

LETTERS REVEAL STORY OF 'PHANTOM BLAZE'

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AUTHORITIES PUZZLED AS TWO VERSIONS HEARD

Center authorities of the Manzanar Relocation Department was recently attempting to confirm late unauthorized reports received here from letters sent by furlough workers, which told of a barrack blaze at the Volo Labor Center in Oregon, where one Manzanar seasonal worker lost \$400 and all of his possessions.

Joe Nakahara of 6-1-4 was named as suffering the loss of the cash, while Tom Hishida of 15-10-2 and Kazuo Takada of 10-10-3, both of Manzanar, lost all of their personal belongings in what Manzanar residents called the "phantom blaze".

Two letters sent by a Manzanar seasonal worker, who is quartered at the center where the puzzling blaze allegedly took place, related that one barrack was completely destroyed, leaving the Manzanar workers with only the clothes that they wore, it reported. The letters were received by two Manzanar residents here.

SECOND VERSION

Another version, according to Moto Asari, is that the incident happened on a Utah farm and that the sum lost was \$600. He said he can produce a letter written by an evacuee seasonal worker who actually witnessed the controversial blaze.

Martha Takada, wife of Kazuo, one of the boys whose clothing was reported as being destroyed in the fire, quoted her husband as stating that the fire took place on September 28, Kiyomi Sugimoto declared. Further details, she added, could not be obtained in the letter written by Kazuo to his wife.

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FEIL EXPLAINS CAUSE OF SATURDAY BLACKOUT

Local authorities of the Manzanar Relocation Center Public Works Department early today, in explaining the cause of Saturday's total blackout here, reported that lightning struck a transmission wire pole located north of the Manzanar Airport, according to Electrical Engineer Ralph D. Feil.

Lights were reported out in all of the 36 blocks in Manzanar at 9:35 p.m., Saturday, and back on the following day, Sunday, at 1:15 a.m. No injuries or damage was reported.

MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY

SEEKS JAPANESE TUTORS

Positions for Japanese language teachers are now available at the University of Minnesota. The new term is scheduled to begin on October 1 to 9 and the work is expected to last from six to nine months after the war.

Applicants for the job should have had middle school training in Japan. Teaching experience, however, is not required. Beginning salaries will be from \$160 to \$175 a month. Both men and women are eligible for these jobs.

Applicants should write to Prof. Harold S. Quigley, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

LIGHTNING PERILS HOME OF BLOCK 19 RESIDENT

One family in the Manzanar Relocation Center can thank God they own a radio because if they didn't their home may have gone down in flames Saturday, when lightning struck a 10-foot antenna wire, thereby causing inflicting possible serious damages to their home.

As the lightning flashed across the sky, huge sparks jumped from the wire which connects the radio from the antenna, Freddie Motoyama and Mary Motoyama, youthful couple who occupy 19-9-3, declared.

BETS FOR BROWNS

The assistant project director might be a woman but that doesn't stop her from knowing her baseball. Lucy Adams indicated in a statement to the block managers at a Town Hall Meeting recently.

"I'm willing to bet one dollar with anyone that doubts that the Browns will win!" she jokingly declared.

None of the block leaders accepted her bet.

TSURUTANI TO RETURN

Henry Tsurutani, now living in Washington, D. C., has notified project officials that he will return to Manzanar in the near future in order to take his family to his new home.

Mr. Tsurutani was widely known and respected in Manzanar as an attorney who was employed with Legal Aid Department for many months. Since leaving Manzanar, he has been in Chicago, Cleveland, New York and Washington.

SEEK ARIZONA EVACUEE

ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Arizona police force were on a lookout for Isamu Takahashi, 35, for the slaying of May Tsuboichi, 24 of Poston Relocation Center, stated the Poston Chronicle.

May Tsuboichi was found in her room on Thursday afternoon, September 28, in a critical condition with butcher knife wounds throughout her body.

SUCCEDES SATURDAY

She was immediately taken to the Poston General Hospital and was operated upon shortly thereafter but succumbed on Saturday night.

