

Discrimination Said Not Reason For Segregated Teams

DENVER, April 1—The War Department is not discriminating against Japanese Americans by placing them in all-nisei combat battalions, a high-ranking army official declared recently. Protest against all-nisei battalions have been made by Japanese American evacuees in the various war relocation centers in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and other inland states, reported the Pasadena Post.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, it was learned by International News Service, directed Lt. Col. Harrison A. Gerhardt of the nisei protest.

GERHARDT

A copy of Colonel Gerhardt's reply to the Japanese Americans read in part:

"I should like to point out that the use of Japanese-American citizens in specific units is based upon any discrimination policy. The assignment of personnel in the armed forces is based upon military consideration and not upon racial derivation."

Colonel Gerhardt explained that if the Japanese-Americans were generally assigned to all units it would then be necessary to screen units which are to be employed in the Pacific theater before such a unit could be shipped.

"The War Department," the general staff officer said, "does not consider it advisable to utilize Japanese-Americans in the Pacific theater of operations."

UNIFORMS

"If a Japanese American unit were present in combat in the Pacific it would be possible for the enemy Japanese to secure American uniforms from dead soldiers and mingle with American Japanese units, thereby causing considerable confusion and increasing hazards of enemy infiltration.

In conclusion, Colonel Gerhardt said:

"I feel that the Japanese American citizens who will now be inducted should they accept their assignments, wherever they may be, with the spirit that they are fulfilling an obligation to their country and that largely upon their manner of performance will be judged the loyalty and sincerity of all-American citizens of Japanese descent."

Contract Renewals For Ashes Sought

Manzanar Buddhist Church has been contacting the Evergreen Cemetery through Rev. Goldwater regarding release or renewal of ashes and remains of Japanese which are kept in vaults in Los Angeles. According to the State law and office of Evergreen Cemetery, release of part of the ashes or remains is not acceptable.

A plan has been drawn up to renew the contracts. Under this new arrangement, it will be possible to make contracts for two years or for the duration of the war.

Those who have made contracts with the Nishi Hongwanji are asked to pay their three dollars dues by April 10 for the next two year period.

Residents will be notified about the kind of contracts other churches have made as soon as information is received from them, it was stated.

To Begin Drive Here

According to Joe Shikami, chairman of the local Red Cross unit, the delayed Manzanar Red Cross drive will commence April 15 and continue through April 25. The definite date for this drive was established at a Red Cross committee meeting held March 24 at the Block 17 manager's office.



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Block 16 To Vacate For Use By Community Center And Schools

Residents of Block 16 were asked to transfer to other blocks as final plans to convert that block into an elementary school and community center were completed early this week, announced Lucy W. Adams, assistant project director in charge of community management. The elementary grade classrooms, which are scattered throughout the entire center at the present, will be centralized in this block beginning May 15.

The present plan calls for the use of the mess hall as a school auditorium during school days and will be available for public use at nights and during weekends, it was revealed. The vacated apartments will be redecorated and adapted for classrooms. The Red Cross headquarters, PTA office and the Adult Education English work center will be moved to this new location. The nursery schools will remain intact.

Playgrounds for the children will be situated in the firebreaks adjoining the block. Enlarging of the washrooms will be undertaken by the maintenance crew in the near future.

"With this centralizing of the various grade rooms in one location, much more efficient semio service is expected," stated Lucy Adams.

It was also revealed that the

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Attorneys; Officials Visit Local Center

Arriving here to examine a private lawsuit Wednesday afternoon were Herbert Longhran, examiner; Eugene Harpole, of the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue; A. Burke of the California State Tax Office; Eugene M. Elson, state attorney; Thomas Tobin, attorney and C. N. Olson, the court reporter.

After disposition of the case, the men were taken on a tour of the center by Assistant Project Director Robert L. Brown and Project Attorney J. Benson Saks.

Mr. Brown stated that the men were very much impressed by the organization of the community. One of the visitors is quoted to have stated that it might be quite advantageous to this camp and the WRA to allow more outsiders to visit and get a true picture of these centers.

Extend Invitations For Outside Groups

Assistant Project Director R. L. Brown disclosed this week that invitations had been extended to two prominent groups in this valley to visit this center.

Nyo Associates, an organization whose membership includes prominent men throughout this area and Death Valley, are expected to be here for a dinner meeting on April 17 at 7 p.m. Mr. Brown stated that he is hoping most of them will be here earlier in the day so that they may be shown the various projects on this center.

In a similar program, the Bishop Rotary Club is expected to meet here on April 24. The assistant project director added that the Rotary Club had expressed a desire that they be allowed to make it a "ladies' day" and bring their wives with them.

Supreme Court Set For Korematsu Case

WASHINGTON, April 1—(UP)—The supreme court this week granted a petition of review of the constitutionality of the 1942 Army order under which Japanese-Americans were evacuated from the Pacific Coast, stated the Daily News.

Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu, an Oakland Japanese-American now in Topaz, Utah; relocation center, appealed to the court, contending that the exclusion program violated his rights of national citizenship as guaranteed in the federal constitution. He said 70,000 native born Japs were banished under the program.

Korematsu was convicted by the federal district court in San Francisco for failing to report for the evacuation. His conviction and five year probationary sentence were affirmed by the ninth circuit court of appeals last December.

