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COZZENS TO SUPERVISE RELOCATION PROGRAM TO PACIFIC COAST CITIES

With the lifting of the West Coast ban, relocation offices in some Coast cities are being opened immediately with the entire West Coast relocation under the direction of Robert B. Cozzens, assistant War Relocation Authority director. Cozzens will be assisted by C. E. Miller, former relocation supervisor in Denver, Colo., according to word received here this week.

Former assistant project director at Tule Lake, Paul Robertson will be in charge of the Southern California area, and Raymond C. Booth, former supervisor of the Chicago Relocation Office will be in charge of the Los Angeles urban area.

Walter Mewing previously has been relocation officer in Boise, Idaho and Relocation Supervisor in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be in charge of the Northern California. Fred Ross, former Relocation Officer in Cleveland, Ohio, will head the San Francisco urban area.

Relocation supervisor from New York, Harold Elster, will assume responsibility for the surrounding Seattle and Spokane, Hayden, and Evacuee Officer Edward M. Joyce in Seattle, Wash. will be in charge of relocation in that city.

It is indicated that additional offices will be established at a later date as the relocation to the West Coast expands.

'Night of Adventure' Scheduled Tonight

"Night of Adventure," starring Tom Conway, Audrey Long and Edward Brophy and "King of the Wild," Chapter 7, were shown last night to the residents of Block 20 to 36. The movie will be shown tonight for residents of Blocks 2 to 19.

The change occurred due to the "Frolic of 1945" being planned for tomorrow night by the Community Activities Section.

DENYING RIGHTS TO NISEI HIT BY CHURCH COUNCIL

Another step toward aiding the return of Japanese was taken recently as the San Francisco Council of Churches voiced opposition to legislation which sought to prevent the return of loyal Japanese to the West Coast.

The council strongly stated that the matter should be left to "military and other competent authorities."

The resolution adopted by the board of directors as reported by the council said: "We vigorously oppose all legislation proposing cancel or to deny to loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry the rights and duties of their citizenship."

"No Christian" the resolution added, "can do less than cooperate heartily with the military and other proper authorities who are competent to decide matters regarding public safety."

TELL MENU FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

An assorted variety of Japanese delicacies tantalizing to one's palate is featured on the New Year's Day Dinner according to the feastful menu released this week by Joseph Winchester, chief steward.

Kinton, a mashed sweetened chestnut side dish; datemaki, a cold omelette; milk veal teriyaki; barbecued style milk veal; oshinimi; ken, julienne daikon and carrots; aburashi, rice rissoleter; sunomono, a seaweed salad; oozoni, sweet rice dumpling with vegetable sauce; umeboshi and hot tea will be served.

It was announced that 80 lbs. of mochi-pan to every 100 persons will be an additional 40 lbs. of flour which will make about a pound and a quarter of mochi for each person had been ordered to each mess hall.

Answer Questions On New Army Policy

(Following questions and answers in regard to the new army policy was released this week by Project Attorney Alan Campbell. Editor.)

Question 1—How soon can I return to California?

Answer—If you are on the Army exempt list you may return to California on or after January 3. The first orders stated that only a few people could return before January 21. The latest army order makes it certain that the date is January 3 for all who have reason to visit the West Coast or to return there to live.

Question 2—How will I know if I am on the cleared list?

Answer—You will be notified soon. In the meantime, if you wish to go to the West Coast before you receive your notice, you may make application at the Relocation Office.

Question 3—Why must I apply at the Relocation Office for permission to leave?

Answer—You need a gate pass to leave the center, and if you are an alien, you must have a travel permit from the Relocation Office. In addition, if you discuss your plans with the Relocation Office and obtain their approval, there will be many services and even financial benefits for which you will be eligible.

Question 4—If the WRA will not approve my plans, can I leave anyway?

Answer—Yes, but do not worry. The WRA will approve all reasonable plans. And if you do not want or need WRA assistance and will not return to the Center, there is no need for you to obtain WRA approval of your plans. If you are on the Army cleared list, just go to the (Continued on Page Four)

ASK DRAFT LIST

Thelma Kelleovig, local representative of the Bishop Draft Board, has been asked to prepare a list of all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 38 for use by the draft boards in calling up additional inductees.