Examination revealed that 31 separate wounds had been inflicted on her body.

The Chronicle disclosed that the tragedy was believed to have been caused by jealousy.

TAKAHASHI FLEES

Takahashi fled after committing the crime and was last seen going toward Parker on Thursday night.

The paper added that broadcasts and teletypes have been sent out to the surrounding vicinity for his capture and the internal security office is also working on the case.

Miss Tsuboichi arrived in Poston on May, 1942 from Imperial Calif., and was the only daughter of Ryosaku Tsuboichi, a widower who was formerly a hog and dairy rancher in Imperial Valley.

Takahashi is from Bakersfield, Calif.

WARN RESIDENTS ON

REBATE ENVELOPES

Since there has been several instances where empty rebate envelopes were being turned in to the block offices, residents were warned to be careful so that the contents would not be lost.

--BLAZE

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A letter sent by the WRA office in Boise, Ida. to Walter Hoath revealed that a Vale farmhouse, where Yoshio Arikawa, Tom Hishida, and Kazuo Takadod lived, "burned down and all of their goods were destroyed. Low in spirit, the boys

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NISEI SOLDIERS

(Following excerpts were taken from an editorial which appeared in the Washington Post recently under the title, "Nisei Heroes".--Editor)

"...We have heard something of the gallantry of... Nisei in Italy. For example, the 1200 men who comprise the 100th Purple Hearts, 11 Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars and three Legion of Merit decorations. But there has been virtually complete silence from the War Department concerning the valor of the Nisei in the Far East. We believe their story should be told--not merely in Hawaii, whence many of them entered the Army, but here in the continental United States, where some Americans have still to learn that devotion to democracy is not an inherited characteristic.

PLAY VITAL ROLE

"Nisei soldiers have played a vital and dramatic role in our succession of victories over the Japanese in the coral islands and storming jungles of the Pacific theater of operations. Their knowledge of the Japanese language has been invaluable. And this has been principally because they were so often willing to incur terrible risks to make it effective. One of them allowed himself to be lowered by a rope into one of those huge caves on Saipan which the Japanese had utilized as centers of resistance; then by a combination of wit and bluff and bravery he contrived to obtain the release of all the civilians whom the Japs had hoarded there. In Burma, according to men who have been comrades there, the Nisei proved themselves particularly intrepid and helpful, venturing into the onony lines and throwing them into confusion by speaking their language. They have done no such deeds for the Navy or Marine Corps, to be sure; those branches of the service have never seen fit to permit their enlistment.

"The War Department's expressed reason for its silence about such exploits is that the men's families, if still in Japan, might suffer reprisals from the Japanese. It seems to us a curious explanation. In many cases, the families of these men are not in the hands of the enemy at all but in the hands of an agency of the United States Government. They are 'detained' in 'relocation centers' because the War Department lacks sufficient faith in American democracy to permit them to return to their homes. And in other cases, the caution strikes us as excessive; it is not applied to men whose families may be subject to Nazi reprisals in Lithuania or Czechoslovakia or Norway. The Nisei have made a magnificent record in this war. Their fellow Americans sought to hear about it--if only to assure their families better treatment here at home."

have requested a return to incident could not be obtained. Details of the

ASSEMBLYMAN R. DICKEY

EXPLAIN OIL SITUATION

EXPLAIN DEPARTURE TIME

SLAMS NISEI IN SPEECH

Speaking before the Richmond, Calif. Lions club recently, Assemblyman Randall S. Dickey of California's 14th District (Alameda County) declared that there is not a single loyal American of Japanese ancestry, the Pacific Citizen reports.

Dickey, a Republican member of the State legislature's "Little Dies" committee, denied that any Japanese Americans have fought loyally for the United States in this war and added, "There is only one loyal Jap ... one that has been dead for six months".

The assemblyman also charged that Japanese American soldiers had been "caught red-handed in espionage."

