the project operated on standard time, he could have stayed abed another hour—until 8 a.m. (PWT) and still get to work at 8 a.m. (PST).

DENSON, Ark.—

During the period from March 20, 1943 to January 14, 1944, a total of at least 2,702 servicemen from various training camps visited the center. Some had visited twice and a few of them thrice.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Antique gold bar pin, vicinity of block 1, 7, or Administration. Return to Mrs. H. C. Pussey, 7-4-4.

WANTED—Farm tractor or a Caterpillar. Please write to Rt.2, Box 106T, Provo, Utah in care of Thomas Morita.

Letters from the Public

(The following excerpts were taken from a letter which appeared in the Michigan Telegram and was written by Helen Westrud, a resident of Superior, Mich.—Ed. Note.)

To the Telegram:

Has anyone ever thought of reading the constitution of the United States, in regard to this much argued problem of Japanese Americans? In article fourteen, sectional, of our constitution it states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges of citizens of the United States nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Maybe you say this has nothing to do with us, but please stop and think...and then think...again.

Organize Brownies

Brownies, a club for young Girl Scouts ranging from seven to 10 years of age has been organized, stated Aksel Nielson, supervisor of Community Activities.

He revealed that Martha Lee Shoaf has been chosen as scout leader.

Hasn't our government taken great care to see that we are being well protected by carefully going over the history and life of...Japanese families? Do you think the government would endanger the lives of our American people by letting saboteurs settle in this country? No, they have made sure that our American Japanese are true-blooded Americans. The FBI has seen to that, so now it's up to us to see that they are treated decently because after all, they have to put up with all the hatred and prejudice against their race—the uncivilized "Japs."

Aren't we all created equal, by the same Creator, and out of the same material? Yes, many of us have very close relatives fighting to wash away forever, the tyranny of those other "Japs." But, did you ever think about the American Japanese who are fighting for us and against the country of their ancestors? No, they aren't unwilling, but glad to fight for liberty, because they are real Americans. And, if we were real Americans, we would trust our government, because after all it was we who chose the ones we wanted to head our government.

Anyway, let's take a more Christian attitude toward our fellow Americans, because after all, many of our best friends are of German, Japanese and Italian descent. We know they are good, strong Americans!

HELEN WESTRUD
SUPERIOR, MICHIGAN

IN APPRECIATION—

We take this means to express our thanks to the people of Manzanar as we depart for Tule Lake
Juzuo Ichikawa
Gunichi Miyanaga

ANNOUNCEMENT—

We wish to announce our marriage on February 20 at the Catholic Church with Father Steinbeck officiating.
Mr. and Mrs. Seizo Hiyoshi
4-8-5

IN APPRECIATION—

We take this means to express thanks to the people of Manzanar as we leave for Tule Lake.
Asaichi Ryono and family
10-13-2

IN APPRECIATION—

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to friends in Manzanar as I leave for Tule Lake. My new address will be:
Morio Matsumoto
8103-D, Tule Lake, California.

IN APPRECIATION—

I wish to take this means to express my thanks to you:
A. Ishikawa
K. Ishikawa
K. Ishino
S. Oka
M. Oka
Block People

for the many kindnesses shown me during my stay in Manzanar.

Shirosaku Nakachi

11-10-1

IN APPRECIATION—

To our friends and neighbors for their many gifts and kindnesses extended us on the happy occasion of our marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Kawase

IN APPRECIATION—

To my friends and neighbors in Manzanar, I wish to express my appreciation for the kindnesses extended me as I depart for Tule Lake.

Hiroko Nakagawa

IN APPRECIATION—

We wish to employ this means to express our sincere gratitude to our friends and neighbors as we depart for Tule.

Barry Tamura
Jimmie Tamura
George Tamura
Mrs. K. Tamura
22-9-1

IN APPRECIATION—

Thanks to our friends in Manzanar for their kindnesses and a grand send-off as we depart for Minneapolis.

Harry Tashima
Ben Nakaji

IN APPRECIATION—

We wish to thank our many friends in Manzanar for the many kindnesses shown us as we depart for Tule Lake.

Torakichi Arita
Tomo Arita

IN APPRECIATION—

As we leave for Tule Lake, we wish to express our gratitude to our friends for the gifts and kindnesses shown us, and for the grand "send-off."

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Showdown Urged For Proposal Of Biddle

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—A House showdown on various proposals to punish disloyal Japanese-Americans was guaranteed when the House Rules Committee granted an "open rule" instead of a "gag rule" on a bill urged by Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle permitting any citizen to renounce his constitutional rights with Federal permission, stated the Los Angeles Times.