Aliens, as in the past, are not subject to the draft, but were recently eligible for Army service on a voluntary basis providing they are loyal to the United States.

Marine Major Tells Of Nisei's Courage

PORTLAND, ORE.—Two prominent Oregon men defended the 16 Japanese American soldiers whose names were removed from the memorial plaque at the Hood River, Ore., American Legion Post.

The San Francisco Chronicle said that Dr. Harold J. Noble, a Marine Major formerly with the history department of the University of Oregon, said he commanded a unit of Japanese American soldiers in the Pacific area, and that the men consistently showed great courage.

G. B. McLean, editor of the Service Bulletin of the Oregon State Medical Society, told of Captain Robert Kinoshita, Army Medical Corps, who was wounded three times and is again on active duty in Holland.

SINCERE THANKS

The Manzanar Free Press staff takes this means to express their sincere appreciation to the Manzanar Press for their untiring effort and cooperation in serving us during the past year.

May we also extend to the Chalfant Press and its staff our wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

The Staff,
Manzanar Free Press.

All Center Enterprises Adopt Resolution At Third Annual Conference In Rivers

(The following resolution was adopted at the Third All Center Enterprises are gravely concerned 4 to 7 inclusive and was forwarded to WRA Director D. S. Myer. Editor.)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Delegates from eight center business enterprises to the Third All Center Enterprises Conference being held at Gila Project Rivers, Ariz., under the sponsorship of the Federation of Center Business Enterprises are gravely concerned with the multiphases of problems attendant to the eventual liquidation faced by all the center cooperatives, and

WHEREAS, The Delegates recognize the existence of a gap of time spanning the period between the final closing and the liquidation of the center cooperatives and the completion of the general evacuation and exodus of the residents of the center, wherein no provisions are definitely established to and the res-

PROJECT ATTORNEY SEEKS OWNERS OF TERMINAL ISLAND PROPERTIES

Since at the time of the evacuation it was difficult for many of the people of Terminal Island to remove their personal property, Alan G. Campbell, project attorney, is asking former Terminal Island residents to contact

him immediately on their particular cases.

All land on Terminal Island was seized by the Navy and a condemnation suit was filed by the United States against the City of Los Angeles and all of its leases. The suit is still pending, according to Campbell, and has never been tried except for a partial trial with respect to two parcels of improved property. The United States has set a price on the improvements on each lot and is willing to pay this price by agreement with the owners of the improvement involved.

WRA Director Sends Christmas Greeting

(Due to a delay in the transit, the following message of greeting by WRA Director Dillon S. Myer failed to appear in the Christmas edition.)

"There is a special meaning and renewed note of hope in this Christmas of 1944 at the relocation centers. Within a few days the great majority of you will be restored to your free and rightful place in the society of this country. That is your promise for a fuller and a more pleasant life. That is my sincere hope—that next Christmas each of you will spend the holiday season pleasantly before his own hearth."

"To all the residents and all the appointed personnel, Merry Christmas. May tomorrow bring you a stronger faith in your fellow man."

Dillon S. Myer,
WRA Director."

Relocatee Tells Of Strange Experience

While visiting his uncle, Dr. James Takao in Cincinnati, Ohio, Tak Shirazawa, formerly a Visual Aid and Postcard artist, had the unusual experience of being accused still and proud at the same time, declared the News Letter.

"One evening as Tak Shirazawa walked down a street, a café door swung open and out came a huge Caucasian soldier. He stalked over to Tak, grabbed him by the shoulders and shook him."

"Are you a Jap?" he asked. Tak fearfully admitted he was a Nisei.

"Well," said the tipsy G. I., "You ought to be around it. He then identified himself as a member of the 34th Red Bull Division which has been fighting with the Nisei in Italy and France. He wore a Purple Heart and could not say enough about the courage, skill and loyalty of the Japanese Americans."

"His parting shot at Tak was: 'If you know what's good for you, you will live up to the good word being done by the fighting Nisei.'"

NEW YEAR SOCIAL SPONSORED BY CA

A community wide social to chase out the old year and to welcome the new will be held on Wednesday, January 1, 1945 at the Community Activities Section announced this week.