USO HERE TO SEND GIFTS TO MANZANITE OVERSEAS

Frank Yasuda, president of the Manzanar United Servicemen's Organization, announced that the USO office here is planning to send Christmas packages to Manzanar Nisei soldiers overseas.

He said that the postage to the amount of \$150 will be advanced by the Red Cross, and he requested that residents who desire to send packages should bring them to the block offices or directly to the USO Office, 19-15.

All packages should conform to post office regulations and should be turned in before October 15.

EVACUEE VISIT AROUSES FILIPINOS AT PALO ALTO

PALO ALTO—Aroused by the recent visit of George H. Nakano, former owner of a nursery on Woodside road, to his home in the West Coast, his two former Filipino employees who now work at the nursery and truck farm of Edward W. Redetzke in Menlo Park "treated Nakano coldly and, as an aftermath were muttering that there might be another dead Jap if he came again," reports the Palo Alto Times.

The Times revealed that the Filipinos were carrying guns.

In answer to complaints from center residents that the present oil is creating soot in the stoves due to inferior quality, Project Director Ralph P. Merritt stated that it is impossible at present to obtain oil of better quality at any price.

He also added that from time to time, the center may receive oil of lower quality than from those which we are now getting and that if it is of such quality as to be a fire menace, residents will be amply warned beforehand.

JOB OFFERS IN NEW YORK

REVEALED BY MARY HAYES

Employment on the outside is not as difficult to find as it seems, according to a list of openings given by Mary H. S. Hayes, New York, Middle Atlantic area relocation officer assigned temporarily to Manzanar.

Her list included offers from the New York area, Washington D. C., Omaha, and the Boston sector. Fairly reasonable wages are offered for positions in the New York area.

OPENINGS

Employment is opened for auto mechanics, dental technicians, dress furnishers, nurses aides, junior typists, typists, beauticians and cooks.

The list also mentioned domestic jobs for couples and single men and women. It was added that those people can either be Issei or Nisei.

A lone offer from the nation's capital is for a greenhouse man at comparatively good wages.

From Omaha, the list indicates openings for florists, fruit and vegetable packers and a portorman.

Anyone interested in acquiring a complete nursery and a greenhouse is urged to get in touch with the relocation program officer about such a transaction in Lincoln, Neb. There is a similar offer from Omaha where the stock of plants, the business and the fixtures are for sale.

A boarding house and restaurant in Boston com-

OF MANZANAR DRAFTTEES

Reason that inductees are leaving this center at 4:10 in the morning is due to the bus schedule, announced Project Director Ralph P. Merritt.

Explaining that the bus passes by this center twice daily, at 4 a.m. and 4 p.m., the Project Director added that if the boys leave at night, they would have to lodge in Reno for the night and said that housing is acute there. On the other hand, he said that if the boys leave in the morning, they will arrive there by noon and can catch the train at 3 p.m. for Fort Douglas, Utah.

Mr. Merritt disclosed that an instruction from the WRA Office in Washington states that the soldiers are to go unescorted since they are in the Army.

RELOCATION INCREASES HERE DURING SEPTEMBER

Relocation continued to increase during the month of September and hit the highest peak since April, 1943 when large numbers of impatient young people went out following the removal of the necessity for advance Washington approval, announced Walter Heath of the Relocation Office this week.

He stated that 128 persons relocated in September as compared with 102 in August. This figure nearly doubled the 68 that relocated during the same month a year ago although it continued to be lower proportionately than the number relocating from other centers.

"Many applications continue to come in from people who realize that the end of the German war, re-conversion to peacetime industry and partial demobilization of the Army may make resettlement more difficult in the very near future," stated Heath.

plote with furniture in utensils are for sale at \$2000.

Persons interested in any type of work listed above are advised to see Mrs. Hayes personally at the Relocation Office.