The supreme court upheld the army's right to subject the Japanese-Americans to curfew restrictions in a similar case last June.

Gila Director Visits Manzanar Project

Project Director and Mrs. Leroy H. Bennett of the Gila relocation center, Assistant Project Director in charge of Administration Ben Runyon, and Mrs. Graham were recent visitors to this center.

Mr. Bennett was formerly with the San Francisco office of the WRA and was instrumental in giving the local industrial division its start.

Touring the center with Assistant Project Director Robert L. Brown, Mr. Bennett was impressed with the progress and development of the industries.

Navy Disagrees With Melvin McCoy's Slur

WASHINGTON—A high Navy Department official told a representative of the "Pacific Citizen" last week that Commander Melvin McCoy's slur against the loyalty of Japanese American soldiers, and McCoy's demand for deportation of all persons of Japanese ancestry, "do not reflect the opinion or views of the Navy Department," stated the Pacific Citizen.

The Navy Department official stated that the comments by McCoy on Japanese Americans were only "personal remarks" of the speaker and were not expressions of official opinion.

Commander McCoy, leader of nine other Americans in an escape from a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, achieved national prominence recently when the "March of Death" atrocity stories were released in January.

He declared in a newspaper interview in San Francisco on March 18 that the Japanese were fighting a "race war" and inferred that Japanese American soldiers in Italy were similarly fighting a "race war" against Germans because they were "whites."

"They are killing white men. They would just as soon be killing Germans as other white men," he was quoted by the United Press as saying.

Comander McCoy also stated that "every Japanese in America should be shipped back to Japan after the war."

Peterson Addresses Ogden Kiwanis Club

OGDEN, Utah—Otis Peterson, area supervisor for the WRA, told the Ogden Kiwanis club recently that the flow of Japanese and Japanese Americans from western relocation centers, bound for permanent relocation, has turned principally to the mid-west and the east.

He predicted that because of this tendency of the evacuees to move eastward, there would not be as many evacuees available this year as last to aid in the harvest of intermountain farms. He also noted that the reopening of selective service would make sharp in-roads into the number of evacuees available for such work.

Pointing out that 70 per cent of the evacuees in war relocation centers were citizens by birth, Peterson said:

"We should not allow any discrimination against minorities. It is a shame the way we are treating these people whose only offense is their race."

Co-op Delegates Leave To Attend Amache Meeting

Four delegates left Wednesday morning to attend the Federation of Business Enterprises conference which meets at Amache, Colo. on April 3, 4, and 5.

Making the trip were S. Takeyasu, treasurer, Mike Hori, assistant general manager, Henry Tsurutani and Frank Yasuda, board members of the Co-op, and Lee C. Poole, superintendent of Community Enterprises.

Each of the centers using the services of the New York Business Service were given a six months' trial period at the end of which the various enterprises were able to meet to discuss whether such service should be continued. The eastern buying office was opened in November, 1943.

After the confab, Treasurer Takeyasu will make a trip to Arkansas to look over the cooperative situation at Jerome and Assistant General Manager Mike Hori will make a trip for the same purpose to the Heart Mountain Center. The rest of the delegates are tentatively scheduled to return to Manzanar sometime between April 10 and 15.

Residents Urged To Collect Old Papers

In accordance with the Administrative Instruction No. 24, issued by Washington recently, Manzanar will start immediately to collect salvage papers with the other centers, stated Robert L. Brown, assistant project director.

The residents are requested to collect magazines, paper boxes, corrugated paper, old books and newspapers and tie them in near their closest garbage rack for daily collection. The maintenance department will be in charge of collecting the papers.

At the same time, the attention of the residents was called to paragraph 1 in the Instructions on unsalvageable waste paper, which is not to be collected. The items included in this classification are: paper napkins, paper cups, paper towels, plates or any other type of paper that has been contaminated with refuse.

Resident Here Discovers Monster At Local Creek

By Bill Wright

MANZANAR, April 1—(EXCLUSIVE)—Roy Tanimine, 25, was questioned by 2,000 Manzanar residents today, at 2-4-1 where he lives, after relating the story of seeing a black water monster with a seal-like flapper protrude above the water at George's Creek for a few seconds and then suddenly dive, exposing a "hammer-like" tail as it went down.

Weighing about 200-lbs., Tanimine said, this fresh water monster is either now dead or still lurking somewhere in the vicinity of George's Creek.

HONEST BOY

Tanimine, known by block 2 residents as "Honest Roy" after returning money he once found about a year ago, insisted the "black river monster didn't exactly swim—it just seemed to hop around on the bottom of the creek like a grasshopper." Immediately after he had seen this Roy explained to the crowd jammed inside his apartment and thousands standing outside, he pushed a huge boulder into the creek assisted by Masako Suzuki, Kiyoshi Iuzuki, Tak Yamamoto, and Shig Corikawa, which either killed or stunned the monstrous creature.

"When the boulder hit the thing you guys call a monster,"

Roy explained to reporters, "it made a loud thud. The next thing I noticed, this freakish mammal or fish was lying on its back with his white belly showing. I made a dive for it but it released a bluish fluid. When the water cleared, it had disappeared!"

As he spoke, Roy's fiancée, a young, petite 26 block lass, agreed with a nod. After posing for the photographers, Roy displayed a blue-stained shirt which he insisted he had worn when he plunged into the creek to recover the monster.