With the theme "Frolic of '45," a gala evening featuring tantalizing refreshments is in the making. The program was revealed. Dancing from December 31, 1944 until the wee hours of '45 is promised with every minute of the affair to be fun and frolic for all.

Admission to the sports affair will be by coin only. Bids will be sold at 1-3-1 or may be obtained from the Social Activities section workers for 30 cents.

Bovenkerk To Leave On New Year's Day

The Reverend and Mrs. H. G. Bovenkerk have announced that they and their family will leave Manzanar on New Year's Day for their home in Zealand, Michigan.

The Rev. Bovenkerk states, however, that he plans to continue in the ministry, perhaps with the resettled Nisei or he may return to the Presbyterian church people.

Arriving in Manzanar in May 1942, the Rev. Dr. Ralph P. Merritt's invitation and loaned by his mission board, the Rev. Bovenkerk served as minister at the Protestant Church here.

While here, he was the supervisor of the YMCA and he organized the Y men's club.

The Rev. Bovenkerk has aided Community Welfare in many ways. He often went to Los Angeles to visit patients at the Hillcrest Sanitarium, Los Angeles General Hospital and Patton Hospital and brought home information on the relative health of the inmates.

Informed of this Project Director Ralph P. Merritt declared, "The Reverend Bovenkerk's interest in the Protestant Christian church in this center, with special attention to the Nisei group, has been deep and constructive, and he has not confined his interests to those connected with this church."

"He has been a friend to the Issei and the Nisei alike and to the members of the church" (Continued on Page Four)

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CITY COLLEGE ON NISEI RETURN

(Following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Collegian recently, a publication of the Associated Students of the Los Angeles City College.—Editor.)

"It is now too late to question the wisdom of the military directives that, in a single stroke, callously uprooted thousands of American Japanese, along with aliens, from their homes and livelihoods.

"At the time of the evacuation, there existed no means of determining the loyal from the potentially dangerous Japanese, so in mass migration, they were all moved inland until the danger to the strategic coastal areas had subsided.

The emergency has now ebbed sufficiently so that President Roosevelt has deemed it both timely and prudent to proceed with the gradual release of these Americans from their camps of internment. The first groups have already been discharged.

"A pre-requisite to their release was an assertion of their continued allegiance to the United States. Nothing more can be asked of any American and few Americans have had their patriotism put to as severe a test. When they return to the life which they were so abruptly torn, they are certainly entitled to all the respect which a free and democratic people can show them.

"To many adult Californians, the Japanese were figures of mystery, and there flowed between them an undercurrent of distrust. Perhaps the mature and wise seniors could have taken a lesson in democracy from the callow school child. In my high school, one month after the Pearl Harbor incident, a Japanese boy was elected president, amid and despite the rants, raves, and deprecations of more insular-minded parents and teachers. This was democracy in practice.

"This boy was an outstanding student and athlete, and his love and respect of the school was an ascertained fact. When the evacuation order was revealed, he made a speech before the student body, bidding farewell to a group of tolerant democrats and the school bade adieu to an American. It is impossible to believe that this lad could ever betray the country of his birth and whose good sportsmanship he typified.

"This youth was typical of thousands of his race, although many did not reach his peak of excellence. Typical American youth, they were devotees of swing music, earnest students, and participate in extra-curricular activities and sports with enthusiasm. They could be differentiated from their other fellow students only by the stroke of biological fortune that slanted their eyes and tinted their skins. And should that be a stigma in a country that is fighting to erase such credos?

"It has been unfair to disregard these people's precious birthright of citizenship and keep them like criminals behind barbed wire enclosures.

"Our Army's most decorated unit is the 442nd, composed solely of Japanese volunteers. This division, fighting in Italy, has suffered the highest proportion of casualties of any Army group.

"Certainly no logical person can prove or will assert that a Japanese is not, or can never become a real American. Perhaps the greatest evil force behind all war is such intolerance and the trampling underfoot of the rights of others. We take it for granted that the Nisei will forgive us. What will be our role? They have committed no crime. Have we?"

Purely Personal

By Sue Kunitomi

This column I wanted to write a year ago. It has been on my mind since the first time I put my thoughts in the Free Press. It is being written when the news of the opening of the West Coast is but a day old.

To say that we rejoiced with hysteria over this latest development would be an exaggeration. We heard it with sort of relief from a lot of things that are hard to explain and not often put into words.