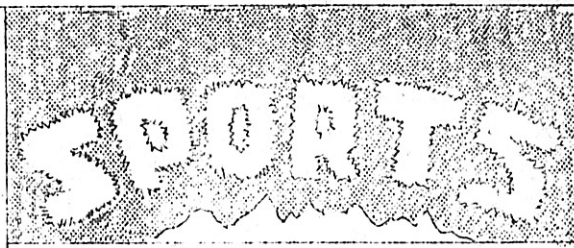
BESIDE THE POINT

And so it ended 4-1.

Now the championship series is tied at one-all and the next to come will be anxiously awaited by those enthusiastic softball fans who followed the past league meets so faithfully. We believe that the fans who were there did enjoy the games; some were close and others became lapsed affairs but the fine sportsmanship displayed by all teams was impressive. And the never-sagging spirit of the under dogs was very heartening to see.

Sunday morning, yours truly rolled out of bed to rise and shine at an un-Godly hour of nine a.m. and staggered out to the baseball diamond accompanied by two other early risers. On reaching the ball grounds we were cheerfully greeted by about 40 different voices. "Good way of greeting people they have out here, I was taught to say "Good morning", but we were greeted with a "Where in the blankety-blank have you guys been?" I've had blisters on my hands before and I've always managed to live through it, but when a blister starts to sprout a couple of more blisters—whenever said "war is hell" never cut woods on a baseball diamond nine-thirty in the morning until tin to the same morning.

And now what the hardball ground is cleared of woods, thanks to the fans and players, the winter league should start swinging into action soon. Although no teams are officially signed up for the coming season, there should be some pretty good teams vying for top honors. If the softball teams should switch over to hardball as they stand now, there will be enough teams to start a practice session. Some of the players will be green as newbells, but the experience they've had playing softball should be of some help. On the other hand there still are veterans left in camp to give it a real touch.



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'POP' MATSUMOTO KNOCKS HOMER AS BLOCK 30 WINS, 6-5

George "Pop" Matsumoto's four-player in the last inning tallied the winning run for the Block 30 outfit as they eked a close 6-5 triumph over the Hospital softballers last Sunday evening on the 30 diamond. Matsumoto clipped off a .260 average to take top honors for the day.

This game was a foretell play for George Matsumoto of the Block 30 club.

Hospital drew a lone score in the first inning on a hit by Matsuba but the 30 boys came back in their half scoring Taketa on Hit Matsumoto's double to tie the game.

No score were registered for both teams in the second inning. While keeping the local hospital quiet in the third inning, the visitors scored. T. Fujinara on an error charged against the left fielder and a hit by Ben Sakakibara. Sakakibara later scored on a single by B. Matsumoto to lead 3-1 at the end of the third inning.

Fujinara walked in the beginning of the fifth inning advancing on Miyoda's single. Both scored later on Fujinoto's hit. Fujinoto scored on an error on first savior for Ushida to end the scoring in the half to take the lead, 5-3.

Block 30 scored George Matsumoto and Sawamura in the last half of the fifth to tie the game, 5-5.

Sixth went scoreless for both teams. In the top of the seventh, the hospital again took a one run lead when Fujinoto slapped out a double and later scored on Mas Matsuba's single.

Thirty's tying run came in when Fujinoto let thru Sawamura's grounder and the ball went out to the right fielder. The right fielder let it through him while the fifth and tying run went crawling around

KAINO WINS OCTOBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wentzler Kaino notted 56 to win first place in the October Golf Tournament and a Sterling Silver Medal.

Second place received 4 balls, third, three balls, fourth, two and fifth ball.

CASH RESULTS

- 1st—Masataka Kaino, gr., 69, hdep., 13, net 53.
- 2nd—Tosh Hitta, gr., 80, hdep., 22, net 58.
- 3rd—Kiro Nagano, gr., 73, hdep., 13, net 60.
- 4th—Ted Igasaki, gr., 69, hdep., 7, net 72.
- 5th—T. I. Yamamoto, gr., 77, hdep., 12, net 65.

DISPATCHERS WIN

Tommy Yoshiwara's right field honor with two non on base scored the Motor Pool nine although the latter had a four run lead on the Canton club in a practice game last Thursday night.