DARK BLUR

Although admitting they did not see anything arise above the surface of the water, the four persons who aided Tanimine in pushing the boulder into the stream, remarked that a large dark blur on the bottom of the creek was visible at that time.

Roy said that he will take the 2000 questioners at 5 p.m. today to the spot where he last sighted the weird water dweller. A thousand fish were dragged or starting at the foothill of the Sierra Nevada ranges and down the stream until this strange monster is located to prove "this isn't just another fish story," the youth declared.

This tale end exactly like other stories told on this day. APRIL FOOL!

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A Useful Witness

(The following editorial appeared recently in the Chicago Sun and is in regard to a legislation which would deport Americans of Japanese ancestry.—Ed. Note.)

Someone with a sense of justice ought to arrange for Pfc. Hoshino Omiya, whose eyes were blown out in Italy, to appear before the congressional committee where honorable gentlemen from the West Coast states are heating up the atmosphere with demands for legislation expediting deportation of American citizens of Japanese ancestry. Disclosure of atrocities committed by subjects of the Son of Heaven cannot make Pfc. Omiya's sacrifice any less real.

Attorney General Biddle, in an effort to stave off more extreme action, has proposed a bill to require an oath of allegiance from suspected Japanese-Americans. The laws already allow Federal Court action to deport disloyal immigrants. Many internees at Tule Lake, Calif., who have frankly declared their preference for Japan, are now awaiting deportation—and certainly should be returned to Tokyo at the earliest possible moment. But this is not enough for the Westerners..

Economic rivalries in California have helped create antagonism against Japanese descended groups, and the Hearst press has done its best to inflame this hate. But the sightless eyes of Hoshino Omiya might help persuade some thoughtless congressmen that vindictive legislation against a small minority would be unworthy of America.

LAY BLAME OF WAR PREJUDICE

Declaring that he is in the army not through choice, but "due to the stubborn and narrow-minded neglect of the essential acknowledgement of tolerance", Pvt. C. D. Pease wrote a letter to Mayor James A. Hendrick of Decatur, Illinois, protesting the mayor's stand against resettlement of niseis in that city, according to the Decatur Herald.

A former editor of the Decaturian, Millikin university's student weekly, Private Pease supported the position taken by Betty Pat Frye, present Decaturian editor, who wrote an editorial recently criticizing the mayor for a statement he made to the newspapers, in which he asserted he didn't "want any part" of Japanese-Americans in Decatur.

GUNNERY SCHOOL

Private Pease, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn D. Pease, 1547 West Decatur Street, is attending a flexible gunnery school in Laredo, Texas. He handles publicity and puts out two newspapers at the Laredo army air field.

He opened his letter to Mayor Hendrick, referring to a Decatur newspaper article about the disagreement between the Millikin paper and the mayor, and continued:

"I am in the army today, not because I like it or picked it—the choice was put upon me. Our insistence that we were the 'top-dog' and that our way of life was the best and only one, and anyone else could 'dam-well like it or lump it,' made for the trouble we have today.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE

How foolish this has turned

out. The Russian people with their strength and faith have shown how wrong we were there. We have very magnanimously allowed them to become 'equal' with us. How Stalin must have chuckled up his sleeve at that. In only a small measure can we appreciate the sacrifice and the heartbreak that has been the lot of these citizens for three years, yet we look down on them.

"To stop this foolish attitude that someone is a viper in our bosom because they have some other blood in them is one thing that will go to make peace more than endless 'declaration and character'.

POLITICAL FIGURES

"If we allow political figures to say what portions of our country—and these Japanese-Americans are citizens as much as Swedish-Americans, French-Americans or any other group—can and cannot have the same opportunities as anyone else, then the boys who are going their all in the Pacific, Italy, all over the world, may as well quit and come home, for nothing can come of such an attitude but that we who are in it now will have to send our children out again, and I for one would sooner not have any than to inflict on them the pure hell that is war.

"Think it over, Mayor Hendrick, there'll be a lot of us back home, and you're going to have to face each one. Can you do it and still say that you did nothing while they were giving their all for you, that would possibly lay the ground-work for a World War III?"

Hawaiians Presented With Purple Hearts

(Ed. Note—Under the heading of HEROES, the following paragraph pertaining to the Hawaiian nisei soldiers was contained in the March 27th issue of the Times magazine.)

MISSING—Honolulu

An army colonel made a 15-minute speech to a hushed gathering at the University of Hawaii's auditorium. His audience had gathered at the army's request. Though most Hawaiian Japanese speak English, many of these did not. So they sat stiffly in straight-backed chairs, listening uncomprehendingly. Then up to the platform stepped Staff Sergeant Howard Hiroki, veteran of the South Pacific, to interpret the officer's words. Sixteen Japanese-Americans in the audience stood up. To each of them was given a Purple Heart, as wife, sweetheart or next-of-kin of a Japanese American boy killed in Italy.

Native Sons Deny Rights To Citizens

SANTA BARBARA, April 1.—Reasons that existed when evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast took place still exist today and will continue to exist, said Walter L. Odeman, chairman of the committee of Japanese Legislation of the Native Sons of the Golden West at a meeting of the Santa Barbara chapter of that organization, according to the Herald Express.