The Chicago Tribune, in its front page story reviewed the evacuation and quoted Governor Warren's appeal to "all Americans" to comply "loyally, cheerfully and carefully" with the war department decision. It mentioned the "Remember Pearl Harbor" league, resolved to keep the Japanese out of Washington.

The Daily News reported that most of the 12000 relocatees like the Middle-west and intend to stay on their jobs.

The Chicago Sun carried an editorial and gave a sounding which to the Head River, Ore., American Legion for erasing the names of 16 Nisei G.I.'s from their honor roll. It extolled the heroism of Joe Nisei in its story. Very few are expected to return. It stated after an interview with Miss Prudence Ross, acting supervisor of the Chicago WRA area office.

All this made me wonder what the headlines in the West Coast papers looked like. I thought of the Los Angeles Times and wondered if they have been following the wolf-pack during the year and one half since I last saw a copy of it. I remember Tom Treanor whose sudden death in Europe ended a career looked upon as most colorful. I thought of the hubbaloop that is bound to result from this bit of news.

Which one of my friends "back home" would sit down and write me first? Would they warn me of the prejudice still prevalent or tell me of the many who know only good will and tolerance? Would the ocean breeze hit me with its force (in my imagination) on a hot, humid day in Chicago? I can remember the gas stove we had to keep ourselves warm. Now our coal stove peters out because we haven't acquired the technique of keeping it burning.

Yes, I thought of a lot of things. I tried to imagine where the boys overseas would write from. One would be waist - deep in the mud of the Philippines, another would write by candlelight from an air-base, and the third would answer with his usual ginger from a hospital bed in the States. I thought of my three brothers in service and the miles that separate our family, and homesickness swept over me.

Most of all, my mind lingered over the resolve that many people made—never to return to the Coast. And I wonder, if they like it, let these thoughts wander through their heads the first night, only to awaken the next morning confused and undecided whether to stay here or to return.

Cattlemen Invites Eight Wounded Nisei To Latin Quarters

CHICAGO — Eight wounded Nisei war veterans were the guests of Earl Finch, cattle raiser of Hattiesburg, Miss., at the Latin Quarters, according to the Pacific Citizen.

Mr. Finch, who "adopted" the Nisei Combat Team at Camp Shelby, flew to Chicago from New Orleans after receiving permission to take the boys out.

The eight Nisei soldiers fought for the United States in Italy and wore the presidential citations, Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman Badges, and Service Ribbons with several battle stars.

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Thanks to friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses in attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Kameki Kondo.

Mototeru Kondo, father
Peter H. Kondo, son

IN APPRECIATION—

May I take this means to express my gratitude to the people of block 34, mess hall 34, Kagoshima-Kenjin-Kai, friends and acquaintances for the kindness given at the funeral of the late Mr. Sinojo Fukumoto, 34-14-2.

Tepai Ishii

13-14-1

IN APPRECIATION—

May we take this means to express our sincere thanks to our friends for their gifts and kindnesses shown upon our marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiharu Takahashi

31-5-4

IN APPRECIATION—

Thanks to doctors, nurses and friends for the kindness and care given to Ronnie during his stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Zoriki.

IN APPRECIATION—

Thanks everyone for everything.

Reggie Shikami

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Rerverend Julius A. Goldwater

Town Hall Topics

by Frank Yasuda

This is the time of year when we ponder to take stock of ourselves and start making lots of New Year resolutions; only to be entirely forgotten after the first couple of weeks. However, even if we do not possess enough will power to keep it up, it is a wonderful idea to find faults with our own-selves and to try to correct them without outside assistance.

Maybe we all feel that we are perfect and that there are not room for corrections, but we should appraise ourselves in the light of other persons viewing us. For a surprise of your life, ask your parents, brothers, or your better half for suggestions for a New Year's Resolution.

This New Year means a great deal to all of us evacuees. With the announcement of the lifting of the restrictions on the West Coast, all of the rights and privileges taken away from us in 1942 will be restored to us. We have endured the privation and confinement of the center for the past two and a half years with tolerance and understanding. Ever hopeful that the Americans will restore to us the rights and privileges of law-abiding citizens as soon as the military situation permits.