The "gag rule" was requested by Chairman Dickstein of the Immigration Committee to prevent amendments or substitution to the bill during Congressional action. In the request denied by the rules committee, Dickstein and other members of his committee maintained the legislation suggested by the Attorney General "goes as far as we can" without violating the constitution.

The request for the "gag rule" was submitted after Rep. Phillips (R.) Cal. warned that many western legislators "don't think the proposed bill goes far enough" and asserted that the question of revoking citizenship of hostile Nisei "requires full discussion."

1245 Co-op Members Leaving For Tule

At the fifth Congress meeting of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises at Mess Hall 22, Sokichi Sugimoto, general manager, stated that there were 439 heads of families, with a total of 1245 Co-op members who are leaving for Tule Lake this week.

It was also revealed that it was not possible for those people going to Tule Lake to still keep their membership in the Manzanar Co-op. The By-laws state that the purpose of this Co-op is to have as its members, evacuees who are residents of this Center.

IN APPRECIATION—

Many thanks for the kindnesses shown us during our stay in Manzanar as we depart for Tule Lake.

Isamu Morimoto and family
19-10-2

IN APPRECIATION—

I take this means to express my gratitude to the people of Manzanar as I depart for Tule Lake.

Tatsuo Ajisaka
17-1-4

IN APPRECIATION—

We take this means to express our gratitude to our many friends in Manzanar for their generous gifts and kindnesses accorded us during our stay in this camp. As we entrain for the northern camp we say "so long" to you.

Kaoru Takahashi
and Family
3-13-3

IN APPRECIATION—

May we thank our friends for the kindnesses shown during our stay in Manzanar, and for the grand send-off given at our departure.

Topazo Hirota
Rishi Hirota

IN APPRECIATION—

We, the departing group from block 5, wish to employ this means in thanking the many friends we will leave behind.

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Sideline

with the Sports Staff

Hey, what kind of business do you call this—snow and more snow over the weekends and sports activities at a standstill. Seems like nature's got a sort of a grudge against the populace in this enclosure.

ADIOS—

They're off... Who's off?... Those horsehidiers that dented the hickories and made names on the local diamond and those casaba artists that tore the nets. Yes, it's farewell for awhile to those sports minded fellows that have left and to those that will be leaving tomorrow and the day after.

Former Yankee pitching ace, 'Lefty' Vernon Gomez recently came back from a tour of Army hospitals in one of the war theatres. Those 'negative' diamond dusters that once roamed our ball fields and sports participants are on a slightly longer tour and in this tour, they will undoubtedly show other segregants that Manzanar can play ball and how!

True, there are eight other centers represented at the Northern California center with some of the previous center's top-notch players. We too are losing many better half of the milk bottle.

With the departure of many players and relocation taking its share, what will sports become in this center by summer time? Last year there was no baseball, however, there was basketball. The cage season had six leagues attracting 44 teams last year compared to this year's two leagues formed thus far with the 'B' League to get underway soon. The Double-Aye circuit had eight clubs in this season's mere five with the fifth outfit dropping from the league because of relocation and segregation.

GYM—

Last Saturday marked the formal opening of the construction of the community auditorium-gymnasium with the cornerstone ceremony. Although hampered by the weather, the construction crews are doing their best to finish it as rapidly as possible.

We wonder how it feels to play basketball on the solid wooden arena after 'digging up' the various clay and red-dirt courts. Hoopsters haven't gone on a maple floor for nearly two years and the new aud-gym will recall the polished surfaces of basketball one who did not forget how to play on a wooden floor.

Some narrow-minded sport fans are sometimes led to believe that a sole baseball pitcher or a higher score in basketball game has won the game for his team. Critics claim that the checker is responsible for about 60 per cent of the game. Since baseball league has come to a close, an all-star selection by the all-opponent method is being considered. While getting a rough idea in some of the pitchers, Jimmy Tamura is rated as a

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ALL-STAR HORSEHIDERS SURVEY

Ever since the baseball season started last September and ended with San Fernando taking the Championship, the fans were kept wondering who will be on the so-called camp All Stars. Of course, picking an all star team means quite a job, so it will be left to the managers of every team to choose the all opponents, first, second and third team.

While the picking is going on, the sports staff will do some surveying of the players who had played and performed sensationally on the local diamond.