Anyone who has studied Lieut. Gen. John W. DeWitt's report on his exclusion of Japanese will agree that the reasons, national security for one, are still valid, stated Odeman. Until the state of California is permanently rid of any further Japanese colonization, the Native Sons will continue to work for that purpose as they have done for the last forty years till it is done, Odeman added.

The statements were in answer to Dillon S. Meyer's statements regarding the return of Japanese, now evacuated from California.

Repair Tickets To Be Issued At Shop

The Co-op Management revealed that residents are not required to have shoe repair tickets to have their shoes repaired. Tickets will be issued at the shop in Ironing room 3 and those needing repairs done need not receive them from the block managers as was done previously.

BARBER SHOP

The local barber shop requests its patrons to have their hair washed before getting haircuts. It was stated that some boys have sand in their hair which is hard on the barber equipment.

From

Other Centers..

DENSON, ARK.

Project Director E. B. Whitaker stated that transfer of residents from this center to other projects will begin on June 3 with Rowher, Granada, Gila and the Heart Mountain centers receiving them. The 442nd Infantry squad challenged the local all-star basketball team recently on the local hardwood floor. The next segregation movement from Jerome was expected to take place not earlier than April 15.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANT TO BUY—Tractor; also a truck, either 1, 1½ or 2 tons. Please notify F. Motowaki, 31-6-2.

'JUMP FOR JOY!' (April Fool's)



Letters from the Public

(The following letter appeared recently in the Oakland Tribune and concerns the distribution of 'No Japs in California stickers'—Ed. Note.)

To the Editor:

I received a letter the other day from one of the firms with which I do business and within the envelope was a sticker with printed words, "No Japs in California" upon it and an admonition to stick it on my windshield.

My reaction to this was an immediate "I'll be damned if I will." The following words are written to the head of the firm who sent the sticker:

"When you sent the sticker in the envelope with your statement, I am sure you were thinking only of the Japanese who were proven to be disloyal to America. I am certain that you meant, also, that this ban on Japanese was only for the duration of the war. I am an American citizen. I love my country as well as most American people do and probably more than many—but I do not believe that the citizenship of Americans of Japanese descent should be revoked just because of ancestry.

"If we were to yield to pressure to revoke their citizenship, the way is open to do the same things to any group who incurs the displeasure of these pressure groups. Democrats who dislike Republicans—Republicans

who dislike Prohibitionists, etc. This may sound silly to one who is in your position, but I think a little reasoning on your part and some degree of study of the American constitution might convince you that caution must be exercised in this move.

"It is very popular in California to bait the Japanese American. It is also popular in Germany to bait the Jew."

N. Fuller Robinson, D. O. Hayward, California.

Five Million Men To Go Abroad By July

WASHINGTON, April 1—President Roosevelt announced this week that the United States will have a total of 5,000,000 members of the armed forces abroad by the first of July.

Mr. Roosevelt gave no details on distribution of these forces but the sharp upswing of troops sent abroad in the last few months was understood to reflect the closeness of the long-expected cross-channel invasion of Europe.

The President simply announced that this huge number of troops would be abroad within the next two months and added that it is quite a lot of people. It is virtually double the number of troops that the United States had in Europe during the last war.

IN APPRECIATION—

May we take this means to express our thanks to the doctors, nurses, hospital workers and friends for the kindness given while our son, Donald Iwao, was in the hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Kano.

IN APPRECIATION—

I wish to express my gratitude to doctors, nurses, hospital workers and friends for the kindness given me during my stay in the hospital.
Shigeo Taguchi

IN APPRECIATION—

May I thank my friends and residents of block 25 for the gifts and grand send-off given to me as I depart for Vermont.

My mother and father-in-law will remain and any kindness shown them will be greatly appreciated.

Jimmy Hajime Shiode
25-14-4

FIFTH COLUMN

By Saburo Tour

Spring...ira-la-la-la... when a young man fancy lightens...

—Haru Gakita

...the catching you in print... Every thing points to a... Dear's theme tune "In Getting a Candidate in the Chapel"...

From the Department of Injustice in Tokyo... The Manzanar management dropped the nod in their initial appearance on the foreign casaba court...

Good luck the presentation... This is the "Y's" Men's club. It is hoped that he will be able to make a contribution to the panel discussion...

Nisei WAC Departs For Basic Training

NEW YORK, April 1—Declaring that she had "volunteered for the Women's Army Corps because I am proud of America and proud that I am an American citizen," Miss Kathleen Iseri...

When she enlisted, Miss Iseri expressed preference for overseas duty. She departed for the WAC training camp exactly one year from the day she left Gila River...

"True, I had to leave my home on the West Coast at the onset of the war and live in a relocation center. But would Hitler or Tojo have given me the opportunity to leave such a camp—to help establish new homes for the other Americans of Japanese ancestry, who, like myself, were evacuated from the West Coast?"

"Needless to mention, there are thousands of American boys of Japanese ancestry serving in our armed forces, many of whom are fighting valiantly in the fan-flung battlefields of the world today; and it is in the tradition which they have set that I, as a soldier in the United States Army, Women's Army Corps, shall proudly serve my country."