So let's all get together and wish each other a very Happy New Year! Let's all look forward to the future and make big plans!

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Nisei Soldier From Florida Visits Folks

Visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hachibei Hatanaka of 27-8-1, is Private Mitsuo Ben Hatanaka of the 64th Regiment, at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Pvt. Hatanaka was inducted in the armed services on August 25, 1944 from Pocatello, Ida., where he had relocated from Manzanar. He reported to Fort Douglas, Utah and was sent to Camp Blanding for his basic training.

At the light machine gun range recently, Pvt. Hatanaka made the best score in his company. When asked about it, he modestly said that he was, "just lucky to get a good machine-gun."

"But," he added, "getting a good score doesn't mean a darn thing when you are in combat. It will take guts and nerves to make it count."

Pvt. Hatanaka, a graduate of Stockton, Calif. High School in the summer of 1940, majored in Agriculture. He was enrolled at the University of California, at Davis, Calif.

Prior to evacuation, his parents operated a farm in French Camp, Calif.

Relocate To Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Ainosuke Ichida and sons, Alan and Grant of this center were the second family to relocate to Cleveland, Ohio under the Cleveland Hostel Family Resettlement Plan, stated the News Letter.

The first family to relocate under the plan was the Tanaka family of Topaz.

Cite Opportunities Offered Evacuees At Tooele Ordnance

Manzanar's five emissaries who ventured to the Tooele Ordnance Depot through the invitation of Ted Lewis, relocation officer in Salt Lake City, returned here last Wednesday and were full of high praise for the job opportunities offered the Nisei at the depot.

Comments ran, "It is an ideal place for a couple to rehabilitate themselves back to a normal life." Another stated, "It has very good opportunities for all."

Nori Nakai, one of the visitors to the depot stated that the sentiment at the depot community was good. The community council there was very cordial, he stated. About 80 Japanese families have relocated there.

The Tooele Ordnance Depot is situated on 28,000 acres of Utah land 35 miles south of Salt Lake City. The climate can be compared with that of Manzanar. The elevation there is a little lower, a little wind blows, but not in the large proportions received here, and the temperature drops a little lower.

The depot community of 3500 is like a residential district. There is a grocery store, a beauty shop, a children's nursery, a recreational hall, movies shown three times a week, and a barber shop will be open soon. A complete Army hospital, modern and staffed with Army doctors give medical aid at very moderate costs. Prescriptions are filled at a nominal fee.

An elementary school is located at the depot, but the nearest high school is in Tooele

To Hold Memorial Mass For Nisei GI's At Catholic Church

Holy Mass for the war heroes will be offered for the repose of the souls of all those of Japanese ancestry who have died in the service and will be held at the Catholic Church 25-15 on Sunday, December 31 at 9 a.m., announces Father Leo Steinbach.

which is two miles away, and transportation by bus is furnished by the school. There are no tuition fees and schools are on about the same basis as those of California.

At the present time, ammunition handler jobs are open to the Nisei. The work is light as most of it is done by machinery. The starting wage is 77 cents an hour with opportunity of advancement within one month if the worker shows improvement. All of the Nisei who are working there were advanced in the first month. Employment is promised for the duration and six months.

Nisei girls can obtain jobs as clerks, typists, and stenographers, also secretaries.

Seventeen hundred persons are now employed at the depot. Also in that group are 800 Italian prisoners of war, but are separated from the rest of the group.

Full particulars on the Tooele Ordnance depot opportunities, and conditions will be given to interested persons at the Relocation office, 1-4-1.

A special tribute will be paid to Martin Katsu Okita and to George Omokawa, two former Los Angeles Catholic boys who recently gave their lives for their country on the battlefield of France. Father Steinbach said that both boys were graduates of the Maryknoll school in Los Angeles and Omokawa held the distinction of being the very first boy to be admitted into the Maryknoll Home, an orphanage founded for the Japanese in 1918 and which is still being conducted by the Maryknoll Sisters.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the mass.

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AFL RESOLVES TO HELP NISEI

The following resolution was adopted with a unanimous vote November 29, by the 64th National Convention of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in New Orleans, La.