Pitcher is an important player on the team, and some of the pitchers who proved themselves to be all stars are Soup Higa, Jimmie Tamura and Isao Higashi. Soup Higa hurled for the Manzaknights and became the most unhittable pitcher in the league. Jimmie Tamura led San Fernando to the championship by losing only one game while winning all the other tussles. Isao Higashi of Yogores is also a promising hurler for the All Star team. His past record shows that he pitched a no hitter in the first league game and in the second game against the Solons, he pitched a one hitter, that

second selection. The Aces did take the championship crown with Tamura hurling the ball, but it was the splendid initiative shown by eight other members and utility men of the team that brought the Aces to fame. It's the support as a team that brings victory. In basketball, a high scorer is honor, but this scorer cannot acclaim the honor if four others that make up the team are uncooperative. It takes the cooperation of the whole team to win games, and not an individual as some believe to be.

wasn't enough so he pitched a two hitter against the Red Sox.

Hustling Kane Ishino of the Red Sox is the catcher whom the sports staff thinks is the most outstanding backstopper. Another catcher with lots of talent for being an all star is Keiji Eto of the Sears. Anyone who saw Keiji play on the championship tournament game against the Skippers will agree that he is more than just "good".

Choosing the first stringer for the first base slot isn't so easy with the hitting of Sat Mitsui and Maxie Uragami while Kenji Morita proves to be the smoothest and fanciest first baseman. From the showing of Uyebo Uyematsu and George Hattori, it will be rather hard to get the right man for second base.

George Tamura will most likely be the man for the short-patch. Tamura was more than sensational in the championship tourney to bring his bigger brother out of the light pickle more than once.

Hiro Hino, Yuki Tatsumi or George Shimizu will be the man for the hot corner, according to the figuring staff.

The outer garden has all the hard hitting flyhawks and once again, it will be a hard job picking the right players for the all star slots, some of the hawks are leftfielder—Benny Yoshizawa of the Aces, Mamoto Murata of the Sears, Moto Shimizu of the Skips and Kow Maruki of the Knights. Centerfielders—Geo. Sugawara of the Aces, Shig Morikawa of the Red Sox and Fumio Takade of the Skippers. Tak Kitooka of the Knights, Bill Sugawara of the Aces and Tom Nakashima of the Sox will most likely struggle out for the right field post.

SKIPPERS DOWN YOGORES, 23-16

Playing under the block 9 lights Thursday night, Skippers took a 23 to 16 decision over the Yogores. To finish out the first round, the Skips will meet the Sears while Yogies will cope with the powerful Buc Babes in the near future.

Yog Hoopsters In Easy 62-32 Victory

The Yogore cagemen easily canned the Sears, 62 to 32 last Wednesday evening on court 9 to register their initial win.

By half time, the Yogore basketballers had the game won with Nob Murakimi high-hatting with 18 points, accumulating them two by two. Murakami and company; George Shimizu, Joe Seko, Elmer Hayashi, Mas Tanibata went to work in the first half of the game by swishing the net for 52 markers.

In the first half of the game for the Sears, Mamoto Murata and 'Smoky' Iwasaki shared scoring equally with 8 points each.

Although the golden-uniformed boys enjoyed a comfortable lead, they held the Sears quint to 4 points in the second half while Murakami was the only person to register marks for the Yogores after the half time.

Murakami copped scoring honors with 28 for the Yogores while Tad Mukai, Murata and Iwasaki each scored 8 points for the Sears.

YOGORES 62	SEARS 32
Murakami 28 f	M. Kusaba 4
G. Shimizu 2 f	T. Mukai 8
J. Seko 12 c	K. Eto 4
E. Hayashi 10 g	M. Murata 8
Tanibata 8 g	T. Iwasaki 8

SUBS: Yogores—T. Marumoto, 2; Sears—I. Sato.

Nisei Swimmer Wins Two For Ohio State

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Kao Nakama, Hawaiian born nisei, scored two of three first places for the Ohio States Buckeyes swimming team, although losing to University of Michigan by 47 to 26.

Nakama took the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 13 and 2 tenths seconds while copping the 440-yard freestyle in 4 minutes 59 and 1 tenth seconds. According to reports of United Press, he holds the Big Ten records in both 220 and 440 yard freestyle.

Both clubs hit the hoop sparring during the first half of the game with Wat Okamoto leading the Skips with 5 points while Nob Murakami paced the Yogies with 4. Intermission time score read in favor of the Skipper five, 13-10.

From half time, the Skippers scored five baskets while Yogie casaba tossers hit the hoop for 6 p.c.m.s to fall short, 23-16.

Okamoto easily took scoring laurels with 11 for the Skips while Murakami netted 8 for the losers.