YMCA Head's Arrival Slated For Today

Masao Satow, National YMCA regional secretary is expected to arrive here today. Satow is speaking to the Young People's Group at YMCA Sunday evening and on Tuesday; he will speak to the high school assembly and in the evening to the "Y's" Men's club.

He is one of the most traveled niseis in America, having visited every area, as well as the centers where there are Japanese Americans. Satow will stay at Manzanar till Wednesday.

Now tell me the truth—do you men prefer the talkative women as well as the other ones? "What other ones?"

RECONDITIONED TRUNKS Wardrobes, Packing and Steamers. HUDSON'S Los Angeles 6, California

'America In The Making' Draws Capacity Audience

First of the "America in the Making" series of panel discussions Monday night drew a capacity crowd and proved to be very successful, announced Mrs. Lucy Adams, assistant project director in charge of community management.

Addresses by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt and Chairman of the Block Managers Assembly Kiyoharu Anzai formally opened the program for the night and the series. A recording of "Ballads for Americans" by the Manzanar high school choir was also presented.

Following are resumes of talks by the main speakers:

Aksel Nielsen, community activities supervisor; Nielsen came to America from Denmark soon after he had toured Europe with the Danish champion gymnastic team. He was a member of that team which took first place at Paris Olympic games in 1924.

Bruce L. Bouche, head teacher in the secondary school: Being conscripted into the peacetime army of his motherland, France, Bouche served for 18 months. He then came to this country where he eventually obtained citizenship. On the outbreak of the war, he volunteered for the army but was rejected because of his eyes.

Dr. Paul K. Maier, medical officer: Dr. Maier made his escape from Austria after Hitler had invaded his land. He crossed over to England; then to Cuba, but could not obtain a sponsor for his entry into the United States.

Project Attorney J. Benson Saks announced that the next of the series would be entitled "What is American Democracy?" and the panel members would consist of Virgil Morgan, associate procurement officer; Elbert Nakashima and if possible Masao Satow, national regional secretary who is expected to be here on the date.

Chairman of the Cooperative Enterprises board of directors: Among the foreign-born speakers on the panel for the evening, Nakano who came from Japan in 1920, had been in this country the longest. His father had a little farm near Sacramento, Calif., and planned to have his son help him there, but the young Nakano decided that the business field was what he wanted. Going to San Francisco, Nakano worked as a houseboy, meanwhile completing his education in a business college. He established a small business but that failed in the depression. After doing odd jobs for a time, he finally entered business in Los Angeles; closed that with evacuation, went back to his old home in Sacramento, and was evacuated from there.

Dr. Morris Ed Opler, community analyst: Born in America of Czech and Polish parentage, Dr. Opler described the struggle of his immigrant parents in bringing up their American children. He told of his father, a cigar salesman, working against the many obstacles, social and legal, barring the way for the foreign-born.

Mrs. Lucy Adams, assistant project director in charge of the community management: Mrs. Adams called herself a "kibei", having received much of her education in England. Her parents came to America from Australia. Mrs. Adams was born here and was taken to England where she completed her education and worked for a while. She stated that when faced with the choice of a home; England or the United States, her decision was for America. Before coming to Manzanar she had been in U. S. government service for many years.

Chairman Saks stated that an interesting program has been arranged and that he is expecting a good discussion from the floor. The discussion will be held 7 p.m. Monday night at mess hall 14.

Alabama Kibei Await Court Martial Trial

WASHINGTON — Informed quarters here indicated this week that the 28 members of a Japanese American battalion in the U. S. Army who refused to submit to military training were pre-Pearl Harbor inductees. It was reported that these men, who have been confined to a stockade at Fort McClellan, Ala., to await court martial proceedings, were "1940 kibei", American-born Japanese who had received most of their formal education in Japan and who had returned to the United States shortly before the war, according to the PC.

Washington quarters stressed that the 28 soldiers involved have been in the army since 1941, and that they were not new inductees from War Relocation centers, although some press reports had given the erroneous impression that they were.

Block Sixteen (Continued from Page One)

Buddhist Church will be moved to the recently closed mess hall 18. The inability to accommodate the overflow crowd attending the weekly services in its present building necessitated this transfer to a larger hall. The other churches will remain in its present locations.

SUMMARY

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LANCERS SMOTHER TRO BABES; TITANS YIELD TO REDBIRDS

Sideline

with the Sports Staff

To begin with, how many of you read the lit' story, "Scouts Seek Center Diamond Prospects"? Well it was good while it lasted wasn't it. 'Tis April Fools' Day and couldn't resist the open-armed temptation.

It was this date the first evacuee contingent set foot to this desert metropolis two years ago. Namely, the way up North fellas hailing from Bainbridge Island, just eight miles off the port of Seattle encircled by the warm breeze of Pudget Sound. Sounds like we're working for the Chamber of Commerce doesn't it... Twilight saw the weary El Aye bunch being unloaded from the bus. First few days found every-one trimming up their new shelter and after that, the youngsters were over loaded with loafing time after hearty meals of beans, etc. Copping a quotation from the "Fifth Column", "too much loafing make Saburo bad boy", youngsters engaged themselves in a sand-lot softball game. Thus, the first camp-wide ball game was born two weeks from now two years ago.