"WHEREAS, in 1942 by Presidential order 9066, all persons of Japanese origin resident on the West Coast of the United States were ordered evacuated inland in the interest of national security, and,

"WHEREAS, of 126,947 persons of Japanese origin, more than 85,000 are citizens of the United States by birth, and of these more than 8000 Japanese youths are serving our country splendidly in every theatre of war and,

"WHEREAS, the strong tide of just hatred against Imperial Japanese barbarism and brutality has just been turned without reason against loyal Japanese American citizens resulting in innumerable incidents of unjust persecution and unjust discrimination.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this 64th Convention of the American Federation of Labor in session in New Orleans, in reaffirmation of our great tradition of the struggle against intolerance and oppression, strongly condemn the unwarranted persecution and discrimination against American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

"Your Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to the Executive Council for thorough-going study, for such recommendation and action as seem most appropriate."

Manzaknights Bow To Solon Nine, 10-9

The final exhibition hardball game of the winter on Sunday, December 24, the Solon Nine went on to eke out a close 10-9 victory over the Manzaknights.

The winning run of the game came in the seventh when Tak Kuse of the Solons singled in center, scoring T. Takahashi and R. Kawamoto.

The battery of the day was R. sharing the mound duty for the Solons with Y. Sawamura and T. Ito behind the plate. K. Sakamoto called the signals for the losers with M. Kosaka and S. Nomura hurling the pills.

Bovenkerk

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personnel staff. He has truly been a member of one Manzanar Community family with wisdom, clear thinking, sterling character, and devotion to all high purposes of one life together."

For the past two years, the Rev. Mr. Bovenkerk was the chairman of the Christmas Gift Committee, which had a tremendous job of sorting and distributing the gifts to the children of Manzanar. The Rev. Bovenkerk also served as a member of the Coordinating Council and Board of the USO.

For 12 years previous, he has been in Japan with his family where he was a member of the Japan Presbyterian Mission from 1930 to 1942. Three of his four children were born in Japan.

Although his family returned to the United States prior to the present war, Rev. Bovenkerk remained in Japan where he was interned for six months, first at Yokohama and then in Osaka and Kobe. He was among the passengers on the first repatriation ship to return here.

The Rev. Bovenkerk announced that he is not sure who will succeed him here.

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DUST BOWL GRID GAME SCHEDULED

Bowl contest comes to Manzanar a day earlier as the Vanguards gridster clash with Skipper Juniors in Dust Bowl classic on December 31, at the school field from 2:30 p.m.

This bowl dispute promises to be a thriller as the prey bring forth the power of Skips' T. Murata, S. Saito, T. Takeuchi and T. Watanabe against the smooth working backfield of Vanguards' K. Mizutani, N. Hori, M. Hatae and N. Kitaoka.

GOLD STAR ADDED

Private First Class Fred Yamamoto, the first Nisei student to express his intention of volunteering into the armed forces, added another gold star to the Palo Alto High School when he was killed in action in southern France, October 28, 1944, revealed the Campanile, the school paper.

Yamamoto volunteered from the Heart Mountain Relocation center.

Policy

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Relocation Office and get a gate pass.

Question 5—Can one member of my family get short term leave to go to the Coast and find a place for the whole family to live?

Answer—Yes, after January 2, the Relocation Office will grant short term leaves if it is necessary for the planning of relocation. If a person goes on short term leave, he must pay all expenses connected with his trip.

Question 6—How long can I stay in Manzanar?

Answer—You can stay in Manzanar at least until July 1, 1945 and perhaps until December 31, 1945. It is not definitely known when Manzanar will close except that it will not be closed until after July 1, 1945. Before it is closed, three months notice will be given. You should begin

right away to make plans to leave even though you do not intend to leave until later.

Question 7—Can I obtain permission to go to Bishop, Independence or Lone Pine to shop or to go into the mountains?

Answer—No. Under Project regulations, short term leave will not be granted for any place within this valley. Persons who leave Manzanar without short term leave will not be permitted to return and will give up other privileges and assistance.

Question 8—Must I have an identification card in order to return to the West Coast?

Answer—No, an Identification card is not at present required. The Western Defense Command will issue such cards to those who individually request them through the Relocation Office, but they are not at present required. A card will be useful to you, however, and you may have to get one later anyway.

My Sincere Wishes

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To the Residents of Manzanar

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