SKIPPERS 23	YOGORES 16
G. Tani 4	Murakami 8
W. Okamoto 11 f	Tanibata 2
B. Yamada 2 c	J. Seko 4
M. Shimizu 5	E. Hayashi 2
F. Takade 4 g	Nakanishi 2

SUBS: Skippers—M. Takade, K. Okamoto, 2; T. Marumoto, M. Shintani.

Bear Cagers Arrive At Heart Mountain

Heart Mountain, Wyo., reports the Denver San Kwo Low Bears arrived on Sunday, February 13 to be guests in a six-game series to be played on the former's maple.

The Bears are slated to meet with the Heart Mountain All-Stars in the first cage contest. It was stated the Denverites are given an even odd against the cream of the center thin-clads. The second meet was scheduled against the Sportsmen 1 with the Zebra Aye-Bear game to be played in the third meet. The fourth game was meted against the Lovell West Ward Indians, a neighboring community quintet. Two other games were pitted to be played over the second weekend.

It was stated the Bears are favored against the Sportsmen, although the Wyoming lads have advantage in height. In the Zebra-Bear contest, it was forecasted to be a toss-up with the Lovell tilt leaning toward the invaders.

Advance dope from Heart Mountain favor the San Kwo Low Bears to cop the six-game series.

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May Renounce Rights In Proposed Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—A House showdown on various proposals to punish disloyal Japanese-Americans was guaranteed when the House Rules Committee granted an "open rule" instead of a "gag rule" on a bill urged by Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle permitting any citizen to renounce his constitutional rights with Federal permission, stated the Los Angeles Times.

"GAG RULE" REQUESTED

The "gag rule" was requested by Chairman Dickstein of the Immigration Committee to prevent amendments or substitution to the bill during Congressional action. In the request denied by the rules committee, Dickstein and other members of his committee maintained the legislation suggested by the Attorney General "goes as far as we can" without violating the constitution.

WESTERN LEGISLATORS

The request for the "gag rule" was submitted after Rep. Phillips (R.) Cal. warned that many western legislators "don't think the proposed bill goes far enough" and asserted that the question of revoking citizenship of hostile nisei "requires full discussion."

CO-OP BUYS MEMBERSHIPS

At the fifth Congress meeting of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises at mess hall 22, Sokichi Sugimoto, general manager, stated that there were 439 heads of families, with a total of 1243 Co-op members who are leaving for Tule Lake next week.

It was also revealed that it was not possible for those people going to Tule Lake to still keep their membership in the Manzanar Co-op. The By-laws states that the purpose of this Co-op is to save as its members, evagrees who are residents of this center.



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ALIEN LAND LAW KILLED By COLORADO SENATE

DENVER, Colo.—Emphasizing the dangers of racial legislation in wartime, a House-approved proposal to refer to November voters a measure intended to prohibit non-citizens of Japanese ancestry from owning land in the state was killed by the Colorado State Senate last week, according to the Pacific Citizen.

Harker Visits Local Center

Rowland Harker, who returned on the second trip of the Gripsholm, was in Manzanar recently.

Mr. Harker, who was professor of English at the Aoyama Gakuen and First High School of Tokyo, was interned in Japan from December 9—two days after Pearl Harbor, up until September of last year. He spoke of treatment accorded the prisoners, which he said in general was good except that he was cut off from the outside world.

GIFTS SENT PRISONERS

The American Red Cross remembered the prisoners in Japan with various goods they sent per person: 8 cans of corned beef, 10 pounds cereal, 10 pounds dried fruit, 4 pounds cocoa, 4 pounds sugar and a carton containing little packages of varieties such as chocolate bars, vitamin tablets, powdered milk, etc., Harker stated.

Exhibit Works Of Students

Displaying works of students, the Visual Education museum has now an exhibit for the Adult Education English Department, stated Kiyotsugu Teuchiya. Anyone interested in studying English is urged to visit the exhibit and see the students' work.

The Senate voting climaxed a long and bitter debate on the proposal to bar ownership of Colorado property to aliens of Japanese ancestry. The measure was defeated by a coalition of Republicans and Democrats, led by Sen. Robert G. Bosworth, R., Denver, who declared that "the hypocrisy of the amendment is apparent."

"It is heralded as a 'constitutional broadening' measure, but it is nothing but a Japanese exclusion act," he declared.

"As far as Japanese aliens are concerned, it is aimed at a constantly (continued on page 2)

Mess Halls Receives Miso

Abetting time and nature to speed the ageing process, some 10,000 pounds of miso produced by the Manufacturing Division has been delivered to the Mess Division, announced H. R. Haberle, manufacturing superintendent. A high speed ageing process was used so that the Tule Lake-bound people also can taste it at their mess halls before departure. The first delivery to the mess halls was made last week.