Softball went more than successful in the first year followed by football until the beginning of 1943 when the championship tilt between the Leftovers and All-Star was held where the gymnasium-auditorium combine is being erected now. Second year saw the softball season followed by baseball on the newly erected diamond. Now, basketball centering around 28 league teams is a little past its peak. The gymnasium-auditorium edifice is said to be one-quarter through now so it won't be long now with favorable weather continuing its spree.

'B' League Standings

TEAM	Gp	W	L	Pct
Is. Lancers	5	5	0	1.000
Tro Babes	4	3	1	.750
Redbirds	5	3	2	.600
Dukes	4	2	2	.500
Timbers	5	2	3	.400
Titans	4	1	3	.250
Roughriders	4	1	3	.250
Toppers	3	0	3	.000

SPORTS MENU

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Today		
**Toppers vs. R. Riders	1:30	
**Timbers vs. T. Babes	2:30	
Sunday, April 2		
**Dukes vs. Redbirds	1:30	
**Is. Lan. vs. R. Riders	2:30	
Wednesday, April 5		
**Titans vs. Toppers	6:15	
**Timbers vs. Redbirds	7:30	
**Bee League		
GIRLS' BASKETBALL		
P.S.K. vs. Modernaires		
Crackholes vs. Stardusters		
Wec Funsters—Bye		

LOCAL GYM TO BE LARGEST IN INYO

On February 23, 1944, 26 men started construction of the biggest gymnasium-auditorium in Inyo County. One month afterwards the erection had already reached its one-quarter mark. Even with the windstorms and frequent snows, which momentarily retarded the progress of the 80 x 80 ultra-modern building, construction advanced in surprising leaps and bounds. Evacuee workers number 23 with three appointed personnel laborers.

Today the structure for Manzanar is coming into formation in firebreak 7 and 13. In Bishop, in Lone Pine and in any local public meeting places, the edifice of Manzanar is second to none, in seating capacity, in comfort, and in size.

Working with figures is boring at times, but everyone will take notice when they are told this

huge construction will have 15,420 square feet of floor space and that lumber used to build it cost \$4.50 per square foot.

So, when the huge building is completed all the community activities will take place there. At that spot all the shows and the school performances will be held. There, when the wind blows and the dust raises havoc, 1500 persons—that's the seating capacity there—will be comfortably relaxed in their seats. They won't know that all this would cost \$85,000 if it were built on the "outside", but will understand, when they look at this building, which will be either white or off-white, that this is the very kind of thing Manzanar had looked forward to for two whole years.

The construction is expected to be completed by the early part of June.

MANZANAR

Sports

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1944

Scouts Seek Center Diamond Prospects

To the amazement of the Manzanar baseball players, two minor league baseball scouts were welcomed by a small group including the Sports Staff as they drove into the center early this morning.

After an inquisitive conversation, the Sports Staff gave several recommendations on local prospects for the minor league. Pulling a "chandu" act on us, the scouts revealed that they secretly visited Manzanar during the height of diamond season to see all of the teams engaged in a battle.

To our surprise, the recommen-

dations we had given this morning proved a near perfect with the exception of two names.

INDUCTION SOON

Furthering our news-hounding business disclosed that the scouts will take a few of the better materials into hand within the next five days and take them into training camps although the season has begun. Before the season is over, the scouts related that several of the boys may see action on the minor league diamond. Sounded too good to be true, huh? Well 'tis an April Fool on you.

Minidokan Speaks On Racial Groups

PEORIA, Ill., (Special)—Miss Chiye Horiuchi of Minidoka and Seattle recently represented the Japanese Americans in a panel discussion here on problems of racial groups. Miss Horiuchi is a stenographer at the local YWCA.

The discussion was termed a world wide observance and was sponsored by business and professional girls of the YWCA. Similar observances were held in Ft. Wayne and Elkhart, Indiana. Miss Horiuchi said that although relocation camps were set up as a military necessity, many persons keenly felt that their new status because German and Italian nationals were allowed to remain in their homes.

Other speakers brought out the fact that the racial differences are skin deep only and the organically, psychologically, and intellectually all are alike. Discussed also were Jewish and Negro problems.

In conclusion, the panel decided that each person by his own actions must show a lack of racial discrimination and work for equal protection of all peoples. It was added that in Peoria the YWCA last summer held open house for servicemen of all races.

Nisei Cage Team Wins Tournament

NEW YORK, April 1—A basketball team representing the Japanese American Young People's Christian Federation of New York and built around former evacuees recently won the championship in the eight-team basketball league sponsored by the Church of All Nations in the heart of New York's lower side.

RESULTS

To take the pennant in the final and deciding fracas of the season, the Japanese American team, one of the two entered in the tournament by the Federation and known as its Aye team, downed the powerful Dukes, defending titlists, 33-14 in the Church of All Nation's gymnasium.

The Aye team won the crown with 11 wins and three losses. The Bee team landed in the seventh notch with three wins and 11 losses. Other tournament teams included one consisting entirely of boys of Chinese ancestry and five teams on which most of the players were Jewish, Italian, Russian and Polish extraction.

ALL STAR OPPOSITION

An All-Star team of players of Japanese and Chinese origin was reported to oppose a Caucasian All-Star team in a benefit game which is to be followed by a dance in the Church of All Nation's gym. The proceeds of the affairs are to be used to send underprivileged East Side youngsters to summer camps.