The Dispatch nine jumped into an early lead by amassing seven runs on five hits early in the game.

While both teams collected eight hits apiece, the cartoon world scored less until the third inning.

The seven runs in the second were the only scores for the Pool until the last inning when they annexed two more runs,

to the base.

With the score tied at 5 all, and one out, Pop Matsumoto lined to deep center field for a circuit clout to end the game 6-5.

TRANSLATION

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1. Title of Newspaper

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2. Slogan

"Spirit, Harmony, Stamina, Total Effort."

3. Churchill and Him in Moscow

From L. A. Examiner, October 10, page 1, column 2

4. Tokyo Reports Seven More Admirals Dead

From L. A. Times, Oct. 5, Part I, page 5, col. 3

5. Headline News

From the Manner Free Press, Oct. 7, page 1, col. 3

6. Miss DeForest's Request

Miss DeForest of Community Welfare (1-2-2) who was born and raised in Japan, and has spent 25 years there, and speaks Japanese like a native, wishes to meet former students of Hoshicho, Osaka Baimo, Kobe Women's College, and Matsuyama Women's School.

7. Whirlwind

I believe that sending gifts to U. S. Soldiers overseas who are serving their country is a very fine thing. I am in favor of it.

All of our people should help, even though just a little, those who are thousands of miles away, in the face of countless hardships and who are giving their all for their country. Let us try to console them in some way.

In every battle there are two sides. We understand that there are several hundred enemy Japanese prisoners in the United States.

Perhaps the International Red Cross, whose aim is to help unfortunates of all country, may find a way to aid these prisoners.

8. Fire Prevention Week

From the Manner Free Press, October 7, page 1, col. 5

9. Special Co-op Congress Meeting

A special meeting of the Co-op Congress meeting was held last Sunday at seven p.m.

The group acknowledged with thanks the resignation of General Manager Sugimoto, Assistant General Manager Okada, and Treasurer Takayama.

The Congress approved the nomination of Arai as the succeeding General Manager, and Shimizu as Treasurer.

10. My Views On The Education Of Children

Now let us consider the education of the child within the barbed wire fences of this camp. I would like the intelligent readers consider this.

As you know, our children and their children will have to exist in America as a minority group, and will have to build their future among various other racial groups. Of course, as far as the population goes the Nisei group cannot compare with other groups.

Thus through quality the Nisei group can out pace the more numerous other racial groups. This should be the aim of our teaching of our children.

As it is, according to the histories of racial immigrants, the second generation suffers in quality from the first. In the matter of upbringing and family relationship I should like to see greater emphasis. Maybe I sound too old fashioned, but my concern comes from a great desire to see the happiness of the race in America.

In closing I should like to emphasize that education should have the building of character foremost in mind, and the arts and sciences secondary. O! Build us better men!

He wonder Seneca said, "At fifteen, I begin to learn; at thirty, I stand on my two feet; at forty, I do not stray; at fifty, I understand providence; at sixty, I take in nothing evil; and finally at seventy, I do as I please, but never commit any excess."

Here is the spirit of education.

11. Christian Forum

Beginning October 15 to 19th, a Christian Forum will be held, sponsored by the Christian Church, featuring two outstanding national leaders of the Church.

Mr. Hashiro Yusan will speak on the subject, "Why I Am A Christian".
Mr. Stevens of the San Diego Seminary will speak on "Faith".

13. Appreciation

Shigeru Kato and Yoichi Hara

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Mr. and Mrs. Kono

14. Paraphrase

There are countries like Chohan Kumasaka, the terrible villain.

There are countries like Sagamiro of Japanese drama who inherited evil from his father, and died tragically just as he lived--by murder.

Then there are other countries like the Shimizu-no-Jiro who whose every action was motivated by right and justice, who helped the poor, the helpless, and destroyed all those who were wicked.

The world is at a crossroad. But the country that is right will carry out the wishes of God.