The crew is busy making a year's supply of miso, which will be issued to the Mess Division as required for the kitchens. Motaro Kato is in charge of the miso factory.

Report Hits WRA Handling

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—According to the Congressional sources, a blistering report charging the War Relocation Authority with laxness in handling hostile Japanese evacuees at Tule Lake probably will be released in the near future coincident with House consideration of legislation punishing Japanese-Americans who have signified their loyalty to Nippon, reported Warren B. Francis, Times Staff correspondent.

The findings of a special House investigation group led by Rep. Costello (D.) of Hollywood were said to be ready for submission to the House Un-Americanism Committee headed by Rep. Dies (D.) Tex., but still must be formally approved by the three-man body which investigated the November riots at Tule Lake. NUMBER UNKNOWN

Although the exact number of disloyal Japanese Americans is not known as official figures conflict largely because of different methods of tabulation, WRA and Army statistics indicate more than 6000 American-born Japanese of both sexes feel no loyalty to this country.

When the Biddle expatriation bill is called up, a drive for legislation will be conducted under which disloyal Nisei can be stripped of their rights because of last year's unwillingness to bear arms for the United States, Francis stated.

Appoint Two New Managers

Yoshiizo Yoshimura and Yoshio Muranaka were new block managers introduced to the Town Hall block managers assembly Friday, stated Frank Yasuda, executive secretary. Yoshimura succeeded Kaoru Takahashi for the block manager's position in Block 3. Muranaka took over Kiyoshi Hori's position in block 20.

SO SCRR!

Inability of the Chalcraft press to operate their linotypes because of the power failure was the cause of the delay in the issuance of Wednesday's Free Press.

Adams Flatts

Local Moving

Residents will not be allowed to move during March, announced Assistant Project Director Lucy W. Adams. This is necessary in order to clean out the apartments vacated by the segregationists.

Mrs. Adams also clarified the vague rumors about the closing of some blocks. She stated that as yet there has been no definite decision as to which blocks would be closed, although one of the centrally located blocks would be used for elementary schools.

WALSH VISITS LOCAL CHURCH

Accompanied by Father Lavery of Marymoll in Los Angeles, the Right Reverend James E. Walsh M.H. of New York visited the local Catholic Church, last Sunday. He celebrated the nine o'clock Mass and gave a sermon titled, "Charity."

MADE OISELLES INSTALL NEW OFFICERS AT PARTY

A candlelight installation for new officers and a farewell party for the Tule-bound was held last Sunday afternoon at 22-20.

Haruko Kakata was installed to succeed Emiko Takahashi as President. Other officers are: Toyoko Ioki, vice president; Mitsu Furuta, secretary; Katsuko Kato, treasurer; Jane Tsuda, historian and Terry Okamura, advisor.

PACKAGE AWAITS OWNER

Addressed for a Mrs. Hishi is a package from the Uraji Cosmetics Company in Hollywood, announced the parcel post department. The addressee is requested to claim the package at 1-15-3 immediately.

Malt Method Used In Shoyu

To facilitate making shoyu by the old Japanese koji or malt method, an annex has been made connecting the shoyu factory and the tofu factory announced H. R. Haberle, manufacturing superintendent. The people in the center need not become alarmed because there will be no scarcity or shortage of shoyu as there are sufficient supplies to continue making it until the new shoyu is ready for distribution.

100 Mechanic Jobs Offered

Fort Warren, which is located in Cheyenne, Wyo., needs up to 100 Japanese-Americans as auto mechanics and upholsterers. Senior mechanics will receive \$1.08 per hour while junior mechanics will receive 95 cents per hour and upholsterers, 87 cents. Maximum work will consist of 70 hours per week at time and a half over 40 hours. Applicants must be citizens with joint board clearance and experienced, first classed men. Trailer unit completely equipped, can be rented at \$5 weekly.

Alien Land Bill

(continued from page 1) decreasing and ageing class since no Japanese national have been admitted to this country for 21 years," he added. "I don't want to go up against the pressure groups which besiege the Legislature if this amendment were enacted. If we put such a highly controversial, anti-social measure on the ballot, without being backed up by facts, we will have neglected our duty as senators."

Chief proponent of the proposal in the Senate was Sen. Averill Johnson, Republican floor leader, who said he favored it because he was convinced the "Japanese" could never be assimilated. He denied it was aimed at any other racial or religious group.