PLAYERS

The champ Aye team was led by Shig Murao, former Minidokan and Seattle All-City High School star. Other Minidokans were Juggo Hata and Norman Sato. From Heart Mountain came Willie Mori, three-year basketball letterman from Chapman College, Los Angeles, and Hideo Furukawa, ex-Palo Alto Athletic Club player. Granada's contributions were George Karatsu, formerly of the Los Angeles Shamrocks and Grove Yoshiwara, former All-Star at Granada. The team was rounded out by three New Yorkers—Min Arita, Asao Inouye and George Buto. The squad was managed and coached by Toge Fujihira, ex-Seattleite.

Evacuees on the Bee team

Okabe And Company Lead Loop After Fifth Victory

Two undefeated cage teams met in a hot battle to decide the better of the two.... The powerful Island Lancers mastered their fifth straight victory at the expense of the strong Tro Babes, 41 to 13 Wednesday twilight.

Two Bee League crown contenders started the pre-league title decider with some of the league's best hoop artists, Togo Mikuriya of the Tro Babes and league's leading scorer, George Fukuda who has 72 points to his credit.

FAST GAME

The tilt proved to be the most 'hustlingest' in the league with both outfits pitting the court at an accelerated pace.

Lancers' Kaz Shimoda's first score was short-lived when Togo Mikuriya retaliated with a loop shot. Lancers came back again with quick succeeding buckets to lead, 8-5 at the end of first quarter.

In the second era, the Islanders pounded the Babesmen for 11 points while releasing 5 to the opponets, half time score reading, 21-10 in Lancers' favor.

OKABEMEN MERCILESS

Substituting with fresh men, Joe Okabe's proteges netted 8 more in exchange of 3 to the Tro Babes five.

Using man-to-man front and zone defense inside the back court, the Lancer behemoths hammered the Tro Babes with 6 baskets while holding their foe to 11 in the final cycle.

IS. LAN. 41 T. BABES 13
N. Iwasaki 8 f T. Mikuriya 4
C. Fukuda 14 f K. Gumi 5
Y. Ogawa 6 c R. Nakahara 1
F. Takahashi 3 g H. Yokomizo 1
K. Shimoda 4 g R. Kurihara 2
SUBS: Island Lancers—J. Okabe 4, J. Suzuki 2, D. Iwata, M. Miyamoto, M. Shimoda; Tro Babes—S. Yagi, T. Hashimoto.

were, Archie Hirashima, Jack Mizono and Kaz Nomura from Topaz; Gunji Watanabe and Mas Matsuoka from Rohwer; George Sakamoto from Tule Lake; George Tamaki from Heart Mountain; and Bob Suzuki from Granada.

REDBIRDS TRIM TITANS, 22-20

Shooting under the recreations' bulb last Wednesday evening, the Redbirds emerged an 22 to 20 well earned victory over the Titans quintet.

Starting off with a bang, the colored birds were never behind as they took an early first quarter lead of 8 to 2. Second canto saw Tykio Uyeshima and Suzuki of the Titans contributing bucket each while Redbirds' Tanloka brothers registered 2 points to their taste defeat, Titans' Amano and Suzuki found their eyes to bring their quints as close as two points behind but Birds drew away to an 18 to 14 lead at the end of third period.

In the last period of time, Titans whipped their last energy to tie the game up but using the lead which they had from beginning of the game, Redbirds walked home with their third victory of the season.

T. Amano of the loser took the high honor by hitting the hoop for 8 points.

R. BIRDS 22 TITANS 20
T. Ota 2 f T. Uyeshima 2
T. Tanloka 7 f M. Suzuki 4
S. Ogura 3 c Y. Kikano 1
I. Komatsu 2 g U. Niwa 2
H. Tanloka 6 g T. Shiino

SUBS: Redbirds—U. Niwa 2, P. Akahoshi, I. Shishido; Titans—T. Amano 8, R. Kurahara.

AT Sears..



What's Cookin'?

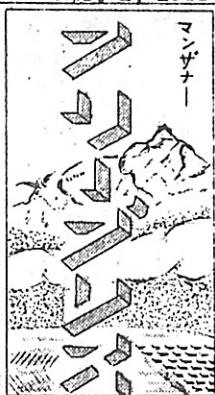
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小學校第十六區に

集中計画

当センク、社会部担
当副校長アダムス夫人
の言に依ればオ十六區
住民は全部他區へ移轉
する林當局より要請さ
れた由、来る五月十五
日より当區内には現在
散在してゐる小學校地
同計に集める計画あり

の上大部分教室に当
り、赤十字、親師会
或は英語部の諸事務新
築が此處に移る予定
運動場は隣接の防大
広場を使用し、使打
手洗場の如きも近々の
中に拡張される。
斯様に各小學校を同
計に集めて教育すれば
授業上非常に便利にな
り、より良い効果を俾
らるる。

佛敵會移轉計画
当所オ十三區の佛敵
會は又今閉鎖中のオ十
八會堂内に移轉する由
毎週の礼拝には何時
も會堂にて手語會は外
部へ溢れ出て現在の場
所ではおりに不便な
こゝが多く、今回移る
ことになつた。
因に他の會會は現在
の儘である。

日系兵は太平洋に送らず

伊太利戦線へ送る

華府報：...
ミネソタ州轉送計画の
合より陸軍大臣ステム
ソン氏に送つた請願書
に對し陸軍火官行政官
陸軍中佐モマーハート氏
より左の如き回答があ
つた。
日系兵入營者も特別
部隊に送ること陸軍

五百萬の大軍派遣

二月迄に

華府四月一日報、七
月初旬には海外派遣軍
は五百萬を算し、此の
大軍派遣は来る二月間
に完成するべく大統領
は語つた。
ロ氏に此等大軍が如
何なる方面に送らるる
かは言明しなかつたが、
過去二三月間の大軍海

外派遣から推察して、英
國より海峽を横切つて
歐洲敵前上陸の取行を
物語つてゐる。尚五百
萬の大軍は前大戰に米
國が歐洲に派遣した總
軍の二倍に當る。

の捕虜になつた時虐待
を受つる恐れがあるが故
に、特別の場合の外
日系兵士は此の方面に
送らばい。斯様に日系
兵も太平洋戦線に送ら
ないで満足してゐる故
日本人も各方面の部隊
に編入後、其部隊が太
平洋戦線に行くまで水
は、日系兵だけが除外
しなけれならぬ。
陸軍省はそんな不逞
者ハニミなき様、日系

徵兵令

ハワイニ世にも
ホノルル報、四月一日、
よりハワイ市民の徵兵
を再び開始する旨、ハ
ワイ徵兵官、G. F. ソロモ

尚向中佐は母の命が
今回の二世徵兵を歡迎
したことに對し心から
なる満足の意を表す
と共に此等の母親を持
つ二世は如何なる折に
送られるとしても、忠
義に奉公するものと承
は確信すると言明した。

ン中佐より發表さる。
最近發表された軍令
に依る米本土の二世徵
兵令に伴ひ、ハワイニ
も全じく日系市民に對
する徵兵が執行される
ことになつた。
右徵兵令發表後、オマ
ハワイニ他州と同様に
取扱つて貰ひたいから
であると言へた。

鶴湖で聴聞會開催

加州ニユエル祭日
下鶴湖湖では他の轉住
所へ移轉し度い希望を
持つ住民の聴聞會を
開催してゐる。

R、ベスト所長の言
に依れば日本朝屋と見
做された者は鶴湖に依
然滞留し、日本帝國の
屬民としてゐる様を証
據の無い者は出所轉位
を許可するのであると、

又他のセンターへ移
轉せんと欲する者及び
出所転住する者に対す
る最後の判決は並有り
R、當局より発せら
れる。

現在聴聞を受けてゐ
る者達は隔離工作開始
前より当センターに在
住して居つた人々及び
家族に伴つて隔離所入
りをして左若者達であ
る。

小川に怪物出現

四月一日、マンザナ
ー祭、谷峯ローイ、サ
イ、三、四、一はジョ
ー、ゲヤ小川で黒い水棲
の怪物を見たと言ふの
で、約二千の人々がロ
ーイ君の家へ怪物の様
子を聞きに来つた。
ローイ君の語るところに

依れば二百封度もあら
ふかと思つた。海釣に
似た黒い怪物がクロー
クの中で嘴を突き出し
てゐた。鈴木清、山本
タツキ、森川シノブの
三勇士及び鈴木政子
女傑の手を借りて、大
岩石をころがして怪物
にぶつ、けた。大石は
見事に命中し流石の怪
物も死んだ様に水面に
白い腹を出して動か
なかつた。そこで勇士達
は怪物を生捕らんとし

た利那黒汁を吐き水煙
を上げて消へ失せた。
此怪物は水造の術を
心得る魔物であり、そ
れは未だ小川の辺に潜
んでゐる様である。こ
れを聞いた二十名の人
々が本朝午後五時より
怪物退治に出発する筈
(以上は、四月一日の物
語。)

より廿八、十五に於て
開儀同好者の来賓歓迎と
「同慶」
ツラクター 一台
ツラクター 一台
（一）此半又は二半、如
何なる條件でも良し
三、一、六、三、本賜送
「紛失」
六箇の鏡、下ランク及
びスーツ、ケース、用福
草、ケース共に紛失、草
正事務所送届け下さい。

退院御禮
私儀滞在中は廿五日
迄民を始め皆様の御世
話に相成り深謝在候。
今四ツアモント州に
転住するに際し、留守
中、母並に叔父を宜敷
く御顧ひ申上候。
塩出

エバグリン墓地 遺骨保管新契約



佛敎會

結果、遺骨に關する複
雑なる加州の法律及び
エバグリン墓地當局
の方針により、全遺骨
を引取らざる場合は更
に新契約によつて全部
を保管する以外の
道がなくなりました。
從て當地に取寄せ希望
者の意に添ふ事が出来

おかつた事は誠に遺憾
に次第であるが、
諒とされ度い。
新契約については
宗旨に依つて戦後迄の
ものと向ふニ、年の
ものとあります。兩
本願寺別院を通じて
のものに向ふニ、年
とありましたに依つて
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は新契約に對する保
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誘て當地佛敎會に於
て交渉中のエバグリン
墓地遺骨保管契約
期限満了後の措置につ
き、再許に取り寄せら
ざる希望者及び、引續きエ
バグリンに保管の希
望者の意に添ふべく本
人の教師ゴールドワタ
ー師を通じて極力奔走の

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